

Calculation Policy
ADDITION
Including Models and Images

Reviewed October 2022
"The richest concept images will allow children to make the most effective numerical connections, enabling them to communicate mathematically."

## Introduction

This policy exemplifies a recommended progression through both mental and written calculations for the four operations and has been devised to meet requirements of the National Curriculum 2014 for the teaching and learning of Mathematics. There is a strong focus on the use of models and images to support children's concept image of number and their understanding of how this relates to methods of calculation. It is also designed to give pupils a consistent and smooth progression of learning in calculations across the school, taking into account Maths No Problem! : a Singaporean teaching style in Maths.

The Calculation Policy shows methods that pupils will be taught within their respective year group. It is shown in teaching order. Children should be confident in choosing and using a strategy that they know will get them to the correct answer as efficiently as possible; pupils are free to choose their preferred method to solve calculations. Although our policy is set out based on The National Curriculum year group expectations, children work through the calculation policy systematically. Some children may therefore be working below year group expectation and should be taught the method appropriate for their individual stage in learning. This process should not be rushed; children should be moved on when they are ready.
"Children develop/learn in different ways and at different rates" - EYFS Principles.
Up to Year 3 the main emphasis should be on children working practically and mentally and recording through jottings. Once written methods are introduced, using practical images to support and develop mathematical understanding, mental skills must be kept sharp by continuing to develop and apply them with appropriate examples.

## Should children be taught one standard method for each operation?

Children should work through the school's agreed progression in methods in order that they know and understand a compact standard method for each numerical operation by the end of Year 6.

## How can children's readiness for written calculations be judged?

Judgements will need to be made as to whether pupils possess sufficient of these skills to progress. Different prerequisite skills are needed for each operation.

A short list of criteria for readiness for written methods of addition and subtraction would include:

- Do children know addition facts to 20 ?
- Do they understand place value and can they partition numbers into hundreds, tens and units?
- Do they use and apply commutative and associative laws of addition?
- Can they add at least three 1 -digit numbers mentally?
- Can they add and subtract any pair of 2-digit numbers mentally?
- Can they explain their mental strategies orally and record them using informal jottings?

Corresponding criteria to indicate readiness to learn written methods for multiplication and division are:

- Do the children know their $2,3,4,5$ and 10 times tables and corresponding division facts?
- Do they know the result of multiplying by 0 or 1 ?
- Do they understand 0 as a place holder?
- Can they multiply 2 and 3 digits mentally by 10 and 100 ?
- Can they use their knowledge of all the multiplication tables to approximate?
- Can they find products using multiples of 10 ?
- Do they use the commutative and associative laws of multiplication?
- Can they halve and double 2-digit numbers mentally?
- Can they use multiplication facts to derive mentally, other multiplication facts they don't know?
- Can they explain their mental strategies orally and record them using informal jottings?


## Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract:

A key principle behind the Singapore Maths textbooks and Maths Mastery is based on the concrete, visual and abstract approach. Pupils are first introduced to an idea or skill by acting it out with real objects (a hands-on approach). Pupils then are moved onto the visual stage, where pupils are encouraged to relate the concrete understanding to pictorial representations. The final abstract stage is a change for pupils to represent problems by using mathematical notation.

Whilst this calculation policy aims to show the CPA approach to the different calculations, it is not always noted further up the year groups. However, it is expected that the CPA approach is used continuously in all new learning and calculations even when not noted.

## Reasoning and Problem Solving:

Once children are fluent in the calculation strategy for theiryear group, we deepen and embed understanding through providing children with a range of reasoning and problem solving skills that allow the children to show their full understanding in a range of different context.

## Monitoring of Written Calculations

It is important that procedures are in place to ensure that all staff are aware of the progression through calculations, and that children are being taught appropriate methods for their age and ability, which are inline with the agreed policy. This may includebooksampling, reflective enquiries, monitoring of planning, learning walks and pupil interviews.

## Progression for Addition



In developing a written method for addition, it is important that children understand the concept of addition, in that it is:

- Combining two or more groups to give a total or sum
- Increasing an amount

They also need to understand and work with certain principles, i.e. that it is:

- the inverse of subtraction
- commutative i.e. $5+3=3+5$
- associative i.e. $5+3+7=5+(3+7)$

The fact that it is commutative and associative means that calculations can be rearranged, e.g.
$4+13=17$ is the same as $13+4=17$.
In EYFS pupils should be developing their concept of the number system through the use of concrete materials and pictorial representations. They should experience practical calculation opportunities using a wide variety of equipment, e.g. small world play, role play, counters, cubes etc. They develop ways of recording calculations using pictures, etc. It is vital to developa deepnumber sense so NumberTalk is really important!

## NURSERY

## NUMBERS AND COUNTING

Stories and rhymes are cross curricular, encourage rhythm, develop language and vocabulary, encourage imagination and develop understanding. Maths story maps and trails also aid progression:

Once upon a time a girl called Sami was going on a picnic with her cousin. She packed her


- Oral counting is a child's first experience of number and mathematics.
- Making connections between saying the number names and counting objects is the first step towards children's understanding of the number system
- Counting is one tool for building up calculation strategies
- We need to count backwards is as well as forwards.

Pupils should recognise different ways of making numbers. E.g 6 can be made as:


Linking number names, numerals and value is so important!
One-to-one correspondence refers to the ability to match one object to one number consistently. Without this skill, children will not be able to understand how many objects are in a group (the cardinal value).


Understanding the 'cardinality principle' means that a child appreciates that the last number counted and indicates how many things are in the set.
'Subitising' is knowing how many without counting. Patterns are integral to this ability in order to 'see' numbers in sets, e.g. the patterns on a die, dominoes and fingers


Conservation of number means that children need the opportunity to recognise amounts that have been rearranged and to generalise that, if nothing has been added or taken away, then the amount is the same.

Comparison of sets is explored -one set may be more than, less that or equal to another. Children need to have the opportunity to match a number symbol with a number of things. There are opportunities to have a range of number symbols available, e.g. wooden numerals, play dough, calculators, handwritten (include different examples of a number, e.g. , , ).

## EARLY LEARNING GOAL:

Using quantities and objects, children add two single-digit numbers and count on to find the answer.
It is essential that children have a solid understanding of number to 10 , linking names of numbers, numerals, their value, and their position in the counting order. They should be able to confidently subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5 and can automatically recall number bonds for numbers $0-5$ and for 10 , including corresponding partitioning facts.

## Counting all method

Children will begintodevelop their ability to add by using practical equipment tocount out the correct amount for each number in the calculation and then combine them to find the total. For example, when calculating $3+2$, they are encouraged to count out three bears and count out two bears.


To find how many altogether, children touch and place them in a line one at a time whilst counting.


This method allows the children to keep track of what they have already counted to ensure they don't count the same item twice.

## Counting on method

To support children in moving from a counting all strategy to one involving counting on, children should still have two groups of objects but one should be covered so that it cannot be counted.
For example, when calculating $4+2$, count out the two groups of counters as before.

then cover up the larger group with a cloth.


For most children, it is beneficial to place the digit card on top of the cloth to remind the children of the number of counters underneath. They canthen start theircount at 4, and touch count 5 and 6 in the same wayas before, rather than having tocount all of thecounters separately as before.

Children use NUMICON to find one more.


Childrenwillbegintosolvesimpleword moving a toy or whole self.
They will begin to find one more to ten.


BEAD STRINGS or BARS can be used to illustrate addition


They will use a NUMBERTRACK to count on, either problems using their fingers.


TEN FRAME


When appropriate, teachers begin to demonstrate the use of the number line.
$3+2=5$


## YEAR 1- ADDITION

## End of Year objective:

Add one-digit and two-digit numbersto 20, including zero(using concreteobjects and pictorial representations).

| CONCRETE | PICTORIAL | ABSTRACT |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Children will continue to use practical <br> equipment, combining groups of objects <br> to find the total by counting all or <br> counting on. | Teachers and children will use images for <br> objects: | Children will use their knowledge of number to <br> calculate and record written calculations e.g. <br> $12+6=18$ |
| OOOOOOO-OOOO- Making numbers to 20 |  |  |




## YEAR 2- ADDITION

## End of Year objective:

Add numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations, and mentally, including: a two-digit number and ones; a two-digit number and tens; two two-digit numbers; three one - digit numbers.

| CONCRETE | PICTORIAL | ABSTRACT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Children continue to use practical equipment including counters and tens frames, multi-link cubes, Base 10 apparatus, straws, bead strings, Numicon along with part part whole to show how to add the numbers. <br> Addition will be represented in real life: <br> How many are there altogether? <br> Add 34 and 5. $17+5=22$ <br> Children use the ten frame to make 'magic 10' | Children use pictorial representations including drawings and images of physical apparatus, as well as the bar model, part whole model and number lines. Children can record their drawings of Base 10 using lines for the rods and dots for the ones blocks. $\text { e.g. } 34+23=$ <br> With exchange: $\text { e.g. } 28+36=$ | Children will begin to use the formal column method. Intitially without crossing through a tens then progressing to crossing through a tens by carrying. <br> Adding the tens: <br> Add the tens. $19+20=39$ |



When the ones total more than 10, children should be encouraged to exchange 10 ones for 1 ten. This is the start of children understanding 'carrying' in vertical addition. For example, when calculating
$35+27$, they can represent the amounts using Base 10 asshown:

Then, identifying the fact that there are enoughunits/onesto exchange foraten, they can carry out this exchange:


To leave:


This can also be done with Numicon.

Then helping children to become more efficient by adding the ones in one jump (by using the known fact $4+3=7$ ).


Followed by adding the tens in one jump and the ones in one jump.

$$
34+23=57
$$



Add the tens.
1 ten +2 tens $=3$ tens

| $\square$ | $\left.\begin{array}{rc}\text { tens } & \text { ones } \\ 2 & 4 \\ + & 7 \\ \hline \begin{array}{l}1 \\ + \\ 2\end{array} & 1 \\ \hline 3 & 1 \\ \hline\end{array}\right)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

## YEAR 3- ADDITION

## End of Year objective:

Add numbers with up to three digits, using formal written methods of columnar addition.
*Although the objective suggests that children should be using formal written methods, the National Curriculum document states "The programmes of study for mathematics are set out year-by-year for key stages 1 and 2. Schools are, however, only required to teach the relevant programme of study by the end of the key stage. Within each key stage, schools therefore have the flexibility to introduce content earlier or later than set out in the programme of study." p4

It is more beneficial for children's understanding to go through the expanded methods of calculation as steps of development towards a formal written method.

## CONCRETE PICTORIAL

Children will build on their knowledge of using Base 10 equipment from Year 2 and continue to use the idea of exchange.
Children should add the least significant digits first (i.e. start with the ones), and in an identical method to that from Year 2, should identify whether there are greater than ten Ones which can be exchanged for one Ten. Numicon and counters to explore adding numbers by carrying:

Without renaming
Adding Ones:

Children use pictorial representations including drawings and images of physical apparatus, as well as the bar model, part whole model and number lines.


## ABSTRACT

They can use a place value grid to begin to set the calculation out vertically and to support their knowledge of exchange between columns

Column method (expanded):
$236+8=$
Add the Ones first: Then add the Tens:


| $\mathbf{h}$ | $\mathbf{t}$ | $\mathbf{0}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | 8 |
| + | 2 | 3 | | 6 |
| :--- | | 1 |
| :--- |




Children continue to use bars as a visual model to solve addition calculations and exposed to word problems.


STEP 2:
Add the Ones $5+7=12$
EXCHANGE the 12 Ones for one Ten and 2 Ones


Children will continue to use empty number lines with increasingly large numbers.
Count on from the largest number irrespective of the order of the calculation.


Add the Ones:


Then regroup them:
14 ones $=1$ ten +4 ones


Add the Tens:
1 ten +3 tens $=4$ tens
Add the hundreds.

(

## YEAR 4 - ADDITION

$\square$

## End of Year objective:

Add numbers with up to 4 digits and decimals with one decimal place using the formal written method of columnar addition where appropriate.

| CONCRETE | PICTORIAL | ABSTRACT |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Children continue to use Base 10 and |  |  |
| place value counters to add, exchanging |  |  |
| 10 Ones for a ten and ten Tens for 100 | Children use pictorial representations <br> including drawings and images of <br> and ten Hundreds for 1000. <br> model, parparatus, aswell as the bar <br> mode model and number | Adding without renaming <br> Column method: |
| Bar model can beused: |  |  |





## End of Year objective:

Add whole numbers with more than 4 digits and decimals with two decimal places, including formal written methods (columnar addition).



## YEAR 6 - ADDITION

## End of Year objective:

Add whole numbers and decimals using formal written methods (columnar addition).


|  | \| |  <br> When adding decimals with different numbers of decimal places, children should be taught and encouraged to make them the same through identification that 2 tenths is the same as 20 hundredths, therefore, 0.2 is the same value as 0.20 . |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |

