

Sidlesham School Calculation Policy

Building skills and values for life

CALCULATION POLICY

This policy lays out the expectations for both mental and written calculations for the 4 number operations and has been created to support the teaching of a mastery approach within mathematics. This is underpinned by the use of models and images that support conceptual understanding and this policy promotes a range of representations to be used across the primary years. Mathematical understanding is developed through use of representations that are first of all concrete (e.g. Dienes apparatus and place value counters), and then pictorial (e.g. bar models) to then facilitate abstract working (e.g. standard written methods). This policy is a guide through an appropriate progression of representations and if at any point a pupil is struggling with the abstract, they should revert to familiar pictorial and/or concrete materials/representations as appropriate.

Although this policy sets out the main methods of mental and written calculations to be taught, it has been appended with a list of recommendations and effective practice teaching ideas aimed at informing and enhancing teaching across all the primary phases. Many of these ideas come from the NCETM's Calculation Guidance document (published October 2015) which is intended to sit alongside a school's calculation policy.

Progression in Addition Calculations

| Method | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
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| Stage 1 Counting a set of objects. This can include counting using fingers. | | | Image: Second state sta |
| Stage 2 Combining 2 separate amounts to make 1 whole amount. | For 4 + 3, count out 4 cubes then 3 more and group them together to see what they have altogether. This can also be represented in a bar. E.g. for 8 + 1: | 3 Jord Jord <t< td=""><td>5 Use the part-part whole diagram as shown above to move into the abstract. 4 + 3 = 7 10 = 6 + 4 Although number sentences are recorded in the concrete and pictorial methods, the abstract method sees the calculation carried out without the use of concrete or pictorial aids.</td></t<> | 5 Use the part-part whole diagram as shown above to move into the abstract. 4 + 3 = 7 10 = 6 + 4 Although number sentences are recorded in the concrete and pictorial methods, the abstract method sees the calculation carried out without the use of concrete or pictorial aids. |

| | | Counting on in jumps of 1 using a number line with | |
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| Stage 3 Start at the | | numbers on it. | |
| | | For $6 + 3 = 9$: | 5 + 12 = 17 |
| | | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 | |
| bigger number and count | Start with the larger number on the bead string | This can also be done in bigger jumps or 1 big | Place the larger number in your head and count on the |
| on | and then count on to the smaller number 1 by 1 | jump to find the answer. For $12 + 5 = 17$: | smaller number to find your |
| | to find the answer. | | answer. |
| | | 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 11 | |
| | | Use pictures or a number line. Regroup or partition the smaller number | 7 + 5 = 7 + 3 + 2 = 12 |
| Stage 4 Bridge to 10. | 6 + 5 = 11 Start with the larger number and use the lower | 9 + 5 = 14 $1 4$ $+1$ $+1$ $+1$ $+1$ $+1$ $+1$ $+1$ $+1$ | If I have seven, how many of my 5 do I need to add to make |
| | number to make 10. Then count the number of | Children move on to using an 'empty number line'. | 10. How many more do I still |
| | TO S dilu I S you llave. | E.g. / + 5 becomes / + 5 + 2 | need to add on? |
| | | 7 10 12 | |

| Stage 5 Column addition without regrouping | 24 + 15 = 39Partition the numbers into tens and ones using Dienes blocks. Add together the ones first then add the tens. Finally add the 2 totals together. $44 + 15 = 59$ Move onto using place value counters. | After practically using the Dienes blocks and place value counters, children can draw the counters to help them to solve additions. 32 + 23 = 55 | 21 + 42 = 21 $+ 42$ Record the calculation vertically adding the column of ones then the column of tens. |
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| Stage 6 Column addition with regrouping | <image/> <text><text><text><figure><text></text></figure></text></text></text> | Children can draw a pictoral representation of the columns and place value counters to further support their learning and | Begin by partitioning the numbers: For 76 + 47 70 + 6 $40 + 7$ $110 + 13 = 123$ Move on to clearly show the exchange below the addition: 70 + 6 $40 + 7$ $120 + 3 = 123$ 10 This then becomes the compact method where numbers aren't partitioned but exchanges still take place: 76 $\frac{+47}{123}$ 11 |

| This can also be done with Dienes equipment to help children clearly see that 10 ones equal 1 ten and 10 tens equal 100. | As the children move on, introduce decimals with and without the same number of decimal places. Money can also be used here. |
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| As children move on to decimals, money and decimal place value counters can be used to support learning. | 72.8 2 3 . 3 6 1 \pm 54.6 9 . 0 8 0 127.4 + 1 . 3 0 0 1 1 9 . 5 1 1 |
| | N.B. Exchanged digits need to be recorded below the line when adding. |

Progression in Subtraction Calculations

| Method | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
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| Stage 1 Taking away ones | Use physical objects, counters, cubes etc. to show how objects can be taken away. 6 - 2 = 4 | Cross out drawn objects to show what has been taken away. 4-2=2 $4-2=2$ | 18 - 3 = 15 8 - 2 = 6 Although number sentences are recorded in the concrete and pictorial methods children are introduced to them on their own while encouraging them to mentally take away ones. |











Progression in Multiplication Calculations

| Method | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
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| Stage 1 Counting in multiples | | The sup sup sup sup sup | Count out loud in multiples of a number. |
| | | | Write sequences with multiples of numbers. |
| | | Use a number line or pictures to continue support in counting in multiples | 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 |
| | Count in multiples supported by concrete objects in equal groups. | | 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 , 30 |
| Stage 2 Repeated addition | | 5 + 5 + 5 = 15 | Write addition sentences to describe objects and pictures. |
| | Use different objects to add equal groups. | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 be shown on a labelled or empty number line. | 2+2+2+2=10 |
| | | 5 10 15 Begin to relate repeated addition to multiplication using 'lots of' e.g. 3 lots of 5 = 15 | This then leads to writing related multiplication sentences e.g. $2 \times 5 = 10$ |
| | Create arrays using counters / cubes to show multiplication sentences. | Draw arrays in different rotations to find commutative multiplication sentences. | Use an array to write multiplication sentences and reinforce repeated |
| Stage 2 | 4 x 6 = 24 | 2×4-8 2×4=8 | addition. |
| Arrays- showing commutative multiplication | Begin to look at arrays in | 4 × 2 = 8 | |
| | different orientations to make the link between, for example, 5 x 3 = 15 and 3 x 5 = 15 (commutativity) | Link arrays to area of rectangles. | 5 + 5 + 5 = 15 |
| | | | 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 = 15 |
| | | | 5 x 3 = 15 3 x 5 = 15 |





Progression in Division Calculations

| Method | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
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| Stage 1 Sharing objects equally | I have 10 cubes, can you share them equally in 2 groups? | Children use pictures or shapes to share quantities. Children use pictures or shapes to share quantities. 3 + 3 + 2 = 4 | Share 9 buns between three people. 9 ÷ 3 = 3 |
| Stage 2 Division as grouping | Divide quantities into equal groups. Use cubes, counters, objects or place value counters to aid understanding. | Use a number line to show jumps in groups. The number of jumps equals the number of groups. $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | 28 ÷ 7 = 4 Divide 28 into 7 groups. How many are in each group? |

| Stage 3 Division within arrays | Link division to multiplication by creating an array and thinking about the number sentences that can be created. Eg 15 \div 3 = 5 5 x 3 = 15 15 \div 5 = 3 3 x 5 = 15 | Image: Second system Image: Second system Image: Second | Find the inverse of multiplication and division sentences by creating four linking number sentences. $7 \times 4 = 28$ $4 \times 7 = 28$ $28 \div 7 = 4$ $28 \div 4 = 7$ |
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| Stage 4 Division with a remainder | 14 ÷ 3 = Divide objects into groups or share equally and see how much is left over. | Draw dots and group them to divide an amount and clearly show a remainder. () $()$ $()$ $()$ $()$ $()$ $()$ $()$ | Children use knowledge of times table facts to quickly calculate divisions involving remainders. For example: $27 \div 5 = 5 r2$ Go on to combining knowledge of times tables with place value to calculate more difficult divisions. For example: $137 \div 4 = 34 r1$ |

