Calculation Policy
Addition – Years 4-6

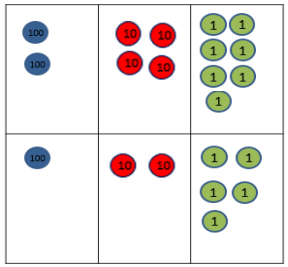
Year 4

Missing number/digit problems:

Mental methods should continue to develop, supported by a range of models and images, including the number line. The bar model should continue to be used to help with problem solving.

Written methods (progressing to 4-digits)

Expanded column addition modelled with place value counters, progressing to calculations with 4-digit numbers.



200 + 40 + 7
100 + 20 + 5
300 + 60 +12 = 372

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  247
+ 125
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   12
   60
  300
  ---
  372
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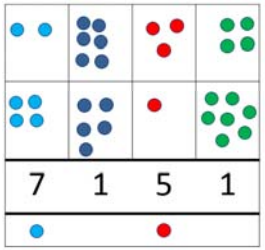
Compact written method

Extend to numbers with at least four digits.



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  2634
+ 4517
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  7151
  1 1
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Children should be able to make the choice of reverting to expanded methods if experiencing any difficulty.

Extend to up to two places of decimals (same number of decimals places) and adding several numbers (with different numbers of digits).

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  72.8
+ 54.6
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 127.4
  1 1
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Year 5

Missing number/digit problems:

Mental methods should continue to develop, supported by a range of models and images, including the number line. The bar model should continue to be used to help with problem solving. Children should practise with increasingly large numbers to aid fluency

e.g. 12462 + 2300 = 14762

Written methods (progressing to more than 4-digits)

As year 4, progressing when understanding of the expanded method is secure, children will move on to the formal columnar method for whole numbers and decimal numbers as an efficient written algorithm.

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  172.83
+  54.68
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  227.51
  1 1 1
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Place value counters can be used alongside the columnar method to develop understanding of addition with decimal numbers.

Year 6

Missing number/digit problems:

Mental methods should continue to develop, supported by a range of models and images, including the number line. The bar model should continue to be used to help with problem solving.

Written methods

As year 5, progressing to larger numbers, aiming for both conceptual understanding and procedural fluency with columnar method to be secured. Continue calculating with decimals, including those with different numbers of decimal places

Problem Solving

Teachers should ensure that pupils have the opportunity to apply their knowledge in a variety of contexts and problems (exploring cross curricular links) to deepen their understanding.

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Year 4 objectives

Statutory requirements

Pupils should be taught to:

- add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction where appropriate
- estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation
- solve addition and subtraction two-step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why.

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Year 4 guidance

Notes and guidance (non-statutory)

Pupils continue to practise both mental methods and columnar addition and subtraction with increasingly large numbers to aid fluency (see English Appendix 1).

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Year 5 objectives

Statutory requirements

Pupils should be taught to:

- add and subtract whole numbers with more than 4 digits, including using formal written methods (columnar addition and subtraction)
- add and subtract numbers mentally with increasingly large numbers
- use rounding to check answers to calculations and determine, in the context of a problem, levels of accuracy
- solve addition and subtraction multi-step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why.

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Year 5 guidance

Notes and guidance (non-statutory)

Pupils practise using the formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction with increasingly large numbers to aid fluency (see Mathematics Appendix 1).

They practise mental calculations with increasingly large numbers to aid fluency (for example, 12 462 – 2300 = 10 162).

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Year 6 objectives

Statutory requirements

Pupils should be taught to:

- multiply multi-digit numbers up to 4 digits by a two-digit whole number using the formal written method of long multiplication
- divide numbers up to 4 digits by a two-digit whole number using the formal written method of long division, and interpret remainders as whole number remainders, fractions, or by rounding, as appropriate for the context
- divide numbers up to 4 digits by a two-digit number using the formal written method of short division where appropriate, interpreting remainders according to the context
- perform mental calculations, including with mixed operations and large numbers
- identify common factors, common multiples and prime numbers
- use their knowledge of the order of operations to carry out calculations involving the four operations
- solve addition and subtraction multi-step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why

Statutory requirements

- solve problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- use estimation to check answers to calculations and determine, in the context of a problem, an appropriate degree of accuracy.

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Year 6 guidance

Notes and guidance (non-statutory)

Pupils practise addition, subtraction, multiplication and division for larger numbers, using the formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction, short and long multiplication, and short and long division (see Mathematics Appendix 1).

They undertake mental calculations with increasingly large numbers and more complex calculations.

Pupils continue to use all the multiplication tables to calculate mathematical statements in order to maintain their fluency.

Pupils round answers to a specified degree of accuracy, for example, to the nearest 10, 20, 50 etc., but not to a specified number of significant figures.

Pupils explore the order of operations using brackets; for example, 2 + 1 x 3 = 5 and (2 + 1) x 3 = 9.

Common factors can be related to finding equivalent fractions.

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Refer to NCETM Progression in Reasoning document

Addition

Year 4

Mental Strategies

Children should continue to count regularly, on and back, now including multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000, and steps of 1/100.

The number line should continue to be used as an important image to support thinking, and the use of informal jottings should be encouraged where appropriate.

Children should continue to partition numbers in different ways.

They should be encouraged to choose from a range of strategies:

- Counting forwards and backwards: 124 – 47, count back 40 from 124, then 4 to 80, then 3 to 77
- Reordering: 28 + 75, 75 + 28 (thinking of 28 as 25 + 3)
- Partitioning: counting on or back: 5.6 + 3.7, 5.6 + 3 + 0.7 = 8.6 + 0.7
- Partitioning: bridging through multiples of 10: 6070 – 4987, 4987 + 13 + 1000 + 70
- Partitioning: compensating – 138 + 69, 138 + 70 - 1
- Partitioning: using 'near' doubles - 160 + 170 is double 150, then add 10, then add 20, or double 160 and add 10, or double 170 and subtract 10
- Partitioning: bridging through 60 to calculate a time interval – What was the time 33 minutes before 2.15pm?
- Using known facts and place value to find related facts.

Vocabulary

add, addition, sum, more, plus, increase, sum, total, altogether, double, near double, how many more to make..? how much more? ones boundary, tens boundary, hundreds boundary, thousands boundary, tenths boundary, hundredths boundary, inverse, how many more/fewer? Equals sign, is the same as.

Year 5

Mental Strategies

Children should continue to count regularly, on and back, now including steps of powers of 10.

The number line should continue to be used as an important image to support thinking, and the use of informal jottings should be encouraged where appropriate.

Children should continue to partition numbers in different ways.

They should be encouraged to choose from a range of strategies:

- Counting forwards and backwards in tenths and hundredths: 1.7 + 0.55
- Reordering: 4.7 + 5.6 – 0.7, 4.7 – 0.7 + 5.6 = 4 + 5.6
- Partitioning: counting on or back - 540 + 280, 540 + 200 + 80
- Partitioning: bridging through multiples of 10:
- Partitioning: compensating: 5.7 + 3.9, 5.7 + 4.0 – 0.1
- Partitioning: using 'near' double: 2.5 + 2.6 is double 2.5 and add 0.1 or double 2.6 and subtract 0.1
- Partitioning: bridging through 60 to calculate a time interval: It is 11.45. How many hours and minutes is it to 15.20?
- Using known facts and place value to find related facts.

Vocabulary

tens of thousands boundary,

Also see previous years

Generalisation

Sometimes, always or never true? The difference between a number and its reverse will be a multiple of 9.

What do you notice about the differences between consecutive square numbers?

Investigate a – b = (a-1) – (b-1) represented visually.

Some Key Questions

What do you notice?

What's the same? What's different?

Year 6

Mental Strategies

Consolidate previous years.

Children should experiment with order of operations, investigating the effect of positioning the brackets in different places, e.g. 20 – 5 x 3 = 5; (20 – 5) x 3 = 45

Vocabulary

See previous years

Generalisations

Order of operations: brackets first, then multiplication and division (left to right) before addition and subtraction (left to right). Children could learn an acrostic such as PEMDAS, or could be encouraged to design their own ways of remembering.

Sometimes, always or never true? Subtracting numbers makes them smaller.

Some Key Questions

What do you notice?

What's the same? What's different?

Can you convince me?

How do you know?

Generalisations Investigate when re-ordering works as a strategy for subtraction. Eg. 20 – 3 – 10 = 20 – 10 – 3, but 3 – 20 – 10 would give a different answer. **Some Key Questions** What do you notice? What's the same? What's different? Can you convince me? How do you know?	Can you convince me? How do you know?	