



# ROBERT MELLORS PRIMARY ACADEMY

## Calculation Policy

The following calculation policy has been devised to meet requirements of the National Curriculum 2014 for the teaching and learning of mathematics, and is also designed to give pupils a consistent and smooth progression of learning in calculations across the school. Please note that early learning in number and calculation in Reception follows the Development Matters EYFS document, and this calculation policy is designed to build on progressively from the content and methods established in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

### **Age stage expectations**

The calculation policy is organised according to age stage expectations as set out in the National Curriculum 2014. Provision is based on the concept that the majority of children can master the curriculum, however for some, different scaffolding techniques and a variety of small group interventions may be required.

### **Providing a context for calculation:**

It is important that any type of calculation is given a real life context or problem solving approach to help build children's understanding of the purpose of calculation, and to help them recognise when to use certain operations and methods when faced with problems. It is also important that children are exposed to manipulatives and physical resources to provide the basis of understanding, before moving on to the pictorial and abstract representations of calculations.

### **Choosing a calculation method:**

Children need to be taught and encouraged to use the following processes in deciding what approach they will take to a calculation, to ensure they select the most appropriate method for the numbers involved:



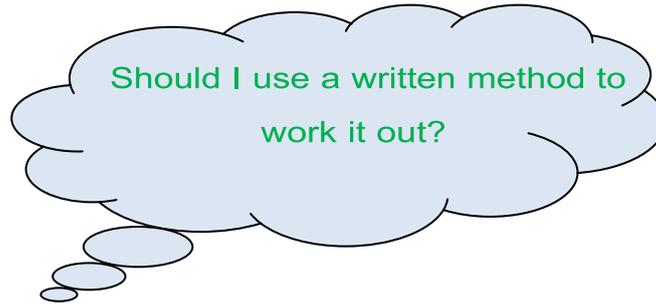
Can I do it in my head using a mental strategy?



Could I use some jottings to help me?



Should I use a written method to work it out?



**Addition**

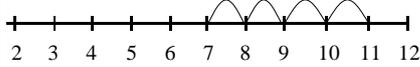
**AS1.1 & AS1.2 The + and = signs and missing numbers**

Children need to understand the concept of equality before using the '=' sign. Calculations should be written either side of the equality sign so that the sign is not just interpreted as 'the answer'.

**Example**

$2 = 1 + 1$   
 $2 + 3 = 4 + 1$   
 $3 = 3$   
 $2 + 2 + 2 = 4 + 2$   
 Missing numbers need to be placed in all possible places.  
 $3 + 4 = \quad = 3 + 4$   
 $3 + \quad = 7 \quad 7 = \quad + 4$   
 $\quad + 4 = 7 \quad 7 = 3 + \quad$

**NPV1.4, AS1.3 & AS1.4 Use of prepared number lines and concrete objects**



Children are encouraged to record by drawing jumps on prepared lines.

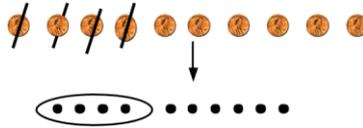
**Subtraction**

**AS1.1 & AS1.2 The - and = signs and missing numbers**

The notes opposite are relevant here.  
 $7 - 3 = \quad = 7 - 3$   
 $7 - \quad = 4 \quad 4 = \quad - 3$

**NPV1.4, AS1.3 & AS1.4 Use of pictures, marks and concrete objects**

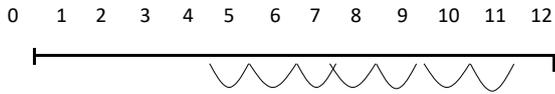
Sam spent 4p. What was his change from 10p?



**Number Lines**

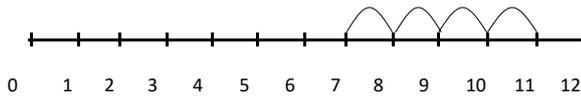
**NPV1.4, AS1.3 & AS1.4 Example- Counting Back/Down**

11 - 7



**NPV1.4, AS1.3 & AS1.4 Example- Counting On/Up**

The difference between 7 and 11

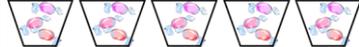


Children are encouraged to record by drawing jumps on prepared lines and constructing their own lines.

**Multiplication**

**MD1.1, F1.1 & F1.2 Use of pictures and objects**

There are 3 sweets in one bag. How many sweets are there in 5 bags?



**NPV1.2 Count in multiples of one, two, five and ten**

Counting steps using bead string and on prepared number lines.



Counting in multiples using a range of objects, e.g. pairs of legs on animals; fingers in gloves etc.

**NPV1.4 & MD1.1 Use of arrays**

Counting in rows and columns



Two groups of three is six  
 Three groups of two is six

So  $6 = 2 + 2 + 2$  or  $6 = 3 + 3$

**Division**

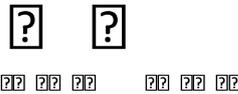
**MD1.1, F1.1 & F1.2 Use of pictures and objects or marks**

12 children get into teams of 4 to play a game. How many teams are there?



**MD1.1 Sharing**

6 sweets are shared between 2 people. How many do they have each?



Make use of practical activities involving sharing, e.g. distributing cards when playing a game, putting objects onto plates, into cups, hoops etc.

**New Curriculum Mathematics Calculation Policy: Year 2**

**Addition**

**AS2.3 & AS2.8 The + and = signs and missing numbers** Continue using a range of equations (See Year 1) but with appropriate, larger numbers as specified in Year 2 gradelevel standards, i.e. extend to  $14 + 5 = 10 +$  and  $32 + \quad = 100$   $35 = 1 + + 5$ .

**AS2.6 Partition into tens and ones and recombine**

$$12 + 23 = 10 + 2 + 20 + 3$$

$$= 30 + 5$$

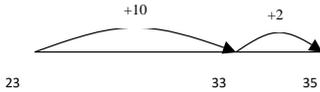
$$= 35$$

**AS2.6 Partitioning the second number only**

$$23 + 12 = 23 + 10 + 2$$

$$= 33 + 2$$

$$= 35$$



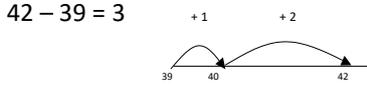
**AS4.2, AS2.5 & AS2.6**

Example: Add 9 or 11 by adding 10 and adjusting by 1  $35 + 9 = 44$

**Subtraction**

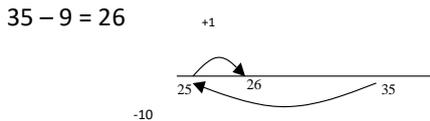
**AS2.3 & AS2.8 The – and = signs and missing numbers** Continue using a range of equations (See Year 1) but with appropriate numbers in relation to Year 2 grade-level standards, i.e. extend to  $14 + 5 = 20 -$ .

**AS2.6 Find a small difference by counting up**



**AS2.4, AS2.5 & AS2.6**

Example: Subtract 9 or 11 & begin to add/subtract 19 or 21



**AS2.6 Use known number facts and place value to subtract (Partition second number only)**

$37 - 12 = 37 - 10 - 2$

$27 - 2 = 25$

**Multiplication**

**MD2.1, MD2.2 & MD2.4 The x and = signs and missing numbers**

$$7 \times 2 = 2 \times 7$$

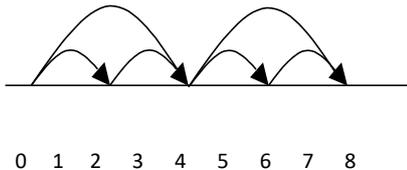
$$7 \times 14 = 14 = 7 \times 2 = 14$$

$$14 = 2 \times 7$$

**MD2.5 Use materials, arrays, repeated addition (including solving problems in context)**

4 x 2 or 4 + 4

2 x 4



Or repeated addition

$$2 + 2 + 2 + 2$$

**NPV2.2 & NPV2.6 Partitioning**

~~$15 \times 2$~~  OR

x	10	5
2	20	10

$20 + 10 = 30$

**Division**

**MD2.1, MD2.2 & MD2.4 The ÷ and = signs and missing numbers**

$$6 \div 2 = 3$$

$$3 = 6 \div 2$$

$$6 \div 2 = 3$$

**MD2.5 Use materials, arrays, repeated addition (including solving problems in context)**

*Use of sharing and grouping*

**Sharing**

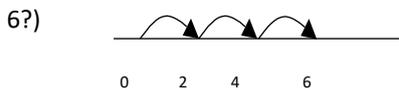
6 sweets are shared between 2 people. How many do they have each?



6 sweets

**Grouping**

There are 6 sweets. How many people can have 2 each? (How many 2's make 6?)



**F2.1 Find and name fractions of length, shape and sets of objects and quantities**

Use of diagrams- count all equal parts to determine denominator. Link to division into equal groups/parts.

**New Curriculum Mathematics Calculation Policy: Year 3\***

**Addition**

**The + and = signs and missing numbers**

Continue using a range of equations as in Year 1 and Year 2 but with appropriate larger numbers specified in the gradelevel standards.

**AS3.1, AS3.2 & AS3.3 Progression in mental calculations with larger numbers**

Calculate HTU + U

Calculate HTU + TU

Calculate HTU + HTU

*Progress from no crossing of boundaries to crossing of boundary.*

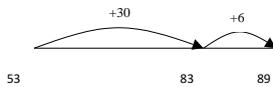
**Partition into tens and ones and recombine** Develop from Year 2- partitioning both numbers and recombining.

Refine to partitioning the second number only:

$$36 + 53 = 53 + 30 + 6$$

$$= 83 + 6$$

$$= 89$$



**Add a near multiple of 10 to a two-digit number** Continue work from Year 2 but with appropriate numbers: 35 + 19 is the same as 35 + 20 - 1.

**AS3.4 Formal methods of columnar addition to add numbers with up to three digits**

$$\begin{array}{r} 285 \\ +73 \\ \hline 8 \\ 150 \\ \hline 200 \\ 358 \end{array}$$

**AS3.4 & M3.3 Extend to decimals in the context of money**

$$£ 2.50 + £ 1.75$$

$$£ 2.50$$

$$+ £ 1.75$$

$$\hline £ 4.25$$

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The expanded method should be used if children experience persisting difficulties.

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**Subtraction**

**The - and = signs and missing numbers**

Continue using a range of equations as in Year 1 and Year 2 but with appropriate larger numbers specified in the gradelevel standards.

**Find a small difference by counting up**

Continue from Year 2 but with appropriate numbers, e.g.

$$102 - 97 = 5$$

**AS3.1, AS3.2 & AS3.3 Subtract mentally a 'near multiple of 10' to or from a two-digit number, extending to threedigit numbers**

Continue as in Year 2 but with appropriate numbers e.g. 78 - 49 is the same as 78 - 50 + 1

**AS3.1, AS3.2 & AS3.3 Progression in mental calculations with larger numbers** Calculate HTU - U

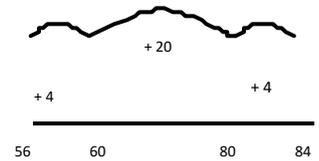
Calculate HTU - T

Calculate HTU - H

*Progress from no crossing of boundaries to crossing of boundary.*

**Complementary addition**

$$84 - 56 = 28$$



This can then be progressed using a vertical method without a number line:

$$\begin{array}{r} 162 \\ - 84 \\ \hline 6 \text{ (90)} \\ 10 \text{ (100)} \\ 60 \text{ (160)} \\ 2 \text{ (162)} \\ \hline 78 \end{array}$$

So,  $162 - 84 = 78$

**AS3.4 Formal methods of columnar subtraction to subtract numbers with up to three digits**

See Appendix 1 examples in Year 5 and Year 6 section of this document.

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### Multiplication

**MD3.1 & MD3.2 The x and = signs and missing numbers** Continue using a range of equations as in Year 2 but with appropriate numbers in relation to grade-level standards.

#### MD3.2 TU x U

Use known facts x3, x4, x8 (Year 3 grade-level standards) and x2, x5 and x10 (Year 2 grade-level standards).

x	30	5	x	30	2
2	60	10	3	90	6

At Year 3, children progress to using more formal written methods. In this case, the grid method drawing on knowledge of place value, multiplication facts and their ability to recombine partitioned numbers to derive an answer.

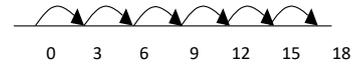
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### Division

**MD3.2 The ÷ and = signs and missing numbers** Continue using a range of equations as in Year 2 but with appropriate numbers in relation to grade-level standards.

#### MD3.2 TU ÷ U Grouping

How many 3s make 18?



#### MD3.2 & MD3.3 Remainders

$$16 \div 3 = 5 \text{ r}1$$

Sharing – There are 16 sweets shared between 3, how many left over?

Grouping – How many 3s make 16, how many left over?



Children with secure knowledge of multiplication facts and subtraction may progress to 'chunking' where TU are divided by U.

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- Video clips: 1. [Demonstration of expanded 3-digit column addition](#)  
2. [Subtraction—teaching children to consider the most appropriate methods before calculating](#)  
3. [Introducing partitioned column subtraction method, from practical to written](#)

## New Mathematics Calculation Policy: Year 4

### Addition

#### The + and = signs and missing numbers

Continue using a range of equations as in Key Stage 1 and Year 3 but with appropriate numbers.

**Partition into hundreds, tens and ones and recombine** Either partition both numbers and recombine or partition the second number only e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} 358 + 73 &= 358 + 70 + 3 \\ &= 428 + 3 \\ &= 431 \end{aligned}$$

#### Add or subtract the nearest multiple of 10 or 100, then adjust

Continue as in Year 2, 3 and 4 but with appropriate numbers e.g.  $458 + 79 =$  is the same as  $458 + 80 - 1$

#### AS4.1 Addition of numbers with at least four digits using formal method of columnar addition

$$\begin{array}{r} 358 \\ +73 \quad 431 \\ \hline 11 \\ \\ 3587 \\ +675 \quad 4262 \\ \hline 111 \end{array}$$

The formal, efficient method of columnar addition will involve crossing of boundaries (at the tens, hundreds and/or thousands). Take a systematic approach to teaching this looking at crossing each boundary in turn before mixed practice.

Revert to expanded method if children experience difficulties.

#### DF4.6 Extend addition to decimals (same number of decimal places) and adding several numbers (with different numbers of digits).

As specified in Year 3, teachers need to keep in mind the methods specified in grade-level standards for end of Key Stage 2 (See Year 5 and Year 6 Calculation Policy Document). Children should be developing their capacity to use formal written methods for all four number operations.

### Subtraction

#### The – and = signs and missing numbers

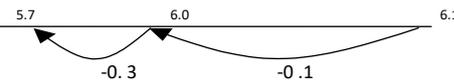
Continue using a range of equations as in Key Stage 1 and Year 3 but with appropriate numbers.

#### Differences

Find a difference by counting up, e.g.  $8006 - 2993 = 5013$ . This can be modelled on an empty number line.

#### DF4.6 Use known number facts and place value to subtract

$$6.1 - 0.4 = 5.7$$



#### AS4.1 Subtraction with at least four digits using formal method of columnar subtraction

For instance,  $6467 - 2684 = 3783$

Using

expanded column subtraction where children experience difficulty with columnar subtraction.

#### Examples:

$$\begin{array}{r} 675 - 232 \\ \hline 600 \quad 70 \quad 5 \\ - 200 \quad 30 \quad 2 \\ \hline 400 \quad 40 \quad 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

So,  $675 - 232 = 443$

$$\begin{array}{r} 942 - 214 \\ \hline 900 \quad \overset{30}{\cancel{40}} \quad \overset{12}{\cancel{2}} \\ - 200 \quad 10 \quad 4 \\ \hline 700 \quad 20 \quad 8 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

So,  $942 - 214 = 728$

#### DF4.6 Extend subtraction to decimals (same number of decimal places) and adding several numbers (with different numbers of digits)

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 2. [Introducing partitioned column subtraction method, from practical to written](#)  
 3. [Moving to the compact column method of subtraction](#)

## Multiplication

### The x and = signs and missing numbers

Continue using a range of equations but with appropriate numbers for Year 4.

**MD4.5 TU x U** (See Year 3) and **HTU x U** (Introduced in Year 4 grade-level standards).

### Partition

$$23 \times 4 = 92$$

$$\begin{aligned} 23 \times 4 &= (20 \times 4) + (3 \times 4) \\ &= (80) + (12) \\ &= 92 \end{aligned}$$

### Use the grid method of multiplication

$23 \times 7$  is approximately  $20 \times 10 = 200$

x	20	3
7	140	21

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## Division

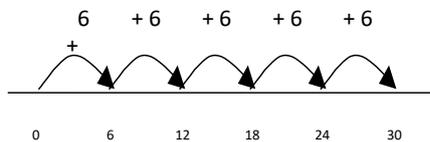
### The ÷ and = signs and missing numbers

Continue using a range of equations but with appropriate numbers for Year 4.

**MD4.3 Sharing and grouping**  $30 \div 6$

can be modelled as:

Grouping – groups of 6 taken away and the number of groups counted e.g.

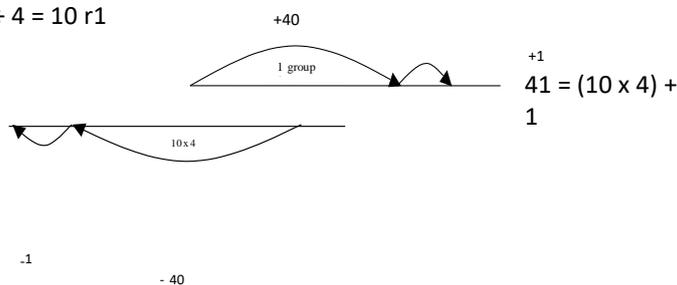


Sharing – sharing among 6, the number given to each person.

### Remainders

Note three approaches below:

$$41 \div 4 = 10 \text{ r}1$$



**MD4.5 TU ÷ U**

$72 \div 5$  lies between  $50 \div 5 = 10$  and  $100 \div 5 = 20$

72

- 50 (10 groups) or  $(10 \times 5)$

22

- 20 (4 groups) or  $(4 \times 5)$

2 Answer: 14 remainder 2

**MD4.5 HTU ÷ U**

Can progress from no remainder to remainders. Where remainders are involved, care needs to be taken to ensure they are interpreted correctly in context of problems.

$256 \div 7$  lies between  $210 \div 7 = 30$  and  $280 \div 7 = 40$

256

- 70 (10 groups) or  $(10 \times 7)$  186

- 140 (20 groups) or  $(20 \times 7)$  46

- 42 (6 groups) or  $(6 \times 7)$

4 (36 groups) or (36) Answer: 36 remainder 4

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## New Mathematics Calculation Policy: Year 5 and Year 6

The exemplification of formal methods here should be taken into account by all Key Stage 2 teachers so children are adequately prepared by Year 5 and into Year 6 to use the means of calculating specified in grade-level standards.

### Addition & Subtraction

**AS5.1**  
Columnar  
Addition &  
Subtraction

789 + 642 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 789 \\ + 642 \\ \hline 1431 \\ \hline 1 \quad 1 \end{array}$$

Answer: 1431

874 - 523 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 874 \\ - 523 \\ \hline 351 \end{array}$$

Answer: 351

932 - 457 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \quad 12 \quad 1 \\ 932 \\ - 457 \\ \hline 475 \end{array}$$

Answer: 475

932 - 457 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \quad 1 \\ 932 \\ - 457 \\ \hline 475 \end{array}$$

Answer: 475

### Multiplication & Division

**MD5.5 Short Multiplication**  
(DfE, 2013,  
Appendix 1)

24 × 6 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 24 \\ \times 6 \\ \hline 144 \\ \hline 2 \end{array}$$

Answer: 144

342 × 7 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 342 \\ \times 7 \\ \hline 2394 \\ \hline 2 \quad 1 \end{array}$$

Answer: 2394

2741 × 6 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 2741 \\ \times 6 \\ \hline 16446 \\ \hline 4 \quad 2 \end{array}$$

Answer: 16 446

**MD5.7 & ASMD6.2b**  
Short Division  
(DfE, 2013, Appendix 1)

98 ÷ 7 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 14 \\ 7 \overline{) 98} \\ \underline{7} \phantom{0} \\ 28 \\ \underline{28} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

Answer: 14

432 ÷ 5 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 86 \text{ r}2 \\ 5 \overline{) 432} \\ \underline{40} \phantom{0} \\ 32 \\ \underline{30} \\ 2 \end{array}$$

Answer: 86 remainder 2

496 ÷ 11 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 45 \text{ r}1 \\ 11 \overline{) 496} \\ \underline{44} \phantom{0} \\ 56 \\ \underline{55} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

Answer: 45  $\frac{1}{11}$

**MD5.5 & ASMD6.1 Long**  
Multiplication  
(DfE, 2013,  
Appendix 1)

24 × 16 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 24 \\ \times 16 \\ \hline 144 \\ 240 \\ \hline 384 \end{array}$$

Answer: 384

124 × 26 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 124 \\ \times 26 \\ \hline 744 \\ 2480 \\ \hline 3224 \end{array}$$

Answer: 3224

124 × 26 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 124 \\ \times 26 \\ \hline 744 \\ 2480 \\ \hline 3224 \end{array}$$

Answer: 3224

**ASMD6.2a**  
Long Division  
(DfE, 2013, Appendix 1)

432 ÷ 15 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 28 \text{ r}12 \\ 15 \overline{) 432} \\ \underline{30} \phantom{0} \\ 132 \\ \underline{120} \\ 12 \end{array}$$

Answer: 28 remainder 12

432 ÷ 15 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 28 \\ 15 \overline{) 432} \\ \underline{30} \phantom{0} \\ 132 \\ \underline{120} \\ 12 \end{array}$$

$\frac{12}{15} = \frac{4}{5}$

Answer: 28  $\frac{4}{5}$

432 ÷ 15 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 28.8 \\ 15 \overline{) 432.0} \\ \underline{30} \phantom{0} \\ 132 \\ \underline{120} \\ 120 \\ \underline{120} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

Answer: 28.8

Video clips: 1. [Moving from grid method to a compact method](#) 2. [Reinforcing rapid times table recall:](#)  
3. [Demonstration of long multiplication](#)