St Joseph's Calculation Policy for families







Dear parents,

This Calculation Policy sets out the methods used in school to help your children with calculations. It has been written to meet the requirements of the National Curriculum 2014, and gives pupils a consistent and smooth progression of learning in calculations across the school. It works alongside the highly effective Singapore style of teaching from the scheme **Maths No Problem!**

Children are taught strategies to develop and strengthen their mental agility daily. They also need to be able to apply written calculation skills in order to:

- represent work that has been done practically
- support, record and explain mental calculations
- keep track of steps in a longer task
- work out calculations that are too difficult to do mentally

This policy shows methods that pupils will be taught within their respective year group, in the order they are taught. Children will be encouraged to develop their confidence in choosing and using a strategy that they know will get them to the correct answer as efficiently as possible.

Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract (CPA):

A key principle behind the Singaporean methods used in Maths No Problem! is the concrete, visual and abstract



approach. Children are firstly introduced to an idea or skill by acting it out with real, **concrete** objects (a hands – on approach). They then move onto the **pictorial** (visual) stage, where they relate the concrete understanding to visual representations. The final **abstract** stage is a chance for them to represent problems by using mathematical calculations. The CPA approach is used continuously in all new learning and calculations throughout the school.

I hope the progression of skills you see in this booklet helps you when supporting your child at home.

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Year 1 Addition

Addition in Year 1 includes:

- reading, writing and interpreting mathematical statements involving addition (+) and equals (=) signs
- represent and use number bonds within 20
- adding one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including zero
- solve one-step addition problems using concrete objects and pictorial representations, and missing number problems.

Pupils memorise and reason with number bonds to 10 and 20 in several forms (for example, 9 + 7 = 16; 16 - 7 = 9; 7 = 16 - 9). They should realise the effect of adding or subtracting zero. This establishes addition and subtraction as related operations.

Pupils combine and increase numbers, counting forwards and backwards.

They discuss and solve problems in familiar practical contexts, including using quantities. Problems should include the terms: put together, add, altogether, total, take away, distance between, difference between, more than and less than, so that pupils develop the concept of addition and subtraction and are enabled to use these operations flexibly.

Key vocabulary:

sum, total, parts and wholes, plus, add, altogether, more, is equal to, is the same as, addition, equation, put together, total

Addition by using number bonds problem:

How many swans are there altogether: How can we find out?

When solving an addition problem pupils are encouraged to draw a bar model like this to help them to understand the problem. They are taught that when they add they are given the 2 'parts' and are expected to find the 'whole'



Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
2 + 3 = 5 part part whole	Part-whole model	Addition equation $2 + 3 = 5$
An addition word problem is focussed on. Concrete materials are used to represent the swans, such as cubes or counters.	Pupils go on to make a number bond diagram. The part whole model shows how the 2 parts are combined, added together to create the whole set.	The link between the image of the swans and the cubes is made with the calcuation. They are introduced to the addition and equals symbols.
		They are taught that this is an addition equation. It is read 'two plus three eauals five'

Addition by counting on problem:

How many buttons are there in total?

When solving an addition problem pupils are encouraged to draw a bar model like this to help them to understand the problem. They are taught that when they add they are given the 2 'parts' and are expected to find the 'whole'

There are 6 buttons in the box.





Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
	Number line	Addition equation
	$\begin{array}{c} \hline \\ \hline $	6 + 3 = 9 There are 9 buttons in total.
An addition word problem is focussed on. Concrete materials are used to explore the problem. Cubes, counters and 10 frames can be used to represent the buttons.	The pupils are encouraged to put the larger number (6) in their head, and use a number line to count on 3 more.	The calculation is represented with an addition equation.

Addition by making 10 problem:



When solving an addition problem children are encouraged to draw a bar model like this to help them to understand the problem. They are taught that when they add they are given the 2 'parts' and are expected to find the 'whole'



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An addition word problem	The part-whole model	The calculation is
is focussed on. Concrete	shows how 6 is partitioned	represented with an
materials are used to	into 4 and 2. The number	addition equation.
explore the problem. Here,	bond 10 is made by adding	
counters and 10 frames	2 ones (from the 6) with	
help to secure the use of	the larger number 8 ones	
number bonds.	to make 10. The remaining	
The pupils are encouraged	4ones (from the 6) are	
to make 10, using their	added on to make 14.	
understanding of number		
bonds, and count on.		

Year 1 Subtraction

Subtraction in Year 1 includes:

- reading, writing and interpreting mathematical statements involving subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs
- represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20
- subtracting one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including zero
- solve one-step subtraction problems using concrete objects and pictorial representations, and missing number problems.

Pupils memorise and reason with number bonds to 10 and 20 in several forms (for example, 9 + 7 = 16; 16 - 7 = 9; 7 = 16 - 9). They should realise the effect of adding or subtracting zero. This establishes addition and subtraction as related operations.

Pupils combine and increase numbers, counting forwards and backwards.

They discuss and solve problems in familiar practical contexts, including using quantities. Problems should include the terms: put together, add, altogether, total, take away, distance between, difference between, more than and less than, so that pupils develop the concept of addition and subtraction and are enabled to use these operations flexibly.

<u>Key language:</u>

take away, subtract, count back, less than, difference between, subtract, minus, fewer, is equal to, distance between, less than

Subtraction by crossing out problem:

How many ladybirds are still on the leaf?



When solving a subtraction problem like this, pupils are encouraged to draw a bar model to help them to understand what is being asked of them before solving the calculation. They are taught that when they are given the 'whole' and a 'part' then they must perform a subtraction to find the other 'part'.



Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
	1 2 3 4 5 🗙 🗡	Subtraction equation 7 – 2 = 5 5 ladybirds are left.
A subtraction word problem is focussed on. Concrete materials are used to explore the problem. Talk through the story and cross out the ladybirds to represent subtraction. The pupils can then use concrete materials, such as counters or cubes, to represent the problem	Here a number line with digits is used to represent the total number of ladybirds, and subtraction is represented by crossing off.	The modelling is represented with digits and read: ' seven minus two equals five'

<u>Subtract by using number bonds problem:</u>

How many boys wear glasses?



When solving a subtraction problem like this, pupils are encouraged to draw a bar model to help them to understand what is being asked of them before solving the calculation. They are taught that when they are given the 'whole' and a 'part' then they must perform a subtraction to find the other 'part'.





Subtraction by subtracting ones problem:

4 flowers wither and die. How many flowers are left? * * * * * * * * * *

When solving a subtraction problem like this, pupils are encouraged to draw a bar model to help them to understand what is being asked of them before solving the calculation. They are taught that when they are given the 'whole' and a 'part' then they must perform a subtraction to find the other 'part'.





A subtraction word	Pupils partition the set into	The modelling is
problem is focussed on.	1ten and 6ones. From the	represented with
Concrete materials are	ones they subtract 4, then	digits and read:
used to explore the	recombine the remaining	'sixteen minus four
problem.	tens and ones to equal 12.	equals twelve'
The 10 frame and double		
sided counters here, show		
how 4ones are subtracted		
from the 6ones, and then		
recombine the tens and		
remaining ones.		



The pupils use counters and	
a 10 frame explore to see	
where is best to subtract 8	
from – the tens or ones.	
Here it is best to subtract	
from the ten. They use	
their understanding of	
number bonds and subtract	
8ones from the ten which	
will give them 2 ones. They	
combine by adding 2 ones	
with the 4 ones.	

Year 1 Multiplication

Multiplication in Year 1 includes:

 solving one-step problems involving multiplication, by calculating the answer using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays with the support of the teacher. Problems include making and adding equal groups.

Through grouping and sharing small quantities, pupils begin to understand: multiplication and division; doubling numbers and quantities; and finding simple fractions of objects, numbers and quantities.

They make connections between arrays, number patterns, and counting in twos, fives and tens.

<u>Key language:</u>

double, times, groups of, lots of, equal groups.

Multiplication by making equal groups problem:

Who made equal groups?		
Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
	Drawing groups	Each plate has 4. These
		are equal groups.
		There are 3 groups. Each group has 4 cookies. Each group is equal.
		These are not equal groups.
A multiplication word problem is focussed on. Concrete materials are used to explore the problem. The pupils use counters or cubes and paper to represent the cookies and plates. They place the counters on and count or subitise (see) if each aroup is equal.	The pupils draw representations for the cookies. They compare the rows which represent the plates.	They make a statement to explain how many groups and how many are in each equal group. Using the correct language is very important, as it helps their understanding and when explaining.

en and the second se	re in equal groups. many are there altogether?	fruit drinks 5 pack
How	can you tell? Pictorial	Abstract
10 frame	Counting and drawing sets of 5s 5 5 5 10	There are 2 trays of 5 drinks. 2 trays of 5 = 10 2 groups of 5 = 10 2 fives = 10 There are 10 drinks altogether.
A multiplication word problem is focussed on. Concrete materials are used to explore the problem. The pupils use counters and paper or a 10 frame to represent the drinks and trays. They count or subitise (see) to check how many are in each group and if each group is equal. They start to count in 5s.	Pupils make representations to show how they count in multiples of 5.	The pupils make a statement to explain how many groups there are and how many are in each group. They make the links between 2 trays, 2 groups and 2 fives.

Year 1 Division

Division in Year 1 includes:

 solving one-step problems involving division, by calculating the answer using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays with the support of the teacher. Problems include grouping and sharing equally.

Through grouping and sharing small quantities, pupils begin to understand: multiplication and division; doubling numbers and quantities; and finding simple fractions of objects, numbers and quantities.

They make connections between arrays, number patterns, and counting in twos, fives and tens.

<u>Key language:</u>

share, group, divide, equal groups, half.

Division by grouping	equally problem:	
Emma puts 2 cans of toma How many boxes does she	to soup into a box. need for all the cans?	
Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Grouping cans into 2s:	Drawing groups	There are 8 cans. There are 4 boxes of 2 cans.
A division word problem is focussed on. Concrete materials are used to explore the problem. The cans are physically shared out and grouped into 2s. Cubes or counters on paper, plates or in groups then represent the cans and boxes. The pupils then count/see how many groups/boxes are needed.	Pupils use pictures or shape to represent quantities. They represent grouping by drawing a circle around each set.	The pupils make a statement to explain how many cans there are to share, and how many are grouped into each box.

Division by sharing equally problem: There are 6 cookies. Each child takes the same number of cookies. How many cookies does each child get?		
Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Sharing cookies between 3 children:	Drawing sets	Each child takes one cookie.
Counters:		Each child takes one more cookie, until there are no more left.
		Each child has 2 cookies.
A division word problem is focussed on. Concrete materials are used to explore the problem. The pupils use counters or cubes to explore what is being shared (the cookies), and how many groups they need to make (3 children/ plates).	Pupils use shapes or pictures to represent quantities to share into 3 sets.	The pupils make a statement to explain how many cookies there are to share, and how many are grouped for each child.

What can you do to help at home?

- Be positive
- Talk about maths with your child
- Involve your child in any maths activity (shopping, cooking, DIY) and let your child lead where they can
- Talk about maths in sport
- Look at number puzzles in papers or magazines
- Share strategies and methods used at school (allow your child to be the expert)

A thought to finish:

Good mathematics is not about how many answers you know – it's how you behave when you don't know'