## Progression in Calculations: <br> A guide for parents



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## Introduction

Written methods of calculations are based on mental strategies. Each of the four operations builds on mental skills which provide the foundation for jottings and informal written methods of recording. Skills need to be taught, practised and reviewed constantly. These skills lead on to more formal written methods of calculation.

Strategies for calculation need to be supported by familiar models and images to reinforce understanding. When teaching a new strategy it is important to start with numbers that the child can easily manipulate so that they can understand the concept.

The transition between stages should not be hurried as not all children will be ready to move on to the next stage at the same time, therefore the progression in this document is outlined in stages. An indication as to which stage each year group begins their focus is also given; however previous stages may need to be revisited to consolidate understanding when introducing a new strategy.

A sound understanding of the number system is essential for children to carry out calculations efficiently and accurately.

## Progression in Teaching Addition

## Mental Skills

Recognise the size and position of numbers
Count on in ones and tens
Know number bonds to 10 and 20 Add multiples of 10 to any number
Partition and recombine numbers
Bridge through 10


Key Vocabulary
add
addition
plus
and
count on
more
sum
total altogether
add and count on addition plus more sum total altogether increase increase

## Recognise numbers 0 to 10



Count reliably up to 10 everyday objects

Find one more than a number


Begin to relate addition to combining two groups of objects

makes 5

$$
3+2=5
$$



Count along a number line to add numbers together

Begin to use the + and = signs to record mental calculations in a number sentence

Know by heart all pairs of numbers with a total of 10 and 20


$15+5=20$

$5+?=10$

0000000000
$10=5+5$
0000000000
$10=1+9$
0000000000


Know that addition can be done in any order

Put the biggest number first and count on

$8+7=15$


Add two single-digit numbers that bridge 10

Begin to partition numbers in order to add




Adding two two-digit numbers (without bridging)
Counting in tens and ones
Partitioning and recombining

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15+13=28
$$

Adding two two-digit numbers (bridging through tens boundary) Using a number line OR

Using place value cards and place value apparatus to partition numbers and recombine

$$
48+36=84
$$



$$
\begin{gathered}
40+30+8+6 \\
8+6=14 \\
40+30=70 \\
70+14=84
\end{gathered}
$$

Expanded method
It is important that the children have a good understanding of place value and partitioning using concrete resources and visual images to support calculations. The expanded method enables children to see what happens to numbers in the standard written method.

$$
48+36
$$




14 (U)
$+70(T)$
84

Standard written method The previous stages reinforce what happens to the numbers when they are added together using more formal written methods.

Older children consolidate this method by using larger numbers and adding decimals.

## Progression in Teaching Subtraction

## Mental Skills

Recognise the size and position of numbers Count back in ones and tens
Know number facts for all numbers to 20 Subtract multiples of 10 from any number


Partition and recombine numbers (only partition the number to be subtracted) Bridge through 10


Key Vocabulary
subtract
take away
minus
count back
less
fewer
difference between
count back take away fewer
minus
subtract
difference between

Begin to count backwards in familiar contexts such as number rhymes or stories

Continue the count back in ones from any given number

Begin to relate subtraction to ' taking away


Three teddies take away two teddies leaves one teddy


Find one less than a number

Count back in tens


If I take away four shells there are six left along a number line to ' take away

Begin to use the - and = signs to record mental calculations in a number sentence

$20=12+8$
$20-8=12$
$8+12=20$
$20-12=8$
Know by heart subtraction facts
Know by heart subtraction facts
for numbers up to 10 and 20

$$
6-4=2
$$

Maria had six sweets and she ate four. How many did she have left?


## 'Counting on'

Subtract single digit numbers often bridging through 10
 two-digit number

Subtract 10 from a two-digit number


Subtract multiples of 10 from any number

45-20

Partition the number to be subtracted (no exchanging)


Decide whether to count on or count back


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74-27=47
$$



Partitioning number to be subtracted - with exchanging (links to counting back on number line)

$$
43-27=16
$$



## Expanded method

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\begin{array}{r}
304 Q+{ }^{30+} 3 \\
-20+7 \\
\hline 10+6
\end{array}
$$

Standard written method
The previous stages reinforce what happens to numbers when they are subtracted using more formal written methods. It is important that the children have a good understanding of place value and partitioning.

Consolidate this method with larger numbers

## Mental Skills

Recognise the size and position of numbers Count on in different steps $2 s, 5 \mathrm{~s}, 10 \mathrm{~s}$
Double numbers up to 10
Recognise multiplication as repeated addition Quick recall of multiplication facts Use known facts to derive associated facts Multiplying by 10, 100, 1000 and understanding the effect
Multiplying by multiples of 10


## Vocabulary

lots of
groups of
times
multiply
multiplication
multiple
product
once, twice, three times
array, row, column
double
repeated addition


Count in tens from zero


Count in twos from zero

Count in fives from zero


Know doubles and corresponding halves

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## double 4 is 8

$4 \times 2=8$


## $2+2+2+2$

Understand multiplication as repeated addition

$$
2+2+2+2=8
$$

$$
4 \times 2=8
$$

2 multiplied by 4 4 lots of 2
$2 \times 4$
Understand multiplication as an array


2 hops of 4


Understand that ...
$24 \times 20=24 \times 2 \times 10$
$24 \times 50=24 \times 5 \times 10$

Use place value apparatus to support the multiplication of $U \times T U$



Use place value apparatus to support the multiplication of $U \times T U$ alongside the grid method
$4 \times 13$

$$
40+12=52
$$



Use place value apparatus to represent the multiplication of $U \times T U$ alongside the grid method

| 10 | 10 | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 40 | 40 | 12 |

$4 \times 23$

$$
20(2 \times 10) \quad 3
$$

| 80 | 12 |
| :---: | :---: |



| 300 |
| ---: |
| 120 |
| 30 |
| +12 |
| 462 |


| 56 |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| $\times \frac{27}{392}$ | $(56 \times 7)$ |
| $\frac{1120}{1512}$ | $(56 \times 20)$ |

## Progression in Teaching Division

## Mental Skills

Recognise the size and position of numbers Count back in different steps $2 s, 5 s, 10 s$ Halve numbers to 20
Recognise division as repeated subtraction Quick recall of division facts Use known facts to derive associated facts Divide by 10, 100, 1000 and understanding the effect Divide by multiples of 10


## Vocabulary

lots of
groups of
share
group
halve
half
divide
division
divided by
remainder
factor
quotient
divisible



Count back in twos


If $2 \times 10=20$ then
$20 \div 10=2$
$20 \div 2=10$

15 shared between 5


Understand division as sharing

Understand division as grouping


12 divided into groups of 3 gives 4 groups
$12 \div 3=4$

12 divided into groups of 4 gives 3 groups

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12 \div 4=3
$$

Reinforce division as grouping through the use of arrays

Represent 'groups' for division on a number line using apparatus alongside the line

18 divided into groups of 3


$18 \div 6=3$


Children need to see that as the numbers get larger, large chunk subtraction is the more efficient method. Multiples of the divisor (large chunks) are taken away. Multiplication facts are needed to see the size of the 'chunk'.


| $100 \div 7=\underline{14} r 2$ |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 100 | $518 \div 7=\underline{74}$ |
| $-\frac{70}{30}(\underline{10} \times 7)$ |  |
| $\frac{-350}{-28}(\underline{40} \times 7)$ |  |
| $\frac{-140}{2}$ | $(\underline{20} \times 7)$ |
|  | $(\underline{4} \times 7)$ |

Fact Box
$1 \times 7=7$
$2 \times 7=14$
$5 \times 7=35$
$10 \times 7=70$
$20 \times 7=140$
$50 \times 7=350$
$100 \times 7=700$
$560 \div 24$

23 r 8
24560
-480 (20×24)
80

- $72(3 \times 24)$


[^0]:    half of 8 is 4
    $8+2=4$

