# How we teach calculations: 

## Calculation Policy for Mathematics

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## Calculation policy: Addition

Key language: sum, total, parts and wholes, plus, add, altogether, more, 'is equal to' 'is the same as'.
Year

| Y3 | Regrouping to make 10; using ten frames and counters/cubes or using Numicon. $6+5$ | Children to draw the ten frame and counters/cubes. | Children to develop an understanding of equality e.g. $\begin{aligned} & 6+\square=11 \\ & 6+5=5+\square \\ & 6+5=\square+4 \end{aligned}$ |
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| Y4 | TO + O using base 10. Continue to develop understanding of partitioning and place value. $41+8$ | Children to represent the base 10 e.g. lines for tens and dot/crosses for ones | $41+8$ $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} 1+8=9 \\ 40+9 \end{array}=49 \\ 41 \\ 8 \\ 8 \end{gathered}+$ |
| Y5 | TO + TO using base 10. Continue to develop understanding of partitioning and place value. $36+25$ | Children to represent the base 10 in a place value chart. | Looking for ways to make 10. |


| Y6 | Use of place value counters to add HTO + TO, HTO + HTO etc. When there are 10 ones in the 1 s column- we exchange for 1 ten, when there are 10 tens in the 10 s column- we exchange for 1 hundred. | Children to represent the counters in a place value chart, circling when they make an exchange. | $243+$ |
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|  | 100 s 10 s 1 s | 100 s 10 s is <br> 00 0000 000 | $368$ |
|  |  |  | $\begin{array}{lll} 1 & 1 & \\ \hline 6 & 1 & 1 \end{array}$ |

## Conceptual variation; different ways to ask children to solve $21+34$



| Word problems: <br> In year 3, there are 21 children and in <br> year 4, there are 34 children. <br> How many children in total? | $21+$ |
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| $21+34=55$. Prove it | 5 |
| $21+34=$ |  |

Calculate the sum of twenty-one and thirty-four.


Missing digit problems:

| $10 \mathbf{s}$ | 1s |
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|  | $?$ |
|  | $?$ |
| $?$ | 5 |

## Calculation policy: Subtraction

Key language: take away, less than, the difference, subtract, minus, fewer, decrease.

| Year | Concrete |  |  |  |  |  |  | Pictorial | Abstract |
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| FS | Physically taking away and removing objects from a whole (ten frames, Numicon, cubes and other items such as beanbags could be used).$4-3=1$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | Children to draw the concrete resources they are using and cross out the correct amount. The bar model can also be used. <br> Q シ®O | 4-3 = <br> [ॅ. $=4-3$ $\square$ |
| Y1 | Counting back (using number lines or number tracks) children start with 6 and count back 2.$6-2=4$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | Children to represent what they see pictorially e.g. | Children to represent the calculation on a number line or number track and show their jumps. Encourage children to use an empty number line |


| Y2 | Finding the difference (using cubes, Numicon or Cuisenaire rods, other objects can also be used). <br> Calculate the difference between 8 and 5 . | Children to draw the cubes/other concrete objects which they have used or use the bar model to illustrate what they need to calculate. | Find the difference between 8 and 5 . $8-5$, the difference is $\square$ Children to explore why $9-6=8-5=7-4$ have the same difference. |
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| Y3 | Making 10 using ten frames. $14-5$ | Children to present the ten frame pictorially and discuss what they did to make 10. | Children to show how they can make 10 by partitioning the subtrahend. $\begin{aligned} & 14-4=10 \\ & 10-1=9 \end{aligned}$ |



## Conceptual variation; different ways to ask children to solve 391-186



Raj spent $£ 391$, Timmy spent $£ 186$. How much more did Raj spend?

Calculate the difference between 391 and 186.


Missing digit calculations


What is 186 less than 391 ?

## Calculation policy: Multiplication

Key language: double, times, multiplied by, the product of, groups of, lots of, equal groups.


| Y3 | Use arrays to illustrate commutativity counters and other objects can also be used. $2 \times 5=5 \times 2$ | Children to represent the arrays pictorially. | Children to be able to use an array to write a range of calculations e.g. $\begin{aligned} & 10=2 \times 5 \\ & 5 \times 2=10 \\ & 2+2+2+2+2=10 \\ & \qquad 10=5+5 \end{aligned}$ |
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| Y4 | Partition to multiply using Numicon, base 10 or Cuisenaire rods. $4 \times 15$ | Children to represent the concrete manipulatives pictorially. | Children to be encouraged to show the steps they have taken. $\begin{array}{r} 4 \times 15 \\ 10 \times 4=40 \\ 5 \times 4=20 \\ 40+20=60 \end{array}$ <br> A number line can also be used |
| Y5 | Formal column method with place value counters (base 10 can also be used.) $3 \times 23$ | Children to represent the counters pictorially. | Children to record what it is they are doing to show understanding. $$ |



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|  |  |  | 100s | 10s | 1 s |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{ll}  \\ & \begin{array}{c} 63 x \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | 㩆虎 |  |

## Calculation policy: Division

Key language: share, group, divide, divided by, half.





## Conceptual variation; different ways to ask children to solve $615 \div 5$



I have $£ 615$ and share it equally between 5 bank accounts. How much will be in each account?

615 pupils need to be put into 5 groups. How many will be in each group?

What is the calculation? What is


