

Key Stage 1

Children in Years 1 and 2 will be given a really solid foundation in the basic building blocks of mental and written arithmetic. Through being taught place value, they will develop an understanding of how numbers work, so that they are confident in 2-digit numbers and beginning to read and say numbers above 100. A focus on number bonds, first via practical hands-on experiences and subsequently using memorisation techniques, enables a good grounding in these crucial facts, and ensures that all children leave Y2 knowing the pairs of numbers which make all the numbers up to 10 at least. They will also have experienced and been taught pairs to 20. Their knowledge of number facts enables them to add several single-digit numbers, and to add/subtract a single digit number to/from a 2-digit number. Another important conceptual tool is their ability to add/subtract 1 or 10, and to understand which digit changes and why. This understanding is extended to enable children to add and subtract multiples of ten to and from any 2-digit number. The most important application of this knowledge is their ability to add or subtract any pair of 2-digit numbers by counting on or back in tens and ones. Children may extend this to adding by partitioning numbers into tens and ones. Children will be taught to count in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s, and will have related this skill to repeated addition. They will have met and begun to learn the associated 2x, 3x, 5x and 10x tables. Engaging in a practical way with the concept of repeated addition and the use of arrays enables children to develop a preliminary understanding of multiplication, and asking them to consider how many groups of a given number make a total will introduce them to the idea of division. They will also be taught to double and halve numbers, and will thus experience scaling up or down as a further aspect of multiplication and division. Fractions will be introduced as numbers and as operators, specifically in relation to halves, quarters and thirds.

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Early Years Foundation Stage

Children learn to count reliably with numbers from 1-20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number. Using quantities and objects, they add and subtract two single digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer. They solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing.

Children use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money to compare quantities and objects and to solve problems. They recognise, create and describe patterns. They explore characteristics of everyday objects and shapes and use mathematical language to describe them.



Lower Key Stage 2

In the lower juniors, children build on the concrete and conceptual understandings they have gained in the Infants to develop a real mathematical understanding of the four operations, in particular developing arithmetical competence in relation to larger numbers. In addition and subtraction, they are taught to use place value and number facts to add and subtract numbers mentally and will develop a range of strategies to enable them to discard the 'counting in ones' or fingers-based methods of the infants. In particular, they will learn to add and subtract multiples and near multiples of 10, 100 and 1000, and will become fluent in complementary addition as an accurate means of achieving fast and accurate answers to 3-digit subtractions. Standard written methods for adding larger numbers are taught, learned and consolidated, and written column subtraction is also introduced. This key stage is also the period during which all the multiplication and division facts are thoroughly memorised, including all facts up to the 12 x 12 table. Efficient written methods for multiplying or dividing a 2-digit or 3-digit number by a single-digit number are taught, as are mental strategies for multiplication or division with large but friendly numbers, e.g. when dividing by 5 or multiplying by 20. Children will develop their understanding of fractions, learning to reduce a fraction to its simplest form as well as finding non-unit fractions of amounts and quantities. The concept of a decimal number is introduced and children consolidate a firm understanding of one-place decimals, multiplying and dividing whole numbers by 10 and 100.