## Written Calculation Policy for Addition

Step 1 (Normally Reception)		
Concrete addition	For example: 3 + 2 = 5	
This step requires the children to combine two groups of objects or images.	<b>X X</b> + <b>X</b> = 5	
Count out 3, add two more. How many do we have now?		
Use of fingers is encouraged as this is a constantly available resource.	For example 5 + 1 = 6	
The number sentence should be related to the objects/pictures/fingers whenever possible.	5 + 1 = 6	
Children are encouraged to hold the biggest number in their head and count on the other number.		
Step 2 - Number Lines (Normally Year 1 to Year 2)		
Numbered Number Line		
This step requires the children to first count "one more" and then "several more" than a given number They use a numberline by circling the starting number, then counting on the second.	3+4=7	
The use of number lines may develop from number lines to 20, next up to 50, then up to 100.		
Children will move through thesestages:It is importantU+UIt is importantTU+Uthat children areable to count onin tens mentallyTU+TUfrom any 2 digitnumber.	Here's an example of TU+TU E.g. 39+25	



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#### Step 4 (Normally Year 3 & Year 4 as a bridge if required)

## **Extended Column Method**

This step requires the children to set the calculation out in a column (being careful to ensure correct place value).

Column headings help children to correctly organise the numbers.

They are then required to add the **lowest value digit first**, recording the answer below before moving to the other digits and adding the partial sums.

This method can be used when adding 2, 3 or 4 digit numbers as well as decimals



Step 5	
(Where appropriate in Year 3 - up to 3 digit numbers	
Year 4 - Up to 4 digit numbers	
Year 5 - More than 4 digits)	

## **Standard Column Method**

This method requires the children to set the calculation out in a column (being careful to ensure correct place value).

When adding the **children are required to use correct language** such as '8 tens add 9 tens makes 17 tens which is 170. Write the hundred, below the line in the hundred's column and write the 7 tens in the tens column'.

This method should be extended to addition of 3, 4 and 5 digit numbers as well as decimal numbers.

The method can also be extended to adding more than two numbers



## Written Calculation Policy for Subtraction



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#### Step 5 (Where appropriate in Year 3 - up to 3 digit numbers Year 4 - Up to 4 digit numbers Year 5 - More than 4 digits and decimal numbers)

# Standard Formal Method (decomposition)

## a) Exchanging not required

This step requires the children to set the calculation out in a column (being careful to ensure correct place value) with the largest number on the top. Column headings help children to keep numbers in the correct column.

They should subtract the right hand column first, in this example subtracting 7-4, writing 3 underneath.

## b) Where exchanging is required

If there aren't enough units (e.g. 3-5), then a ten must be **exchanged**. Here one ten will be moved to the units column, leaving one ten less in the tens column. (See example)

Now the columns can be subtracted.

This method can be used for any number of digits as we as decimals.



Again correct use of language should always be used, for example, 3 tens take away 1 ten is 2 tens.



## Step 5 (Examples involving larger numbers, decimal numbers and tricky questions)



For example:

Step 1 (Normally Reception to Year 1)

# a) Concrete Multiplication in problem solving contexts

Using real objects, children might solve problems such as. Each child has 2 teddies. Shall we give them out and see how many Karen, Clare and lan will get on their table.

## B) Doubling

Children explore doubling and try to learn doubles (especially up to double 5). They use a variety of resources, including dominos and fingers.

## c) Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Rote counting with the support of number lines helps children develop in this.



## Step 2 - Grouping objects and using counting boards (Year 1)

Children may represent problems using real objects or counters/cubes to represent them.

E.g. Sam puts 3 sweets into each cup. How many sweets will he put in the cups?

In this step, children will be introduced to the language and symbols of multiplication.They will be introduced to written calculations e.g. 4x2 and will interpret this as "4 lots of 2".

Using Counting Boards

Children may solve questions like 4x5, by arranging cubes on a Counting Board.

Children will use real cups and objects or counters to represent the sweets.



















Children should be challenged to ask: Can I solve it using my tables knowledge?

Children may be introduced to the concept of division with remainders.



Step 6 - (Normally Year 3 to Year 4)		
Short method for ÷ U with base 10 support (No remainders)		
Language is key to ensure children aren't just following a process, but have some understanding about what is happening.	16	
Drawn or actual Base 10 representation of the number will help children to see what is happening.		
In this example, 6 <b>tens</b> can be shared between 4 so each have 1 ten each (1 written in the tens column above). The remaining 2 whole tens cannot be shared unless they are exchanged for units. Therefore the 2 is inserted before the 4 to make 24 units. This can be shared equally between 4 people with an answer of 6 each (6 is written in the units column above).		
The 'sharing' concept is soon replaced by children's use of their times table facts. A Good knowledge of times table facts is essential.		
Children may switch to saying 'There's one four in six, remainder 2 tens. Exchange the two tens to make 24 units. 24 divided by 4 =6'.		
Step 7 - (Normally Year 4 t	to Year 5)	
Short method for ÷ U with remainders		
Children simply record remainders at the end of the answer.	137 r 5	
In the context of real problems children should be taught to consider whether their answer needs to be rounded up or not.	7 9 6 4	
E.g. Milly's Farm produces 137 eggs. They are sold stored in boxes with up to 7 eggs in each box. How many boxes will be required?		





E.g. 79 Children should be taught the method of chunking when dividing by two-digit numbers.

E.g. 451÷36.

Children are taught to subtract known groups of 36. Jottings at the side of the calculation (multiples of 36) should help children as the calculation progresses.

In this calculation it is sensible to start by subtracting ten lots of 36 (360). Notice the underlining ( $\underline{10} \times 36$ ) indicating how many lots of 36 have been subtracted.

91 remains so, checking across to their jottings, children can see how many more lots of 36 they are able to subtract. (In this case 2 more lots).

Altogether 12 lots of 36 have been subtracted with a remainder of 19.



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Short method for ÷ TU	For example:	32
This step requires the children to divide by TU. It requires the same method as step 7 although the children should be encouraged to write the tables of the divisor.	869÷32 0 2 7 r9 32 8 *6 <sup>22</sup> 9	64 96 128 160 192 224 256