# Meadowhead Community Infant School and Nusery 

## Calculation Policy



This policy has been largely adapted from the White Rose Maths Hub Calculation Policy with further material added. It is a working document and will be revised and amended as necessary. Progression within each area of calculation is in line with the programme of study in the 2014 National Curriculum. This calculation policy should be used to support children to develop a deep understanding of number and calculation. This policy has been designed to teach children through the use of concrete, pictorial and abstract representations.

## Teaching for Mastery

At the centre of the mastery approach to the teaching of maths is the belief that all children have the potential to succeed. They should have access to the same curriculum content and, rather than being extended with new learning, they should deepen their conceptual understanding by tackling challenging and varied problems. Similarly, with calculation strategies, children must not simply rote learn procedures but demonstrate their understanding of these procedures through the use of concrete materials and pictorial representations. This policy outlines the different calculation strategies that should be taught and used across the school, which is in line with the requirements of the 2014 Primary National Curriculum.

## Mathematical Language

The 2014 National Curriculum is explicit in articulating the importance of children using the correct mathematical language as a central part of their learning (reasoning). In certain year groups, the non-statutory guidance highlights the requirement for children to extend their language around certain concepts. It is therefore essential that teaching using the strategies outlined in this policy is accompanied by the use of appropriate and precise mathematical vocabulary. New vocabulary should be introduced in a suitable context (for example, with relevant, real objects, apparatus, pictures of diagrams) and explained carefully. High expectations of the mathematical language used are essential, with teachers only accepting what is

## C.P.A Calculation Policy

This policy has been designed to teach children through the use of concrete, pictorial and abstract methods. This calculation policy should be used to support children to develop a deep understanding of number and calculation.

Using the Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract Approach: Children develop an understanding of a mathematical concept through the three steps of: concrete, pictorial and abstract approach. Reinforcement is achieved by going back and forth between these representations.

Concrete Representation: This is the first step in a child's learning. The child is introduced to an idea or skill by acting it out with real objects. This is a 'hands on' component using real objects and it is the foundation for conceptual understanding.

Pictorial Representation: Once the child has sufficiently understood the 'hands on' experience, they can be progressed onto relating them to pictorial representations, such as a diagram or a picture of the problem.

Abstract Representation: This is the third step in a child's learning. The child should now be capable of representing problems by using mathematical notation, for example: $12 \div 2=6$

## Nursery and Reception



They combine objects in practical ways and count all.

They understand addition as counting
 on and will count on in ones and twos using objects, cubes, bead string and number line.

They use concrete
$41219611 \% 10$
and pictorial
D0000-00000-
representation to record their calculations.

They begin to use + and $=$

They are encouraged to develop a mental picture of the number system in their heads to use for calculations.

Higher attaining children may be able to represent their calculations using symbols and numbers within a written calculations.


They understand subtraction as counting out.


They begin to count back in ones and twos using objects, cubes, bead string and
 number line.


They use concrete and pictorial representation to record their calculations.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { They begin to use - and } 5 \text { - } 1=\bigcirc \\
& \text { = }
\end{aligned}
$$

They are encouraged to develop a mental picture of the number system in their heads to use for calculations.

Higher attaining children may be able to represent their calculations using symbols and numbers within a written calculation.

Multiplication
Children use concrete objects to make and count equal groups of objects.

They understand doubling as repeated addition. $2+2=4$


They use concrete and pictorial representation to record their calculations.


Higher attaining children may be able to represent their calculations using symbols and numbers within a written calculation.

## Division

Children use concrete objects to count and share equally into 2 groups.

6 cakes shared between 2 people each person gets 3 cakes. $6 \div 2=3$


They count a set of objects and halve them by making two equal groups.

They understand sharing and halving as dividing by 2.

They will begin to use objects to make groups of 2 from a given amount.


They use concrete and pictorial representation to record their calculations.

Higher attaining children may be able to represent their calculations using symbols and numbers within a written calculation.

| Objective \& Strategy | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Combining two parts to make a whole: part- whole model | Use part part whole model. <br> Use cubes to add two numbers together as a group or in a bar. | Use pictures to add two numbers together as a group or in | $10=6+4=7 \quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Use the part-part } \\ & \text { whole diagram as } \\ & \text { shown above to move } \\ & \text { into the abstract. } \end{aligned}$ |
| Starting at the bigger number and counting on | Start with the larger number on the bead string and then count on to the smaller number 1 by 1 to find the answer. | $12+5=17$ <br> Start at the larger number on the number line and count on in ones or in one jump to find the answer. | $5+12=17$ <br> Place the larger number in your head and count on the smaller number to find your answer. |
| Regrouping to make 10. <br> This is an essential skill for column addition later. |  | $3+9=$ <br> Use pictures or a number line. Regroup or partition the smaller number using the part part whole model to make 10. $9+5=14$ | $7+4=11$ <br> If I am at seven, how many more do I need to make 10 . How many more do I add on now? |
| Represent \& use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20 | 2 more than 5. |  | Emphasis should be on the language '1 more than 5 is equal to 6.' ' 2 more than 5 is 7 .' <br> ' 8 is 3 more than 5.' |


| Objective \＆ <br> Strategy | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Adding multiples of ten | Model using dienes and bead strings | Use representations for base ten． | $\begin{aligned} & 20+30=50 \\ & 70=50+20 \\ & 40+\square=60 \end{aligned}$ |
| Use known number facts <br> Part part whole | Children ex－ plore ways of making num－ bers within 20 | $\begin{gathered} 20 \\ \square+\square=20 \quad 20-\square=\square \\ \square+\square=20 \quad 20-\square=\square \end{gathered}$ | $\square$ $+1=16$ <br> $16-1=$ $\square$ <br> $1+$ $\square$ $=16$ <br> $16-\square=1$ $1$ |
| Using known facts |  | $\begin{aligned} \because+\therefore & =\therefore \\ \\|\\|+\\|\\| & =\\| \\|\\| \\| \\ \square \square+\text { 昭 } & =\text { 昌昌吅 } \end{aligned}$ <br> Children draw representations of $\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{T}$ and O | $3+4=7$ <br> leads to $30+40=70$ <br> leads to $300+400=700$ |


| Objective \& Strategy | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Add a two digit number and ones | $17+5=22$ <br> Use ten frame to make 'magic ten <br> Children explore the pattern. $\begin{aligned} & 17+5=22 \\ & 27+5=32 \end{aligned}$ | $17+5=$ <br> We can partition 5 into 3 and 2 and use this to bridge the 10 <br> 1 | $17+5=22$ <br> Explore related facts $\begin{aligned} & 17+5=22 \\ & 5+17=22 \\ & 22-17=5 \\ & 22-5=17 \end{aligned}$ |
| Add a 2 digit number and tens |  <br>  $25+10=35$ <br> Explore that the ones digit does not change | Tens Ones <br> $\\|\\|$ $\because$ <br> $\\|\\|\\|$  <br>   | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{lr} 27+10=37 & 23 \\ 27+20=47 & +40 \\ 27+\square=57 & +4 \end{array}\right.$ |
| Add two 2-digit numbers | HAB a <br> Model using dienes, place value counters and numicon | $+$Tens Ones <br> $\\| \\|\\| \\|$ Ee <br> $\\| \\|$  <br>   <br>   <br> Children draw their own sticks and dots to represent base 10. |  |
| Add three 1-digit numbers | Combine to make 10 first if possible, or bridge 10 then add third digit | $3+4+6=$ $\square$ $4+6=10$ $10+3=13$ | $\begin{aligned} \frac{4+7+6}{10} & =10+7 \\ & =17 \end{aligned}$ <br> Combine the two numbers that make/ bridge ten then add on the third. |


| Objective \& Strategy | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Taking away ones. | Use physical objects, counters , cubes etc to show how objects can be taken away. | $15-3=12$ <br> Cross out drawn objects to show what has been taken away. | $\begin{aligned} & 7-4=3 \\ & 16-9=7 \end{aligned}$ |
| Counting back | Move objects away from the group, counting backwards. <br> Move the beads along the bead string as you count backwards. | Count back in ones using a number line. | Put 13 in your head, count back 4. What number are you at? |
| Find the Difference | Compare objects and amounts | Count on using a number line to find the difference. | Hannah has 12 sweets and her sister has 5 . How many more does Hannah have than her sister.? |


| Objective \& Strategy | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Subtract a 1digit number from a 2-digit number. | Physically move counters on and off tens frame | 22-7= | $\begin{aligned} & 20-4=16 \\ & 20-16=4 \end{aligned}$ |
| Subtract a 2 -digit number and tens | $\begin{aligned} & 47-20= \\ & \text { Children take base } 10 \text { away. } \end{aligned}$ | Tens Ones <br> IIIII $: \because:$ <br> $\\| I I$  | $\begin{array}{lrl} 47-40=7 \\ 47-30=17 \\ 47-20=27 & -3 & 6 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| Subtract two 2 digit numbers | $47-25=0 \text { ? }$ <br> Children take base 10 away. For bridging 10 children exchange 1 ten for 10 ones. | Tens Ones <br> IIIIIII $: \because::$ <br>   <br>  |  |


| Objective \& Strategy | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Doubling | Use practical activities using manipultives including cubes and Numicon to demonstrate doubling | Draw pictures to show how to double numbers <br> Double 4 is 8 | Partition a number and then double each part before recombining it back together. |
| Counting in multiples | Count the groups as children are skip counting, children may use their fingers as they are skip counting. | Children make representations to show counting in multiples. | Count in multiples of a number aloud. Write sequences with multiples of numbers. $2,4,6,8,10$ $5,10,15,20,25,30$ |
| Making equal groups and counting the total | Use manipulatives to create equal groups. | 5 groups of 2 <br> There are $\qquad$ equal groups. <br> There are $\qquad$ in each group. <br> There are $\qquad$ altogether. | Children count in multiples to find the answer. |


| Objective \& Strategy | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Repeated addition | Use different objects to add equal groups | Use pictorial including number lines to solve prob There are 3 sweets in one bag. How many sweets are in 5 bags altogether? | Write addition sentences to describe objects and pictures. |
| Understanding arrays | Use objects laid out in arrays to find the answers to 2 lots 5, 3 lots of 2 etc. |  | Children record repeated addition $5+5+5+5=20$ <br> OR $4+4+4+4+4=20$ |


| Objective \& Strategy | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Doubling | Model doubling using dienes and PV counters. | Draw pictures and representations to show how to double numbers | Partition a number and then double each part before recombining it back together. |
| Counting in multiples of 2, 3, 5 and 10 | Count the groups as children are skip counting, children may use their fingers as they are skip counting. Use bar models. $5+5+5+5+5+5+5+5=40$ | Number lines, counting sticks and bar models should be used to show representation of counting in multiples. | Count in multiples of a number aloud. <br> Write sequences with multiples of numbers. $\begin{aligned} & 0,2,4,6,8,10 \\ & 0,3,6,9,12,15 \\ & 0,5,10,15,20,25,30 \end{aligned}$ |


| Objective \& Strategy | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Multiplication is commutative | Create arrays using counters and cubes and <br> Numicon. <br> Pupils should understand that an array can represent different equations and that, as multiplication is commutative, the order of the multiplication does not affect the answer. | Use representations of arrays to show different calculations and explore commutativity. | $\begin{aligned} & 12=3 \times 4 \\ & 12=4 \times 3 \\ & \begin{array}{l} \begin{array}{l} \text { Use an array to write } \\ \text { multiplication sentences and } \\ \text { reinforce repeated addition. } \end{array} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ 5+5+5=15 \\ 3+3+3+3+3=15 \\ 3 \times 3=15 \\ 3 \times 5=15 \end{array} \end{aligned}$ |
| Using the Inverse <br> This should be taught alongside division, so pupils learn how they work alongside each other. |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \times 4=8 \\ & 4 \times 2=8 \\ & 8 \div 2=4 \\ & 8 \div 4=2 \\ & 8=2 \times 4 \\ & 8=4 \times 2 \\ & 2=8 \div 4 \\ & 4=8 \div 2 \end{aligned}$ <br> Show all 8 related fact family sentences. |


| Objective \& Strategy | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Division as sharing <br> Use Gordon ITPs for modelling | Coviningite <br> I have 10 cubes, can you share them equally in 2 groups? | Children use pictures or shapes to share quantities. <br> Sharing: <br> 4 <br> 12 shared between 3 is 4 | 12 shared between 3 is $4$ |


| Objective \& Strategy | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Division as sharing | I have 10 cubes, can you share them equally in 2 groups? | Children use pictures or shapes to share quantities. | $12 \div 3=4$ |
| Division as grouping | Divide quantities into equal groups. <br> Use cubes, counters, objects or place value counters to aid understanding. | 1 $18 \div 3=$ | $18 \div 3=$ <br> Divide 18 into 3 groups. How many are there in each group? <br> Children use fingers to count up in multiples of 3 until they reach 12 . |

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Objective and Strategy \& Concrete \& Abstract \& Pictorial <br>

\hline Finding 1 ¹2 \& Using real objects showing children how they can be cut into halves. \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Shading or splitting shapes into halves. <br>
Finding halves of amounts
<br>
0000

<br>
000

 \& 

Share each quantity into 2 equal <br>
(1)(1)1 <br>
There are $\qquad$ marbles <br>
Half of $\qquad$ is $\qquad$ <br>
Groups.
\end{tabular} <br>

\hline Finding 1/4 \&  \& | Shading or splitting shapes into $1 / 4$ |
| :--- |
| Finding $1 / 4$ of amounts. | \& | Share each quantity into four equal groups. |
| :--- |
| There are_cakes. |
| There is_ cake in each quarter |
| Aquater of_is_ | <br>

\hline
\end{tabular}

| Objective and Strategy | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Finding 1/3 |  | Shading or splitting shapes into thirds. <br> Shade $\frac{1}{3}$ of each shape. <br> Finding thirds of amounts <br>  |  |
| Finding $3 / 4$ |  | Shading or splitting shapes into 3/4 $\square$ <br> Finding $3 / 4$ of amounts. | Amir shares 12 beanbags into 4 equal groups. Use the image to complete the sentences. $\square$ <br> There are $\qquad$ bean bags altogether Three quarters of __ is $\qquad$ |
| Finding a fraction of a number. | Sharing cubes, counters, objects into the equal groups. <br> $1 / 2$ of $6=$ | 1 of 6 $=$ 3 <br> 2  $\vdots$ $\vdots$  | Children to take note of numerator and denominator |


| Equivalence of $1 / 2$ and 2/4 | Using strips of paper | Shade one half and two quarters of each shape. | $1 / 2=$ to $2 / 4$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ | 1/2 2 to 2/4 |
|  |  | $\square$ |  |
|  | Also use counters/cubes sort into $1 / 2$ and $2 / 4$ what do you notice? |  |  |

