

Drake Primary School and Little Pirates

Calculation Policy

When calculating, pupils must not simply rote learn procedures but demonstrate their understanding of these procedures through the use of concrete materials and pictorial representations. This document outlines the different written calculation strategies that should be taught and used in Years 1 to 6. The policy is not for EYFS/Reception since the focus should be on the understanding of early number concepts and number sense through the use of concrete manipulatives

This policy should be used alongside the [Key Representations Policy](#)

Aims:

- To ensure consistency in layout and teaching across Drake Primary School and allow children to build on previous learning.
- Each of the 4 operations to build on a solid understanding of place value, number sense and the connections between the four operations.
- Children to use the correct mathematical language and terminology and be able to talk through their calculations verbally.
- Children will be taught to use the most appropriate and efficient method for a particular calculation, always considering mental methods and using known facts before attempting any written calculation.
- As new methods are taught, children should have the chance to make connections between methods and establish the similarities and differences between them.

Vocabulary

Calculation	Vocabulary
All Calculations	equal, equation, balance, inverse, digit, place value, ones, tens, hundreds, thousands, column, estimate, known facts, odd, even, partition, position, quantity, represent, symbol, calculate, efficient, relationship, numeral, place holder, round, expression, integer, positive numbers, negative numbers, prime number, brackets, order of operations, formula
Addition +	add, total, sum, altogether, more, more than, plus, increase, how many more, number bond, commutative, associative law
Subtraction -	subtract, difference, take away, fewer, less, minus, leave, decrease
Multiplication x	multiply, times, repeated addition, array, commutative, multiple, factors, double, lots of, product, square numbers (²), cubed numbers (³), multiplier, multiplicand, associative law
Division ÷	divide, group, half, share, repeated subtraction, multiple, factors, dividend, divisor, quotient, divisible, remainder

Addition

Number Tracks

Example equation	Method
$3 + 2 = 5$	

Number lines

Example equation	Method
$52 + 37 = 89$ (no crossing of 10s)	
$49 + 27 = 76$ (crossing a 10)	

Partitioning

Example equation	Method
$473 + 248 = 721$	

Compensation/constant difference

Example equation	Method
$138 + 59 = 197$	$138 + 59$ could be changed to $137 + 60$

Column method (Y6 only)

Example equation	Method
$21,848 + 1,523 = 23,371$	$ \begin{array}{r} 21848 \\ + 1523 \\ \hline 23371 \\ \hline \end{array} $

Subtraction

Number Tracks

Example equation	Method
$7 - 3 = 4$	

Number lines

Example equation	Method
$386 - 144 = 242$ (no crossing of 10s)	
$84 - 26 = 58$ (crossing a 10)	
$378 - 263 = 115$ (counting on/finding the difference)	

Partitioning

Example equation	Method
$538 - 454 = 84$	
$538 - 454 = 84$	$538 - 400 = 138$ $138 - 50 = 88$ $88 - 4 = 84$

Negative subtraction



Example equation	Method
$3,092 - 2,534 = 558$	$ \begin{array}{r} 3092 \\ -2534 \\ \hline 1000 \\ -500 \\ 60 \\ -2 \\ \hline 558 \end{array} $

Compensation/constant difference

Example equation	Method
$119 - 89 = 30$	$119 - 89$ could be changed to $120 - 90$

Column method (Y6 only)



Example equation	Method
$41,362 - 32,243 = 9,119$	$ \begin{array}{r} \overset{3}{\cancel{4}} \overset{1}{1} \quad 3 \quad \overset{5}{\cancel{6}} \overset{1}{2} \\ - 3 \quad 2 \quad 2 \quad 4 \quad 3 \\ \hline 9 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 9 \end{array} $

Multiplication

See [‘teaching multiplication bonds at Drake’](#)

Number lines (repeated addition)

Example equation	Method
$8 \times 6 = 48$	

Arrays

Example equation	Method
$5 \times 4 = 20$	
$3 \times 7 = 21$	

Using factors and multiples

Example equation	Method
$30 \times 70 = 2,100$	$3 \times 7 = 21$ $30 \times 70 = 2,100$
$18 \times 20 = 360$	$9 \times 2 = 18$ $9 \times 20 = 180$ $18 \times 20 = 360$

Grid method/area model

Example equation	Method
$18 \times 13 = 234$	

Division

Number line

Example equation	Method
$20 \div 4 = 5$	
$160 \div 4 = 40$	

Sharing

Example equation	Method
$14 \div 4 = 3 \text{ r}2$	
$42 \div 3 = 14$	

Grouping

Example equation	Method
$15 \div 3 = 5$ (There are 5 groups of 3) $15 \div 5 = 3$ (There are 3 groups of 5)	
$9,693 \div 3 = 3,231$	

Using factors and multiples

Example equation	Method
$600 \div 3 = 200$	$6 \div 3 = 2$ $600 \div 3 = 200$

Area model

Example equation	Method
$112 \div 8 = 14$	
$144 \div 24 = 6$	

Short Division (Y6 only)

Example equation	Method
$8,528 \div 4 = 2,132$	$ \begin{array}{r} 2132 \\ 4 \overline{) 8528} \\ \underline{8} \\ 5 \\ \underline{ 8} \\ 2 \\ \underline{ 8} \\ 8 \\ \underline{ 8} \\ 0 \end{array} $