

# St Paul's C of E VA Primary School

# Written Calculation Policy

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# Ethos behind the policy

This Written Calculation Progression (taken from our chosen scheme HfL ESSENTIALmaths ) links the key concrete experiences with pictorial and abstract representations (written symbolic and spoken). This supports pupils to move with confidence and deep conceptual understanding through each strand of calculation.

# The Importance of Mental Mathematics

While this policy focuses on written calculation in mathematics, St Paul's recognises the importance of mental strategies and known facts that form the basis of all calculations. A range of mental strategies are developed throughout the ESSENTIALmaths scheme. Pupils are provided with frequent opportunities to compare and evaluate different calculation strategies. This helps them develop an understanding that efficiency is personal and based on the numbers involved.

# Concrete, Pictorial and Abstract

# Concrete manipulatives

Concrete manipulatives are objects that can be touched and moved by pupils to introduce, explore or reinforce a mathematical concept. They provide a vehicle to help pupils make sense of complex, symbolic and abstract ideas through exploration and manipulation. Furthermore, they support the development of internal models and help build stronger memory pathways.

# Pictorial (including jottings)

The act of translating the concrete experience into a pictorial representation helps focus attention on what has happened and why. This supports deeper understanding and a stronger imprint on memory. Pictorial representations are more malleable than concrete resources and, once understanding is secured, allow exploration of complex problems that may be challenging to reproduce with manipulatives.

# <u> Abstract - Written</u>

The aim, within this policy, is for compacted forms of notation. These have developed through the history of mathematics. Explicit individual steps in procedure are hidden or they have been shortcut. The informal and expanded methods expose all the intermediate steps, replicating thought processes more closely and support understanding prior to compaction.

# Abstract – spoken

Learning to use the correct mathematical vocabulary is vital for the development of mathematical proficiency. The ability to articulate accurately allows pupils to communicate and build meaning. Ideas become more permanent. This can be scaffolded effectively using speaking frames.

	Addition		Subtraction	
2LS15	Step 3: Expanded written method; no regrouping (2-digit numbers)	2L\$17	Step 4: Expanded written subtraction; a 2-digit number from a 2-digit number with no regrouping.	
	Step 4: Expanded written method; regrouping of ones (2- digit numbers)		Step 5: Expanded written subtraction; a 2-digit number from a 2-digit number with regrouping.	
3LS8	Step 2: Formal written method; no regrouping (3-digit numbers)	3LS9	Step 1: Formal written subtraction; no regrouping (up to 3 digit numbers)	
	Step 3: Formal written method; regrouping of ones (3-digit numbers)		Step 2: Formal written subtraction; regrouping tens into ones (up to 3-digit numbers)	
	Step 4: Formal written method; regrouping of tens (3-digit numbers)		Step 3: Formal written subtraction; regrouping hundreds into tens (up to 3-digit numbers)	
	Step 4: Formal written method; regrouping of tens and ones (3-digit numbers)		Step 4: Formal written subtraction; regrouping hundreds and tens (up to 3-digit numbers)	
4LS4	Step 1: Formal written method; no regrouping (4-digit numbers)*	4LS4	Step 5: Formal written subtraction (revisit)*	
	Step 2: Formal written method; regrouping in hundreds, tens and ones (4-digit numbers)*		Step 6: Formal written subtraction; regrouping of thousands*	
	Step 3: Formal written method: regrouping hundreds, tens and ones causing further thousand column (4-digit numbers)*			
5LS10	Step 2: Formal column addition*	5LS10	Step 3: Formal column subtraction*	

## Addition and Subtraction

\* indicates that the step is not explicitly exemplified within this progression, as it is a revisit or extension of previously taught

## Multiplication and Division

Multiplication		Division	
Step 3: Short multiplication; no regrouping	3LS30	Step 2: Long division (sharing structure); sharing ones	
Step 4: Short multiplication; regrouping of ones into tens		Step 3: Long division (sharing structure); no regrouping (2- digit dividend)	
Step 5: Short multiplication; regrouping of tens and ones		Step 4: Long division (sharing structure); regrouping (2- digit dividend)	
Step 4: Short multiplication; no regrouping (revisit)*	4LS25	Step 2: Long division (sharing structure); regrouping hundreds into tens (up to 3-digit numbers by 1-digit divisor)	
Step 5: Short multiplication; with regrouping causing further thousand column		Step 4: Short division (sharing structure); 1-digit divisor	
Step 1: Short multiplication; up to 3-digit numbers (revisit)*	5LS12	Step 2: Short division (grouping structure); regrouping tens	
Step 2: Expanded vertical multiplication; 2-digit by 2-digit numbers		Step 3: Short division (grouping structure); regrouping hundreds and tens	
Step 3: Long multiplication; regrouping in first stage only, 2-digit by 2-digit numbers		Step 4: Short division (grouping structure); expressing quotients with fractions	
Step 3: Long multiplication; regrouping in first and second stage, 2-digit by 2-digit numbers		Step 5: Short division (grouping structure); expressing quotients with decimals	
Step 5: Short multiplication, up to 2 decimal places by 1- digit number	6LS17	Step 2: Long division (grouping structure); up to 4-digit dividend by 2-digit divisor	
Year 6 addition	onal exam	ples	
Step 3: Long multiplication; 4-digit by 2-digit numbers	6LS17	Step 4: Long division (grouping structure); up to 4-digit dividend by 2-digit divisor - expressing quotients with fractions	
	6LS17	Step 5: Long division (grouping structure); up to 4-digit dividend by 2-digit divisor - expressing quotients with decimals	
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These additional examples show only jottings, completed speaking frames and abstract recording. This complexity of calculation should only be introduced to pupils once they are confident in the conceptual pathway and can explain the abstract recording with reference to the concrete and pictorial models.





Additional Year 6 examples Year 6	NC Statement: Multiply multi-digit numbers of of long multiplication	up to 4-digits by a two-digit whole	e number using the formal written method	
6LS12 Step 3: Long multiplication	; up to 4-digit by 2-digit			
Abstract spec First, I need to consider th 7 groups of 6 or I need to regroup into 7 groups of 3 th I need to add the regrouped I need to add the regrouped hundreds. I can regroup th 1 need to add the regrouped hundreds. I can regroup th 0 groups of 6 on I need to regroup into 20 groups of 3 ter I need to add the regrouped hundred to regroup into 20 groups of 8 hundred is 1 need to add the regrouped hundred to regrouped hundred to add the regrouped hundred to add the regrouped hundred is 1 need to add t	eaking frame he ones in the multiplier. be 4 tens and 2 ones. ens is 42 ones. ens is 21 tens. 4 tens. I now have 25 tens. 2 hundreds and 5 tens. eds Is 56 hundreds. 2 hundreds. I now have 58 is into 5 thousands and 8 reds. tens In the multiplier. hundred and 2 tens. is Is 6 hundreds. d 1 hundred. I now have 7 reds. 16 thousand. There are no is to add. tal products is 22, 572. and 27 is 22, 572.	Pictorial - Jottings Jottings: multipliers 7 14 21 28 35 42 49 56 63 70 77 84	Abstract - Written symbolic 24 8 3 6 x 2 7 5 8 5 2 167 2 0 225 7 2 1 1 836 x 27 = 22,572	Additional Year 6 examples