



Elangeni School

Calculation Policy

At Elangeni, we are passionate about supporting our children to help them reach their full potential. We strive to provide an exciting environment that encourages life-long learning, where every child feels listened to and equally valued. In our friendly and caring community, we set challenging but realistic goals to ensure that the specific learning needs of each child are met through individual learning programmes and differentiation.

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The following calculation policy has been devised to meet requirements of the National Curriculum 2014 for the teaching and learning of mathematics, and is also designed to give pupils a consistent and smooth progression of learning in calculations across the school.

Age stage expectations

The calculation policy is organised according to age stage expectations as set out in the National Curriculum 2014, **however it is vital that pupils are taught according to the stage that they are currently working at**, being moved onto the next level as soon as they are ready, or working at a lower stage until they are secure enough to move on.

Providing a context for calculation:

It is important that any type of calculation is given a real life context or problem solving approach to help build children's understanding of the purpose of calculation, and to help them recognise when to use certain operations and methods when faced with problems. This must be a priority within calculation lessons.

Choosing a calculation method:

Children need to be taught and encouraged to use the following processes in deciding what approach they will take to a calculation, to ensure they select the most appropriate method for the numbers involved:



To work out a tricky calculation:
Approximate,
Calculate,
Check it mate!

New Curriculum Mathematics Calculation Policy: Year 3

Addition

The + and = signs and missing numbers

Continue using a range of equations as in Year 1 and Year 2 but with appropriate larger numbers specified in the grade-level standards.

Progression in mental calculations with larger numbers

Calculate HTU + U
Calculate HTU + TU
Calculate HTU + HTU

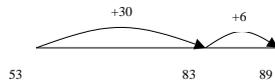
Progress from no crossing of boundaries to crossing of boundary.

Partition into tens and ones and recombine

Develop from Year 2- partitioning both numbers and recombining.

Refine to partitioning the second number only:

$$\begin{aligned} 36 + 53 &= 53 + 30 + 6 \\ &= 83 + 6 \\ &= 89 \end{aligned}$$



Add a near multiple of 10 to a two-digit number

Continue work from Year 2 but with appropriate numbers:

35 + 19 is the same as 35 + 20 - 1.

Formal methods of columnar addition to add numbers with up to three digits

$$\begin{array}{r} 285 \\ +73 \\ \hline 8 \\ 150 \\ 200 \\ \hline 358 \end{array}$$

Extend to decimals in the context of money

$$\begin{array}{r} \pounds 2.50 + \pounds 1.75 \\ \pounds 2.50 \\ + \pounds 1.75 \\ \hline \pounds 4.25 \\ 1 \end{array}$$

The expanded method should be used if children experience persisting difficulties.

*From Year 3 onwards, teachers need to keep in mind the methods specified in grade-level standards for end of Key Stage 2 (See Year 5 and Year 6 Calculation Policy Document). Children should be developing their capacity to use formal written methods for all four number operations.

Subtraction

The - and = signs and missing numbers

Continue using a range of equations as in Year 1 and Year 2 but with appropriate larger numbers specified in the grade-level standards.

Find a small difference by counting up

Continue from Year 2 but with appropriate numbers, e.g. $102 - 97 = 5$

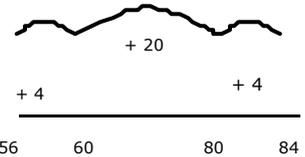
Subtract mentally a 'near multiple of 10' to or from a two-digit number, extending to three digit numbers

Continue as in Year 2 but with appropriate numbers e.g. $78 - 49$ is the same as $78 - 50 + 1$

Progression in mental calculations with larger numbers

Calculate HTU - U
Calculate HTU - T
Calculate HTU - H

Progress from no crossing of boundaries to crossing of boundary.



Complementary addition

$$84 - 56 = 28$$

Formal methods of columnar subtraction to subtract numbers with up to three digits

See Appendix 1 examples in Year 5 and Year 6 section of this document.

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New Mathematics Calculation Policy: Year 4

Addition

The + and = signs and missing numbers

Continue using a range of equations as in Key Stage 1 and Year 3 but with appropriate numbers.

Partition into hundreds, tens and ones and recombine

Either partition both numbers and recombine or partition the second number only e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} 358 + 73 &= 358 + 70 + 3 \\ &= 428 + 3 \\ &= 431 \end{aligned}$$

Add or subtract the nearest multiple of 10 or 100, then adjust

Continue as in Year 2, 3 and 4 but with appropriate numbers e.g. $458 + 79 =$ is the same as $458 + 80 - 1$

Addition of numbers with at least four digits using formal method of columnar addition

$$\begin{array}{r} 358 \\ +73 \\ \hline 431 \\ 11 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3587 \\ +675 \\ \hline 4262 \\ 111 \end{array}$$

The formal, efficient method of columnar addition will involve crossing of boundaries (at the tens, hundreds and/or thousands). Take a systematic approach to teaching this looking at crossing each boundary in turn before mixed practice.

Revert to expanded method if children experience difficulties.

Extend addition to decimals (same number of decimal places) and adding several numbers (with different numbers of digits).

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Subtraction

The – and = signs and missing numbers

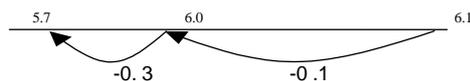
Continue using a range of equations as in Key Stage 1 and Year 3 but with appropriate numbers.

Differences

Find a difference by counting up, e.g. $8006 - 2993 = 5013$. This can be modelled on an empty number line.

Use known number facts and place value to subtract

$$6.1 - 0.4 = 5.7$$



Subtraction with at least four digits using formal method of columnar subtraction

For instance, $6467 - 2684 = 3783$

Using expanded column subtraction where children experience difficulty with decomposition and need to 'see' this.

Extend subtraction to decimals (same number of decimal places) and adding several numbers (with different numbers of digits)

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- Video clips:** 1. [Subtraction—teaching children to consider the most appropriate methods before calculating](#)
 2. [Introducing partitioned column subtraction method, from practical to written](#)
 3. [Moving to the compact column method of subtraction](#)

Multiplication

The \times and $=$ signs and missing numbers

Continue using a range of equations but with appropriate numbers for Year 4.

TU x U (See Year 3) and **HTU x U** (Introduced in Year 4 grade-level standards).

Partition

$$23 \times 4 = 92$$

$$\begin{aligned} 23 \times 4 &= (20 \times 4) + (3 \times 4) \\ &= (80) + (12) \\ &= 92 \end{aligned}$$

Use the grid method of multiplication

23×7 is approximately $20 \times 10 = 200$

x	20	3
7	140	21

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Division

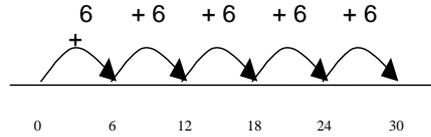
The \div and $=$ signs and missing numbers

Continue using a range of equations but with appropriate numbers for Year 4.

Sharing and grouping $30 \div 6$

can be modelled as:

Grouping – groups of 6 taken away and the number of groups counted e.g.

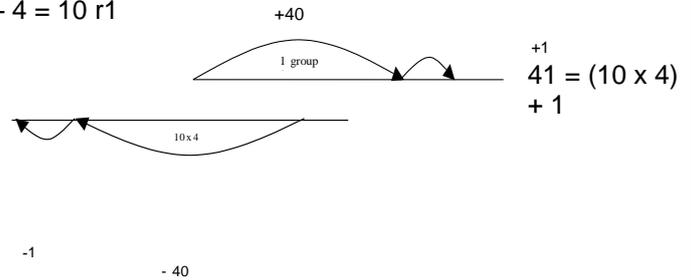


Sharing – sharing among 6, the number given to each person.

Remainders

Note three approaches below:

$$41 \div 4 = 10 \text{ r}1$$



TU \div U

$72 \div 5$ lies between $50 \div 5 = 10$ and $100 \div 5 = 20$

$$\begin{array}{r} 72 \\ - \underline{50} \quad (10 \text{ groups}) \text{ or } (10 \times 5) \\ 22 \\ - \underline{20} \quad (4 \text{ groups}) \text{ or } (4 \times 5) \\ 2 \quad \text{Answer: } 14 \text{ remainder } 2 \end{array}$$

HTU \div U

Can progress from no remainder to remainders. Where remainders are involved, care needs to be taken to ensure they are interpreted correctly in context of problems.

$256 \div 7$ lies between $210 \div 7 = 30$ and $280 \div 7 = 40$

$$\begin{array}{r} 256 \\ - \underline{70} \quad (10 \text{ groups}) \text{ or } (10 \times 7) \text{ } 186 \\ - \underline{140} \quad (20 \text{ groups}) \text{ or } (20 \times 7) \\ 46 \\ - \underline{42} \quad (6 \text{ groups}) \text{ or } (6 \times 7) \\ 4 \quad (36 \text{ groups}) \text{ or } (36) \text{ Answer: } 36 \text{ remainder } 4 \end{array}$$

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New Mathematics Calculation Policy: Year 5 and Year 6

The exemplification of formal methods here should be taken into account by all Key Stage 2 teachers so children are adequately prepared by Year 5 and into Year 6 to use the means of calculating specified in grade-level standards.

Addition & Subtraction

Columnar Addition & Subtraction

789 + 642 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 789 \\ + 642 \\ \hline 1431 \\ \hline 1 \quad 1 \end{array}$$

Answer: 1431

874 - 523 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 874 \\ - 523 \\ \hline 351 \end{array}$$

Answer: 351

932 - 457 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \quad 12 \quad 1 \\ 932 \\ - 457 \\ \hline 475 \end{array}$$

Answer: 475

932 - 457 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \quad 1 \\ 932 \\ - 457 \\ \hline 475 \end{array}$$

Answer: 475

Multiplication & Division

Short Multiplication (DfE, 2013, Appendix 1)

24 × 6 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 24 \\ \times 6 \\ \hline 144 \\ \hline 2 \end{array}$$

Answer: 144

342 × 7 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 342 \\ \times 7 \\ \hline 2394 \\ \hline 2 \quad 1 \end{array}$$

Answer: 2394

2741 × 6 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 2741 \\ \times 6 \\ \hline 16446 \\ \hline 4 \quad 2 \end{array}$$

Answer: 16 446

Short Division (DfE, 2013, Appendix 1)

98 ÷ 7 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 14 \\ 7 \overline{) 98} \\ \underline{7} \\ 28 \\ \underline{28} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

Answer: 14

432 ÷ 5 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 86 \text{ r}2 \\ 5 \overline{) 432} \\ \underline{40} \\ 32 \\ \underline{30} \\ 2 \end{array}$$

Answer: 86 remainder 2

496 ÷ 11 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 45 \text{ r}1 \\ 11 \overline{) 496} \\ \underline{44} \\ 56 \\ \underline{55} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

Answer: 45 $\frac{1}{11}$

Long Multiplication (DfE, 2013, Appendix 1)

24 × 16 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 24 \\ \times 16 \\ \hline 144 \\ 240 \\ \hline 384 \end{array}$$

Answer: 384

124 × 26 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 124 \\ \times 26 \\ \hline 744 \\ 2480 \\ \hline 3224 \end{array}$$

Answer: 3224

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Answer: 3224

Long Division (DfE, 2013, Appendix 1)

432 ÷ 15 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 28 \text{ r}12 \\ 15 \overline{) 432} \\ \underline{30} \\ 132 \\ \underline{120} \\ 12 \end{array}$$

Answer: 28 remainder 12

432 ÷ 15 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 28 \\ 15 \overline{) 432} \\ \underline{30} \\ 132 \\ \underline{120} \\ 12 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{12}{15} = \frac{4}{5}$$

Answer: 28 $\frac{4}{5}$

432 ÷ 15 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 28.8 \\ 15 \overline{) 432.0} \\ \underline{30} \\ 132 \\ \underline{120} \\ 120 \\ \underline{120} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

Answer: 28.8

Video clips: 1. [Moving from grid method to a compact method](#) 2. [Reinforcing rapid times table recall:](#)
3. [Demonstration of long multiplication](#)