## Bilston Church of England Primary School

## Maths calculation policy, Reception



The following pages show the Power Maths progression in calculation (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). The consistent use of the CPA (concrete, pictorial, abstract) approach across Power Maths helps children develop mastery across all the operations in an efficient and reliable way. In Reception, children focus on concrete and pictorial representations. At this stage, children focus on representing objects in different ways e.g. understanding that 5 cars can also be represented as 5 counters, 5 cubes, 5 pictures of cars, etc.

In Reception, children are encouraged to record their findings in their own way. This may include writing number sentences e.g. $3+4=7$, however this is not a requirement until Year I.
We will aspire through our Christian beliefs and attitudes for all children in our care to flourish both academically and personally; develop respect for others and to reach out to their local and global communities, so, 'hand in hand together with faith we will strive to achieve all things...
'I am able to do all things through him (Jesus) who strengthens me.
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Children develop the core ideas that underpin all calculation. They begin by connecting calculation with counting on and counting back, but they should learn that understanding wholes and parts will enable them to calculate efficiently and accurately, and with greater flexibility. Children record their calculations in their own ways, there is no expectation of number sentences at this stage, however children may choose this way to record their thinking.
Key language: count, forwards, backwards, whole, part, recombine, break apart, ones, ten, tens, number bond, add, adding together, addition, plus, total, altogether, first, then, now, subtract, subtraction, find the difference, take away, minus, left, less, more, fewer, group, share, equal, equals, is equal to, groups, equal groups, divide, share, shared equally

## Addition:

Children start to explore addition by sorting groups. They then use sorting to develop their understanding of parts and wholes.

Children combine groups to find the whole, using a part-whole model to support their thinking. They also use the part-whole model to find number bonds within and to 10 .

Using a five frame and ten frame, children add by counting on. They start by finding one more before adding larger numbers using counters or cubes on the frames.

Children use a number track to add by counting on. Linking this learning to playing board games is an effective way to support children's addition.

## Subtraction:

Children start to explore subtraction by sorting groups. They use sorting to develop their understanding of parts and wholes.

When comparing groups, children use the language more than and fewer than. This will lead to finding the difference when they move into KSI.

Children then connect subtraction with the idea of counting back and finding one less using a five frame to support their thinking.

They explore subtraction by breaking apart a whole to find a missing part. This links to their developing recall of number bonds.

Children count back within 20 using number tracks and ten frames to see the effect of taking away.

## Multiplication and Division:

Children first start to look at the idea of equal groups through their exploration of doubles. They use five frames and objects to check that groups are equal.

Children then explore halving numbers by making two equal groups. They highlight patterns between doubling and halving seeing that double 2 is 4 and half of 4 is 2 .

As well as halving, children also explore sharing into more than two equal groups. They share objects one by one, ensuring that each group has an equal share.


Finding number bonds to 10
Adding by counting on (number track)
Children jump along a physical number track. They start at the larger number and

count on the smaller number to find the total. | Children use a number track and a counter. They start at the larger number |
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| and count on the smaller number to find the total. |

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| Subtraction | Comparing groups <br> Children line up objects to compare the amount. They line the objects up either horizontally or vertically. <br> Ella has more conkers. <br> Tom has fewer conkers. | Comparing groups <br> Children line up cubes or counters to compare the amount in each group. Lines can either be horizontal or vertical. A starting line helps to line the objects accurately. <br> There are more yellow cubes. <br> There are fewer red cubes. |
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|  | Counting back and taking away (number track) <br> Children use game boards and human number tracks to subtract by counting back. <br> 9 take away 3 equals 6 <br> 9..8..7..6 | Counting back and taking away (number track) <br> Children use a number track and a counter. They start at the larger number and count back the smaller number to find the answer. <br> 9 take away 3 equals 6 <br> 9..8..7..6 |
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|  | Counting back and taking away (ten frames) <br> Children count backwards to find one less with numbers up to 20. <br> One less than 16 is 15 . | Counting back and taking away (ten frames) <br> Children remove counters from ten frames to support in counting back with numbers up to 20 . <br> One less than 16 is 15 . |

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| Division | Halving and sharing <br> Children explore halving and sharing through practical sharing using real life scenarios <br> including sharing fruit or classroom equipment. | Children use five frames to share amounts fairly and to check that the groups <br> are equal. They share the counters/cubes one by one. |
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| Calf of 8 is 4. |  |  |

