

Parkgate Junior school parents calculation policy

This document provides an overview of the methods taught in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division throughout the school. These methods are in line with the new National Curriculum that has been introduced from September 2014. Children may be at different stages in their progression through the different methods. An example of each method is shown below. Some of the examples show the apparatus that we may use in school to support (e.g. bead strings, counters) if you are practising at home, these can be substituted for everyday items (e.g. pencils, buttons) or can be drawn on paper. In years 3 and 4 the focus is on informal methods and different representations, then in year 5 and 6 the children will move onto more formal written methods.

Please ask your child or their class teacher which method they are currently working on and follow this at home. If you have any further questions please see your child's teacher.

Sarah Drake Maths Leader

Progression in addition and subtraction

Addition and subtraction are connected.



Addition names the whole in terms of the parts and subtraction names a missing part of the whole.





(IG



Parkgate Junior school parents calculation policy Adding and subtracting using a formal written method

The visual images show how this could be represented.







Multiplication and division are connected. Both express the relationship between a number of equal parts and the whole.



The following array (a diagram showing columns and rows) consisting of four columns and three rows, could be used to represent the number sentences: -



3 x 4 = 12,

4 x 3 =12,

3 + 3 + 3 + 3 = 12,

4 + 4 + 4 = 12.

And it is also a model for division

 $12 \div 4 = 3$

12 ÷ 3 = 4

12 - 4 - 4 - 4 = 0

12 - 3 - 3 - 3 - 3 = 0

Multiplication	Division
Repeated addition	Sharing equally
3 times 5 is 5 + 5 + 5 = 15 or 5 lots of 3 or 5 x 3	6 sweets get shared between 2 people. How many sweets
Children learn that repeated addition can be shown on a	do they each get? A bottle of fizzy drink shared equally
number line.	between 4 glasses.
6 6 6 5 6 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	
Children learn that repeated addition can be shown on a bead string.	
00000 00000 00000	Grouping or repeated subtraction
	There are 6 sweets. How many people can have 2 sweets
Children also learn to partition totals into equal parts	each?



 $So 78 \div 3 = 10 + 10 + 6 = 26$

120 <u>20</u> 140





