Springwood Heath Primary School

EYFS
Calculation Policy

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The NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics) states
"Young learners' future understanding of mathematics requires an early foundation based on a high-quality, challenging, and accessible mathematics education. Young children in every setting should experience mathematics through effective, research-based curricula and teaching practices. Such practices in turn require that teachers have the support of policies and resources that enable them to succeed in this challenging and important work."

Mathematics in the Early Years Foundation Stage

In the Early Years Foundation Stage mathematical activities take place as an integral part of the child's daily experience. These mathematical experiences are part of their topic work and relate directly to the child's understanding of everyday life; role play is vital in this aspect. Children have the opportunity to consolidate their learning during independent activities. The aim of these activities is to develop the child's number skills and the skills of ordering, sequencing, matching, grouping and number recognition and to develop mathematical ideas and methods to solve practical problems.
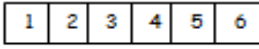
It is through these activities where children are working co-operatively in groups and discussing their learning with other children and their teachers that they are encouraged to develop and use mathematical language. Most of these experiential activities will be planned and structured within half-termly and weekly planning to ensure differentiation and progression. However, there must also be scope for children within the Early Years Foundation Stage to choose activities according to their interests.

The activities begun in the FS1 continue into the FS2 class and it is towards summer term in the FS2 class, when appropriate, that the children are introduced to mathematical recording. Recording only takes place after practical activities have been consolidated.

Also see Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage – Effective September 2014
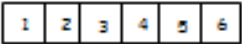
Addition

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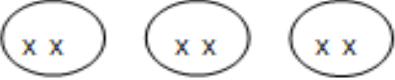| GUIDANCE / MODELS AND IMAGES	KEY VOCABULARY
If available, Numicon shapes are introduced straight away and can be used to: • identify 1 more/less • combine pieces to add. • find number bonds. • add without counting. Children can record this by printing or drawing around Numicon pieces. Children begin to combine groups of objects using concrete apparatus Construct number sentences verbally or using cards to go with practical activities. Children are encouraged to read number sentences aloud in different ways "Three add two equals 5" "5 is equal to three and two" Children make a record in pictures, words or symbols of addition activities already carried out. Solve simple problems using fingers 5 + 1 = 6 Number tracks can be introduced to count up on and to find one more: 1 2 3 4 5 6 What is 1 more than 4? 1 more than 13? Number lines can then be used alongside number tracks and practical apparatus to solve addition calculations and word problems. 5 + 3 = 8 **Children will need opportunities to look at and talk about different models and images as they move between representations.**	**Games and songs can be a useful way to begin using vocabulary involved in addition e.g.** Alice the Camel add more and make sum total altogether score double one more, two more, ten more… how many more to make…? how many more is… than…?

Subtraction

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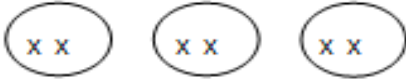| GUIDANCE / MODELS AND IMAGES	KEY VOCABULARY
Children begin with mostly pictorial representations X X X [X X] Concrete apparatus is used to relate subtraction to taking away and counting how many objects are left. $5 - 1 = 4$ Concrete apparatus models the subtraction of 2 objects from a set of 5. Construct number sentences verbally or using cards to go with practical activities. Children are encouraged to read number sentences aloud in different ways "five subtract one leaves four" "four is equal to five subtract one" Children make a record in pictures, words or symbols of subtraction activities already carried out. Solve simple problems using fingers $5 - 1$ $= 4$ Number tracks can be introduced to count back and to find one less: [1 2 3 4 5 6] What is 1 less than 9? 1 less than 20? Number lines can then be used alongside number tracks and practical apparatus to solve subtraction calculations and word problems. Children count back under the number line. $8 - 3 = 5$ 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **Children will need opportunities to look at and talk about different models and images as they move between representations.**	**Games and songs can be a useful way to begin using vocabulary involved in subtraction e.g.** Five little men in a flying saucer take (away) leave how many are left/left over? how many have gone? one less, two less... ten less... how many fewer is... than...? difference between is the same as

Multiplication

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The link between addition and multiplication can be introduced through doubling. If available, Numicon is used to visualise the repeated adding of the same number. These can then be drawn around or printed as a way of recording. Children begin with mostly pictorial representations: X X X X X X How many groups of 2 are there? Real life contexts and use of practical equipment to count in repeated groups of the same size: How many wheels are there altogether? How much money do I have? Count in twos; fives; tens both aloud and with objects Children are given multiplication problems set in a real life context. Children are encouraged to visualise the problem. How many fingers on two hands? How many sides on three triangles? How many legs on four ducks? Children are encouraged to read number sentences aloud in different ways "five times two makes ten" "ten is equal to five multiplied by two"	lots of groups of times multiply multiplied by multiple of once, twice, three times… ten times… …times as (big, long, wide… and so on) repeated addition double

Division and fractions

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The ELG states that children **solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing.** Children need to see and hear representations of division as both grouping and sharing. Division can be introduced through halving. Children begin with mostly pictorial representations linked to real life contexts: **Grouping model** Mum has 6 socks. She grouped them into pairs – how many pairs did she make? **Sharing model** I have 10 sweets. I want to share them with my friend. How many will we have each? Children have a go at recording the calculation that has been carried out.	halve share, share equally one each, two each, three each… group in pairs, threes… tens equal groups of divide divided by divided into left, left over

THE EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE

Mathematics involves providing children with opportunities to develop and improve their skills in counting, understanding and using numbers, calculating simple addition and subtraction problems; and to describe shapes, spaces, and measures.

Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, DfE: 2012)