## Garden Suburb Junior School



## 2021-2022

Mathematics Policy

## Intent

We recognise that mathematics underpins much of our daily lives within the 21st century and as such this means delivering a mathematics curriculum that is fully inclusive of all children and one that strives for the mastery of concepts by all learners. We celebrate the learning journey of mathematical understanding and promote critical thinking in mathematics, as opposed to simply finding the answer. We believe that children make the best progress in maths when units are delivered across sustained methodical blocks with specific steps of progression, which allow all children to master skills. We encourage our children to explore different strategies and to understand that mistakes are part of the learning process. In recent years, we have amended our mathematics curriculum using the approach championed by White Rose Maths.

## Through our maths curriculum we intend to:

- Develop children's understanding of concepts using concrete and pictorial learning whilst enabling our children to also practise formal written methods.
- Encourage critical thought and communication between children in order to deepen understanding and foster collaboration.
- Create articulate and dynamic mathematicians, who can explain both their own and others mathematical processes.
- Have a secure knowledge of times tables and corresponding division facts to enable use to thrive as mathematicians.
- Provide opportunities to apply mathematical skills to different contexts with reasoning and problem solving at the heart of our curriculum.
- Give children independence and autonomy to challenge themselves.
- Remember what we have learnt having studied topics over longer blocks and having regularly re-visited concepts throughout the year.
- Support all children to make good progress in mathematics.


## Implementation

Planning begins with the high expectation that every child can achieve. A thorough understanding of the children's needs together with rigorous and ongoing formative assessments enable teachers to plan effective and progressive units. Medium planning is created through combining our planning policy with the White Rose Maths blocks. We ensure that units are taught in a way which allows for deep learning which will be remembered by pupils. This ensures a mastery approach and rigorous coverage of the National Curriculum. Within short term planning, clear small steps of progression between units build on children's prior learning, leading to a secure grasp of concepts. Activities and tasks are planned to meet the needs of all the children in the class. Lessons are differentiated extending children by deepening their understanding rather than accelerating them through the curriculum. Class teachers also regularly plan for opportunities for children to apply their maths skills to different problems within maths lessons, in turn allowing children to revisit, practise and consolidate different areas of Mathematics.

## To deliver our maths curriculum we will:

- Provide clear and thoughtful differentiation to meet the needs of all learners - extending children by deepening their understanding rather than accelerating them through the curriculum.
- Plan opportunities for children to apply their maths skills to different problems within maths lessons, in turn allowing children to revisit, practise and consolidate different areas of Mathematics.
- Use daily flashbacks to re-visit and remember key concepts and skills.
- Use soft starts as a way of allowing children time to address misconceptions.
- Build and teach from a concrete understanding of concepts where children are manipulating objects and learning pictorially.
- Progress onto learning abstract representation culminating in children applying their knowledge to different situations.
- Encourage and support our children to communicate their understanding of Maths using mathematical vocabulary and stem sentences to clarify their thoughts.
- Build in an element of choice into our maths lessons to encourage independence and reflection with children choosing the task which they think will suitably challenge them, with guidance from the teacher, where necessary.
- Place a particular focus on times tables fluency both at school, through homework activities and TTRockstars.
- Record children's progress and learning on mathematical working walls - which children refer to throughout units.
- Ensure all lessons include a mixture of fluency, reasoning and problem solving.
- Provide intervention for children who need extra support with mathematical concepts.
- Provide differentiated homework to consolidate learning.

As a school, we offer a range of mathematical enrichment opportunities to foster a love of mathematics. We run regular times tables competitions using TTRockstars and award certificates and trophies to promote positive learning behaviours. We provide a range of fun and engaging challenges, available to all pupils, which are designed to promote curiosity and be a way-in to enjoying mathematics for pupils who may have a 'fear of maths' as well as offering a further maths challenge for pupils who already enjoy mathematics. We organise regular maths events and school-wide activities including 'Barvember' (a White Rose initiative to encourage the use of bar models as a pictorial representation) throughout the month of November. Perhaps our most powerful and immersive mathematical enrichment opportunity is our whole school Maths Week. During Maths Week, we decorate the school and display quotes from famous people to broaden children's understanding of maths' purpose in wider life, we enjoy a series of mathematical challenges in addition to our normal 5 maths lessons and have mathematical assemblies. The week culminates in NSPCC Number Day and on this day pupils bring in entries for the whole school 'Mathematical Bake Off' which raises thousands for the school each year.

As a result of a deep and thoughtfully progressive maths curriculum, children have a secure knowledge of all areas of mathematics and skillset to flourish in their next key stage, school and eventually in wider society. They are confident and independent mathematicians. The impact of our school maths curriculum can be seen in children's books, in learning outcomes and in discussion with our children.

## The impact of our mathematics curriculum is measured by:

- Every child's book demonstrating progress, coverage of objectives and our CPA approach.
- Our children having mastered mathematical concepts and skills demonstrated when they can show a particular concept in multiple ways and independently apply the concept to new problems in unfamiliar situations.
- Our children's quick recall of facts and procedures, including multiplication and division facts, and applying this knowledge and understanding to real life situations.
- Our children are willing and able to use mathematical vocabulary in maths lessons with confidence, ease and accuracy.
- Our children demonstrating a secure understanding of how to reason and problem solve mathematically, using stem sentences to support them with their answers and explanations.
- Recognising mathematical relationships and making connections within concepts.
- Our children speaking enthusiastically about their maths lessons, maths week, TTRockstars, competitions and about how they love learning about maths.
- Both children and staff understanding and articulating the real life purpose of maths and how and why maths is used in the outside world.
- Both children and staff showing a high level of pride in the presentation and outcomes in books.
- Our staff having a deep and secure knowledge of how to teach mathematics in order to achieve mastery.
- Our planning and resources demonstrating a clear and collective approach to the teaching of mathematics.
- Classrooms which visibly celebrate mathematics and help children to remember their learning.
- Excellent performance data in terms of progress in relation to KS1 starting points and attainment.
- Our children are willing and able to address and reflect on misconceptions.


## Assessment:

Assessment for learning occurs throughout our maths lessons, enabling teachers/learning support assistants to adapt their teaching/input to meet the children's needs. Pupils work is marked in line with our Marking Policy and models both how corrections should be made, giving children a chance to learn from their misconceptions as well as providing regular opportunities to stretch our children's understanding of concepts further - particularly through our weekly use of 'challenge questions'. Assessment of attainment and progress is ongoing and is both formative and summative. Teachers use a tracking tool and this allows them to assess children's progress in Mathematics, gathering evidence over the course of the year. Teachers use this information to inform planning for groups and individual pupils.

The rest of this document is divided into the four operations:
Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
Within each section, the concrete, pictorial and abstract progressions of learning for each mathematical concept that we use at Garden Suburb Junior School are explained.

## Progression in Calculations: Addition

| Objective and Strategies | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Use cubes to add two or more numbers together as a group, part - whole model or in a bar model. |  | $\begin{aligned} & 4+3=7 \\ & 10=6+4 \end{aligned}$ |


|  | Start with the larger number on the bead string and then count on to the smaller number 1 by 1 to find the answer. | $12+5=17$ <br> Start at the larger number on the number line and count on in ones or in one jump to find the answer. | $5+12=17$ <br> Place the larger number in your head and count on the smaller number to find your answer. |
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|  | $4+7+6=17$ <br> Put 4 and 6 together to make 10. Add on 7 . <br> Following on from making 10, make 10 with 2 of the digits (if possible) then add on the third digit. | Add together three groups of objects. Draw a picture to recombine the groups to make 10. | $\begin{aligned} \frac{4+7+6}{10} & =10+7 \\ & =17 \end{aligned}$ <br> Combine the two numbers that make 10 and then add on the remainder. |
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|  | $24+15=$ <br> Add together the ones first then add the tens. Use dienes blocks first before moving onto place value counters. | After practically using the dienes blocks and place value counters, children can draw the counters to help them to solve additions. |  |
|  | Make both numbers on a place value grid. $146+527$ | Children can draw a pictorial representation of the columns and place value counters to further support their learning and understanding. | Start by partitioning the numbers before moving on to clearly show the exchange below the addition. $\begin{array}{\|ll} 20+5 \\ 40+8 \\ 60+13 \end{array}=73 \quad \begin{aligned} & 11 \\ & 536 \\ & +855 \\ & \hline \mathbf{6 2 1} \end{aligned}$ |



Progression in Calculations: Subtraction

| $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline \begin{array}{c} \text { Objective } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { Strategies } \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Use physical objects, counters, cubes etc to show how objects can be taken away. | Cross out drawn objects to show what has been taken away. $15-3=12$ | $\begin{aligned} & 18-3=15 \\ & 8-2=6 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Make the larger number in your subtraction. Move the beads along your bead string as you count backwards in ones. <br> Use counters and move them away from the group as you take them away counting backwards as you go. | Count back on a number line or number track. <br> Start at the bigger number and count back the smaller number showing the jumps on the number line. <br> This can progress all the way to counting back using two 2 digit numbers. | Put 13 in your head, count back 4. What number are you at? Use your fingers to help. |


|  | Compare amounts and objects to find the difference. <br> Use cubes to build towers or make bars to find the difference. <br> Use basic bar models with items to find the difference. | Count on to find the difference. <br> Comparison Bar Models <br> Draw bars to <br> Lisa is 13 years old. Her sister is 22 years old. find the difference between 2 numbers. | Hannah has 23 pencils; Helen has 15 pencils. Find the difference between the number of pencils. |
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|  | Link to addition- use the part whole model to help explain the inverse between addition and subtraction. <br> If 10 is the whole and 6 is one of the parts. What is the other part? | Use a pictorial representation of objects to show the part whole model. | 5 <br> 10 <br> Move to using numbers within the part whole model. |




Use dienes to
make the bigger
number then take the smaller number away.

Show how you partition numbers to subtract using place value counters. Again make the larger number first.


Draw the dienes or place value counters alongside the written calculation to help to show working. Cross out the dienes and counters that are subtracted.


Firstly, use partitioning to subtract the different place values. This will lead to a clear written column subtraction.


|  | Use dienes before moving on to place value counters. Start with one exchange only. <br> Make the larger number with the place value counters <br> Can I take away 8 from 4 easily? I need to exchange one of my tens for ten ones. <br> Now I can subtract my ones. <br> Can I take away 8 tens easily? I need to exchange one hundred for ten tens. <br> Now I can take away eight tens and complete my subtraction <br> Show children how the concrete method links to the written method alongside your working. Cross out the numbers when exchanging and show where we write our new amount. |  <br> Draw the counters onto a place value grid and show what you have taken away by crossing the counters out as well as clearly showing the exchanges you make. <br> When confident, children can find their own way to record the exchange/regrouping. <br> Just writing the numbers as shown here shows that the child understands the method and knows when to exchange/regroup. | Children can start their formal written method by partitioning the number into clear place value columns. <br> Moving forward the children use a more compact method. <br> This will lead to an understanding of subtracting any number including decimals. |
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Progression in Calculations: Multiplication

| Objective <br> and <br> Strategies | Use practical activities to show how to double a <br> number. | Concrete | Draw pictures to show how to double a number. |
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|  |  <br> Use different objects to add equal groups. | There are 3 plates. Each plate has 2 star biscuits on. How many biscuits are there? <br> 2 add 2 add 2 equals 6 $5+5+5=15$ | Write addition sentences to describe objects and pictures. |
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| Arrays- showing commutative multiplication | Create arrays using counters or cubes to show multiplication sentences. |  | Use an array to write multiplication sentences and reinforce repeated addition. $\begin{aligned} & 5+5+5=15 \\ & 3+3+3+3+3=15 \\ & 5 \times 3=15 \\ & 3 \times 5=15 \end{aligned}$ |

Show the link with arrays to first introduce the grid method.


4 rows of 104 rows of 3

Move on to using dienes to move towards a more compact method.
4 rows of 13
Move on to place value counters to show how we are finding groups of a number. We are multiplying by 4 so we need 4 rows.


Fill each row with 126.


Add up each column, starting with the ones making any exchanges needed.


Then you have your answer.

Children can represent the work they have done with place value counters in a way that they understand.

They can draw the counters, using colours to show different amounts or just use circles in the different columns to show their thinking as shown below.


Start with multiplying by one digit numbers and showing the clear addition alongside the grid.

| $\times$ | 30 | 5 |
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| 7 | 210 | 35 |

$210+\mathbf{3 5}=\mathbf{2 4 5}$

Moving forward, multiply by a 2-digit number showing the different rows within the grid method.


Children can continue to be supported by place value counters at the stage of multiplication.


It is important at this stage that they always multiply the ones first and note down their answer followed by the tens which they note below.

Bar modelling and number lines can support learners when solving problems with multiplication alongside the formal written methods.


Start with long multiplication, reminding the children about lining up their numbers clearly in columns.

If it helps, children can write out what they are solving next to their answer (the expanded method).


This moves to the more compact method.

1342
x 18
13420
10736
24156

Progression in Calculations: Division

| Objective <br> and Strategies | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | I have 10 cubes, can you share them equally in 2 groups? | Children use pictures or shapes to share quantities. | Share 9 buns between three people. $9 \div 3=3$ |
|  | Divide quantities into equal groups. Use cubes, counters, objects or place value counters to aid understanding. <br>  $96 \div 3=32$ | Use a number line to show jumps in groups. The number of jumps equals the number of groups. <br> Move onto bar modelling. Think of the bar as a whole. Split it into the number of groups you are dividing by and work out how many would be within each group. $\begin{aligned} & 20 \div 5=? \\ & 5 \times ?=20 \end{aligned}$ | $28 \div 7=4$ <br> Divide 28 into 7 groups. How many are in each group? |


|  | Link division to multiplication by creating an array and thinking about the number sentences that can be created from it. <br> Eg $15 \div 3=5 \quad 5 \times 3=15$ $15 \div 5=3 \quad 3 \times 5=15$ | Draw an array and use lines to split the array into groups to make multiplication and division sentences. | Find the inverse of multiplication and division sentences by creating four linking number sentences. $\begin{aligned} & 7 \times 4=28 \\ & 4 \times 7=28 \\ & 28 \div 7=4 \\ & 28 \div 4=7 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $14 \div 3=$ <br> Divide objects between groups and see how much is left over | Jump forward in equal jumps on a number line then see how many more you need to jump to find a remainder. <br> Draw dots and group them to divide an amount and clearly show a remainder. <br> remainder 2 | Complete written divisions and show the remainder using $r$. |



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|  | How many groups of 12 thousands do we have? <br> (How many times does 12 go into 2?) <br> Exchange 2 thousand for 20 hundreds. <br> How many groups of 12 are in 25 hundreds? <br> (How many times does 12 go into 25 ?) <br> Circle those counters on the place value chart. We have grouped 24 hundreds so can take them off and we are left with one remainder. <br> Exchange the one hundred for ten tens so now we have 14 tens. <br> Circle those counters on the place value chart. <br> How many groups of 12 are in 14? <br> (How many times does 12 go into 14?) <br> Exchange the two tens for twenty ones so now we have 24 ones. <br> How many groups of 12 are in 24 ? <br> Circle those counters on the place value chart. <br> (How many times does 12 go into 24?) | counters and circle the groups on a whiteboard or in their books. <br> Use this method to explain what is happening and as soon as they have understood what move on to the abstract method as this can be a time consuming process. | $20 \begin{array}{rrrr} 0 & 3 & 1 & 8 \\ \hline 6 & 3 & 6 & 5 \\ -6 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 3 & 6 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 6 & 5 \\ 1 & 6 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |

