

Fluency, Reasoning and Problem Solving

The 2014 National Curriculum specifies that all children should be **fluent** in the fundamentals of mathematics, be able to **reason** mathematically and be able to **solve problems** by applying their knowledge. In mathematics lessons at Talbot, fluency, reasoning and problem solving are all developed alongside each other. This calculation policy focuses on developing children's fluency.

Fluency can be defined as the ability to recall and apply knowledge rapidly and accurately, which is underpinned by conceptual understanding. This is supported by the confident use of mental methods. Children at Talbot are taught a variety of mental methods, some supported by jottings, before moving on to learning the formal written methods.

When approaching a calculation question, children should:

- First ask themselves whether a mental method would be appropriate.
- Use estimation to judge whether their answers are reasonable.
- Check their answers using an appropriate strategy.

Quick Recall

It is extremely important that children memorise certain 'number facts' and can recall these without hesitation. This quick recall supports all other areas of mathematics, as it allows children to work flexibly when presented with unfamiliar problems and reduces cognitive load.

We strongly encourage the use of the NumBots and TTRockstars applications at home to help children memorise these facts in a fun and engaging way.

The number facts are taught in this order:

- Number bonds to 10
- Addition and subtraction facts within 10
- Number bonds to 20
- Addition and subtraction facts within 20
- Doubles and halves within 20
- 2, 5 and 10 times tables
- Know what must be added to any two-digit number to make 100
- 3, 4 and 8 times tables
- 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 times tables
- Prime numbers to 20
- Square numbers up to 12²
- Cube numbers up to 5³

Counting and Early Number

In the Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception) children are taught key number concepts that support later calculation.



When these principles are secure, children start to perform early calculations such as:

- Counting more than one set of objects
- Taking a number of objects out of a set
- Finding one more and one less than a given number
- Counting in twos







Key Vocabulary for Addition			
For combining two groups How much altogether? How many altogether? Total Sum	For counting on from a starting point Start at and count on Increase by Go up by		







Key Vocabulary for Subtraction					
For taking away from a group	For counting back from a starting point	For finding the difference Difference			
Take away	Start at and count back	How many more?			
How much left?	Reduce	How many fewer?			
How many left?	Decrease	How much bigger?			
How many are not?	Go down	How much smaller?			







Key Vocabulary for Multiplication			
For repeated addition	For Scaling		
Sets of	Scaling		
Lots of	Doubling		
Altogether	Trebling		
Per	So many times bigger/longer/heavier than		
Each	So many times as much as		
Product			







Key Vocabulary for Division				
For Sharing Shared equally between How much/many each?	For Grouping How many groups? How many sets?	For Ratio How many times greater/longer/heavier?		

National Curriculum Statements for Addition and Subtraction						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Children count reliably with numbers from 1 to 20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number. Using quantities and objects, they add and subtract two single- digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer.	Read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs. Represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20. Add and subtract one- digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including zero. Solve one-step problems that involve addition and subtraction, using concrete objects and pictorial representations, and missing number problems such as $7 = \Box - 9$.	Solve problems with addition and subtraction: - using concrete objects and pictorial representations, including those involving numbers, quantities and measures - applying their increasing knowledge of mental and written methods. Recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently, and derive and use related facts up to 100. Add and subtract numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations, and mentally, including: - a two-digit number and ones - a two-digit number and tens - two two-digit numbers. Show that addition of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and subtraction of one number from another cannot. Recognise and use the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction and use this to check calculations and solve missing number problems.	Add and subtract numbers mentally, including: - a three-digit number and ones - a three-digit number and tens - a three-digit number and hundreds. Add and subtract numbers with up to three digits, using formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction. Estimate the answer to a calculation and use inverse operations to check answers. Solve problems, including missing number problems, using number facts, place value, and more complex addition and subtraction.	Add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction where appropriate. Estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation Solve addition and subtraction two-step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why.	Add and subtract whole numbers with more than 4 digits, including using formal written methods (columnar addition and subtraction). Add and subtract numbers mentally with increasingly large numbers. Use rounding to check answers to calculations and determine, in the context of a problem, levels of accuracy. Solve addition and subtraction multi- step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why.	Perform mental calculations, including with mixed operations and large numbers. Use their knowledge of the order of operations to carry out calculations involving the four operations. Solve addition and subtraction multi- step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why. Solve problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Use estimation to check answers to calculations and determine, in the context of a problem, an appropriate degree of accuracy.

National Curriculum Statements for Multiplication and Division						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
They solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing.	Solve one-step problems involving multiplication and division, by calculating the answer using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays with the support of the teacher.	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers. Calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication (×), division (÷) and equals (=) signs. Show that multiplication of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and division of one number by another cannot. Solve problems involving multiplication and division, using materials, arrays, repeated addition, mental methods, and multiplication and division facts, including problems in contexts.	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables. Write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using the multiplication tables that they know, including for two-digit numbers times one- digit numbers, using mental and progressing to formal written methods. Solve problems, including missing number problems, involving multiplication and division, including positive integer scaling problems and correspondence problems in which n objects are connected to m objects.	Recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 × 12. Use place value, known and derived facts to multiply and divide mentally, including: multiplying by 0 and 1; dividing by 1; multiplying together three numbers. Recognise and use factor pairs and commutativity in mental calculations. Multiply two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using formal written layout. Solve problems involving multiplying and adding, including using the distributive law to multiply two digit numbers by one digit, integer scaling problems and harder correspondence problems such as n objects are connected to m objects.	Identify multiples and factors, including finding all factor pairs of a number, and common factors of two numbers. Know and use the vocabulary of prime numbers, prime factors and composite (non-prime) numbers. Establish whether a number up to 100 is prime and recall prime numbers up to 19. Multiply numbers up to 4 digits by a one- or two-digit number using a formal written method, including long multiplication for two-digit numbers. Multiply and divide numbers mentally drawing upon known facts. Divide numbers up to 4 digits by a one-digit number using the formal written method of short division and interpret remainders appropriately for the context. Multiply and divide whole numbers and those involving decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. Recognise and use square numbers and cube numbers, and the notation for squared (²) and cubed (³). Solve problems involving multiplication and division including using their knowledge of factors and multiples, squares and cubes. Solve problems involving addition, subtraction, multipleation and division and a combination of these, including understanding the meaning of the equals sign. Solve problems involving multiplication and division, including scaling by simple fractions and problems involving simple rates.	 Multiply multi-digit numbers up to 4 digits by a two-digit whole number using the formal written method of long multiplication. Divide numbers up to 4 digits by a two-digit whole number using the formal written method of long division, and interpret remainders as whole number remainders, fractions, or by rounding, as appropriate for the context. Divide numbers up to 4 digits by a two-digit number using the formal written method of short division where appropriate, interpreting remainders according to the context. Perform mental calculations, including with mixed operations and large numbers. Identify common factors, common multiples and prime numbers. Use their knowledge of the order of operations to carry out calculations involving the four operations. Solve problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Use estimation to check answers to calculations and determine, in the context of a problem, an appropriate degree of accuracy.