Merrylands Primary School \& Nursery Year 6 Maths Guide


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## How to use this guide

This is a guide for parents, carers and staff at Merrylands Primary School and Nursery. The purpose of this document is to allow everyone to see the different methods, models and images that are used to teach addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This will allow parents and carers to help their children at home and will also ensure consistency in teaching at school.

Maths at Merrylands uses the principles of 'Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract' (CPA). Children start off using 'Concrete' resources, such as blocks and counters, which they can move and manipulate to represent calculations. They then move on to the 'Pictorial' stage where they may use or draw pictures to represent calculations. Finally, they move on to the 'Abstract' stage where they use numbers and symbols to show calculations.

Concrete methods and equipment will be used at some point in all year groups - using practical resources instead of abstract methods does not necessarily mean that a child is working below age-related expectations. Children may also use a variety of different methods to solve reasoning problems; again, this does not necessarily mean that they are working below the level expected for their age.

This guide is divided into three sections. The first section shows you the different objectives and methods that your child will encounter at school. In this section, each calculation type has been colour coded.

Addition methods are orange
Subtraction methods are blue
Multiplication methods are green
Division methods are yellow
Each method shows you the concrete, pictorial and abstract ways to use each method. Different problems may require different methods - if your child finds a question difficult, see if they can use a different method to solve the problem.

In the second section, you will find the National Curriculum objectives and the 'Big Ideas' for each year group. The Big Ideas are the key concepts that children need to understand in order to progress successfully. The National Curriculum objectives are what children need to achieve to be working at age-related expectations at the end of each year.

In the third section, you will find the new mathematical vocabulary that your child will encounter this year; this will build on the new words introduced and used in previous years.

## Year 6 Methods and Objectives




| Objective and Strategies | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Column multiplication Year 6 multiply large numbers by 2 digit numbers | Children can continue to be supported by place value counters at the stage of multiplication. <br> 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. $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|l\|l\|l\|} \hline 59 & 59 & 59 & 59 & 59 \\ \hline 59 & \text { 54 } & \text { ² } \\ \hline \end{array}$ $\begin{aligned} & 8 \times 59 \\ & =8 \times 60-8 \\ & 8 \times 6=48 \\ & 8 \times 60=480 \\ & 480-8=472 \end{aligned}$ | Start with long multiplication, reminding the children about lining up their numbers clearly in columns. <br> If it helps, children can write out what they are solving next to their answer. <br> This moves to the more compact method. |



| Objective and Strategies | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
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| Long Division <br> Year 6 divide large numbers by 2 digit numbers <br> - interpret remainders as whole numbers, fractions or rounding where appropriate | $2544 \div 12$ <br> How many groups of 12 thousands do we have? None <br> Exchange 2 thousand for 20 hundreds. <br> How many groups of 12 are in 25 hundreds? 2 groups. Circle them. <br> We have grouped 24 hundreds so can take them off and we are left with one. <br> Exchange the one hundred for ten tens so now we have 14 tens. How many groups of 12 are in $14 \geqslant 1$ remainder 2. <br> Exchange the two tens for twenty ones so now we have 24 ones. How many groups of 12 are in 24? 2 | Children to represent the counters, pictorially and record the subtractions beneath. |  |

## Year 6 Curriculum Expectations and Big Ideas

## End of Year 6 Expectations

## Pupils should be taught to:

- read, write, order and compare numbers up to 10000000 and determine the value of each digit
- round any whole number to a required degree of accuracy
- use negative numbers in context, and calculate intervals across 0
- solve number and practical problems that involve all of the above
- solve addition and subtraction multi-step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why
- use estimation to check answers to calculations and determine, in the context of a problem, an appropriate degree of accuracy
- multiply multi-digit numbers up to four digits by a 2-digit whole number using the formal written method of long multiplication
- divide numbers up to four digits by a 2 -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 four digits by a 2 -digit number using the formal written method of short division where appropriate, interpreting remainders according to the context
- use their knowledge of the order of operations to carry out calculations involving the four operations
- solve problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- multiply I-digit numbers with up to two decimal places by whole numbers


## Big Ideas

- For whole numbers, the more digits a number has, the larger it must be: any 4 -digit whole number is larger than any 3 -digit whole number. But this is not true of decimal numbers: having more digits does not make a decimal number necessarily bigger. For example, 0.5 is larger than 0.35 .
- Ordering decimal numbers uses the same process as for whole numbers ie we look at the digits in matching places in the numbers, starting from the place with the highest value ie from the left. The number with the higher different digit is the higher number. For example, 256 is greater than 247 because 256 has 5 tens but 247 has only 4 tens. Similarly 10843 is smaller than 1.524 because 1.0843 has 0 tenths but 1.524 has 5 tenths.
- Deciding which calculation method to use is supported by being able to take apart and combine numbers in many ways. For example, calculating $8.78+5.26$ might involve calculating $8.75+$ $5 \cdot 25$ and then adjusting the answer.
- The associative rule helps when adding three or more numbers: $367+275+525$ is probably best thought of as $367+(275+525)$ rather than $(367+275)+525$.
- Standard written algorithms use the conceptual structures of the mathematics to produce efficient methods of calculation.
- Standard written multiplication method involves a number of partial products. For example, $36 \times 24$ is made up of four partial products $30 \times 20,30 \times 4,6 \times 20,6 \times 4$.
- There are connections between factors, multiples and prime numbers and between fractions, division and ratios.

New Vocabulary for Year 6

| Number and place value | Addition and subtraction | Multiplication and division | Fractions, decimals and percentages | Algebra |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Numbers to ten million | Order of operations | Order of operations <br> Common factors, common multiples | Degree of accuracy <br> Simplify | Linear number sequence <br> Substitute <br> Variables <br> Symbol <br> Known values |

