## St Joseph's



## Power Maths Calculation Policy: EYFS

The following pages show the Power Maths progression in calculation (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). The consistent use of the CPA (concrete, pictorial, abstract) approach across Power Maths helps children develop mastery across all the operations in an efficient and reliable way. In Reception, children focus on concrete and pictorial representations. At this stage, children focus on representing objects in different ways e.g. understanding that 5 cars can also be represented as 5 counters, 5 cubes, 5 pictures of cars, etc.

In Reception, children are encouraged to record their findings in their own way. This may include writing number sentences e.g. $3+4=7$, however this is not a requirement until Year 1.

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## Power Maths calculation policy Reception

Children develop the core ideas that underpin all calculation. They begin by connecting calculation with counting on and counting back, but they should learn that understanding wholes and parts will enable them to calculate efficiently and accurately, and with greater flexibility. Children record their calculations in their own ways, there is no expectation of number sentences at this stage, however children may choose this way to record their thinking. Key language: count, forwards, backwards, whole, part, recombine, break apart, ones, ten, tens, number bond, add, adding together, addition, plus, total, altogether, first, then, now, subtract, subtraction, find the difference, take away, minus, left, less, more, fewer, group, share, equal, equals, is equal to, groups, equal groups, divide, share, shared equally

## Addition:

Children start to explore addition by sorting groups. They then use sorting to develop their understanding of parts and wholes.

Children combine groups to find the whole, using a part-whole model to support their thinking. They also use the part-whole model to find number bonds within and to 10 .

Using a five frame and ten frame, children add by counting on. They start by finding one more before adding larger numbers using counters or cubes on the frames.

Children use a number track to add by counting on. Linking this learning to playing board games is an effective way to support children's addition.

## Subtraction:

Children start to explore subtraction by sorting groups. They use sorting to develop their understanding of parts and wholes.

When comparing groups, children use the language more than and fewer than. This will lead to finding the difference when they move into KS1.

Children then connect subtraction with the idea of counting back and finding one less using a five frame to support their thinking.

They explore subtraction by breaking apart a whole to find a missing part. This links to their developing recall of number bonds.

Children count back within 20 using number tracks and ten frames to see the effect of taking away.

## Multiplication and Division:

Children first start to look at the idea of equal groups through their exploration of doubles. They use five frames and objects to check that groups are equal.

Children then explore halving numbers by making two equal groups. They highlight patterns between doubling and halving seeing that double 2 is 4 and half of 4 is 2 .

As well as halving, children also explore sharing into more than two equal groups. They share objects one by one, ensuring that each group has an equal share.

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## Combining groups to find the whole

Children sort people and objects into parts and combine them to find the whole.


The parts are 3 and 4. The whole is 7.

## Finding number bonds to 10

Children combine two groups to find a number bond to 10 .

## Combining groups to find the whole

Children use counters or cubes in a part-whole model to find the whole.


The parts are 3 and 4. The whole is 7.

## Finding number bonds to 10

Use ten frames and part-whole models to represent key number bonds.


There are 8 bottles on the wall. There are 2 bottles on the floor. There are 10 bottles altogether.


8 and 2 is 10
There are 10 altogether.


6 and 4 is 10 .
There are 10 altogether.

## Adding by counting on (number track)

Children jump along a physical number track. They start at the larger number and count on the smaller number to find the total.

## Adding by counting on (number track)

Children use a number track and a counter. They start at the larger number and count on the smaller number to find the total.


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Subtraction

## Comparing groups

Children line up objects to compare the amount. They line the objects up either horizontally or vertically.

## Comparing groups

Children line up cubes or counters to compare the amount in each group. Lines can either be horizontal or vertical. A starting line helps to line the objects accurately.


There are more yellow cubes.
There are fewer red cubes.


Ella has more conkers.
Tom has fewer conkers.

## Counting back and taking away (within 5)

Children remove one more person or object from a group to find one less.

## Counting back and taking away (within 5)

Children use five frames and objects to make a number. They then remove or cross out one object to find one less.



First, there were 3 children
Then, 1 child left.
Now, there are 2 children.


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(2hildren count backwards to find one less with numbers up to 20.

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|  | Half of 8 is 4. |  |
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|  |  | Half of 6 is 3. |


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