

The Fen Rivers Academy Calculation & Vocabulary Policy 2023

The Fen Rivers Academy allows students to build up previous learning by being taught the most appropriate and efficient method for calculations.

This calculation policy focusses on the use of the CPA (concrete, pictorial, abstract) approach. Concrete is the 'doing' stage where manipulatives should be used. Pictorial is the 'seeing' stage where drawings and representations are used. Abstract is the 'symbolic' stage where the use of mathematical numbers, symbols expressions and equations are used. CPA is for any age and any ability and is a method used to deepen and clarify mathematical thinking.

Students must be encouraged to use the correct mathematical language, and this will be promoted through the modelling from *all adults*.

Students will build on their fluency, reasoning, and problem-solving skills throughout their mathematics lessons.

Addition		
Add, total, sum, altogether, more, more than, plan, increase, double, inverse, groups of, BODMAS,		
how many more?		
Subtraction		
Subtract, take away, difference, leave, minus, decrease, halve, half, inverse, fewer than, less than,		
BODMAS, how many left?		
Multiplication		
Groups of, multiply, multiple, factor, product, repeated addition, array, row, inverse, squared		
numbers, cubed numbers, prime numbers, BODMAS, repeated addition, grouping.		
Division		
Divide, division, factor, halve, share, group, divisible by, remainder, left over, quotient, inverse,		
chunking, BODMAS.		

Examples of mathematics pedagogical questions / statements				
What do you notice?	Can you explain?			
What is the same/different?	Can you justify your thinking?			
Can you spot a pattern?	What have you found out?			
If you know what else do you know?	Can you prove it?			
Is it always true, sometimes true, or never	What mathematics do you think you will use?			
true?	What if changes?			
Give me a POG example (Peculiar, obvious,	Is this a special case?			
general)	Do you agree?			
Convince me/convince someone else	Can we improve on the answer?			
Can you suggest a conjecture?	Can you describe the problem to someone			
How do you know?	else?			
What can't the answer be?	Is it always true that?			
What happens if?	Can you find all the possibilities?			
How many different ways are there?				



Fluency	Reasoning	Problem Solving	
Count accurately	Offer conjectures	Show they can work systematically	
Use a variety of counting	Describe and explain their		
strategies	thinking	Check the answer using a different strategy	
Choose a variety of	Convince someone of their		
manipulatives to support understanding	answer	Offer more than one solution	
Calculate effectively	Justify with some logical arguments	Notice, create, extend pattern	
		Record their thinking in a	
Recognise and use arithmetic laws to help calculations (inverse, commutative etc.)	Prove whether they're right or wrong	variety of ways including using manipulatives	
	Specialise to test a particular	Demonstrate resilience and	
Demonstrate that they understand the importance of	example to see what happens	perseverance in keeping going	
equivalence	Offer generalisations even if	Work backwards	
	they are incorrect		
Recognise number structure	Offer reasons for their thinking	Find all the possibilities	
(prime, odd, even etc.)		Solve a variety of problems in	
Recognise mathematical symbols	Notice connections	different contextss (real life, fictitious, diagrams, words)	
	Use a high level of		
Use place value effectively	mathematical vocabulary	Use the bar model to understand the problem	
Choose when to calculate	Use both additive and		
mentally or use written strategies	multiplicative reasoning	Use the language of part and whole, and known and	
Nuclear and a second state	Decide if situations are always,	unknown	
Notice number within	sometimes, or never true	Use information given to work	
partitioning)	Interpolate an extrapolate	out information not given	
Subitise		Classify different types of	
	Offer counter examples	problems	
Use rounding and adjusting			
Use doubling and halving.	Ask "what happens if?"	Critique and improve their own work and that of their	
	Notice and characterised the problem	peers	



Addition: *finding the total by combining two or more numbers/amounts.*



Subtraction: taking away or finding the difference.



Multiplication: repeated addition or scaling.





Division: grouping or sharing.

	Grouping (CPA)	Number Lines (pictorial)	Arrays (concrete & pictorial)
Working Methods	75 - 6 = 12r3 $6 60 12$ $6 60 72$ $10 15$ $10 15$ $10 15$	$20 \div 4 = 5$	32-4=8 1234 + 4812 + 812 +
	(concrete)	(pictorial)	(abstract)
CPA approach	<complex-block></complex-block>	(pictorial) 437 + 23 $437 + 23$ $37 + 23$ $437 + 23$	29 + 8 = 3 REMAINDER 5 ↑ ↑ ↑ dividend dividend Written calculations and worded problems. Missing box questions.

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Fractions	1 - Numerator	<u>8</u> * <u>12</u>	$\frac{2}{5} = \frac{4}{5}$	135
	4 Denominator	Improper Fraction (Numerator > Denominator)	Proper Fraction (Numerator < Denominator)	Mixed Fraction (Whole number + Proper Fraction)

