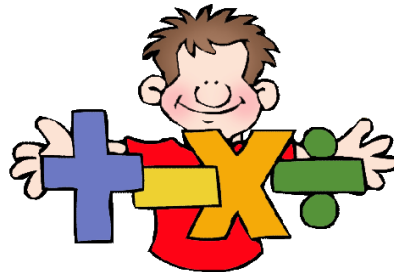


**Progression**  
**in**  
**Mental Calculation Skills**



# PROGRESSION IN MENTAL CALCULATION SKILLS

<u>Curriculum Objectives</u>	<u>Mental calculation skills</u>	<u>Mental methods or strategies</u>
<b>Working mentally – with jottings if needed – children should be able to do the following:</b>		
<b>YEAR 1</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20</li> <li>add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including zero</li> <li>addition doubles for all numbers to 10 <b>(NB key skill but not explicit in the curriculum)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>add or subtract a pair of single digit numbers, e.g. <math>3 + 8</math>, <math>8 - 3</math></li> <li>add or subtract a single digit number to or from a teens number, e.g. <math>13 + 5</math>, <math>17 - 4</math></li> <li>add or subtract a single digit number to or from 10 and add a multiple of 10 to a single digit number, e.g. <math>10 + 7</math>, <math>7 + 30</math></li> <li>add near doubles, e.g. <math>6 + 7</math></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>reorder numbers when adding, e.g. put the larger number first</li> <li>count on or back in ones, twos and tens</li> <li><b>partition</b> to help add and subtract a single digit to or from a teens number, e.g. <math>8 + 3 = 8 + 2 + 1</math> and <math>17 - 4 = 17 - 2 - 2</math></li> <li><b>partition</b> and combine tens and ones, e.g. <math>10 + 7 = 17</math></li> <li><b>partition</b> to add near doubles: double and adjust, e.g. <math>6 + 7 = 6 + 6 + 1</math></li> </ul>
<b>YEAR 2</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently and derive and use related facts up to 100</li> <li>addition doubles for all numbers to 20 and multiples of 10 to 50</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>add or subtract 2 or more single digit numbers, e.g. <math>3 + \_\_ + 2 = 9</math>, <math>6 + 7 + 4</math> or <math>9 + 6 - \_\_ = 11</math></li> <li>add and subtract any single-digit number to or from a multiple of 10, eg <math>60 + 5</math>, <math>\_\_\_\_ = 80 - 7</math></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>reorder numbers, e.g. use knowledge of pairs making 10 and 20</li> <li><b>partition</b> and combine multiples of tens and ones</li> </ul>

- add and subtract numbers mentally, including:
  - a two-digit number and ones
  - a two-digit number and tens
  - two two-digit numbers
  - adding three one-digit numbers
- to know addition doubles for all numbers to 20 and find half of even numbers up to 40. **(NB key skills but not explicit in the curriculum)**

- add or subtract a single digit number to or from a 2-digit number, including crossing the tens boundary, e.g.  $34 + 5$ ,  $57 - 4$ , then  $\underline{\quad} = 28 + 5$ ,  $52 - 7$
- finding a small difference between a pair of 2-digit numbers lying either side of a multiple of 10, e.g.  $23 - 18$  or  $64 - 58$
- add or subtract a multiple of 10 to or from any 2-digit number, e.g.  $27 + 60$ ,  $72 - 50$
- add or subtract 9, 19, 29, ... or add or subtract 11, 21, 31
- add near doubles, e.g.  $13 + 14$ ,  $39 + 40$

- **partition** - bridge through 10 and multiples of 10 when adding and subtracting, e.g.  $28 + 5 = 28 + 2 + 3 = 33$
  - **partition** - count up from the smallest number to find a difference bridging through multiples of 10, e.g.  $23 - 18$ ,  $18 + \underline{\quad} = 23$ ,  $18 + \underline{2 + 3} = 23$ ,  $18 + \underline{5} = 23$
  - **partition and recombine** - count on or back in tens to find the total or to find the difference, e.g.  $60 + 27 = 60 + 20 + 7 = 80 + 7 = 87$
  - **partition** (compensating) – add a multiple of 10 and adjust by 1, e.g.  $56 + 9 = 56 + 10 - 1 = 65$  or  $87 - 9 = 87 - 10 + 1 = 78$
- partition** to add near doubles: double and adjust, e.g.  $39 + 40 = 40 + 40 - 1 = 79$

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<b>YEAR 3</b>		
<u>Curriculum Objectives</u>	<u>Mental calculation skills</u>	<u>Mental methods or strategies</u>
	<b>Working mentally – with jottings if needed – children should be able to do the following:</b>	<b>Children should be able to apply the following strategies/methods appropriately:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• add and subtract numbers mentally, including: a three-digit number and ones, tens and hundreds</li> <li>• double any number up to 100 and halve even numbers up to 100 <b>(NB key skills but not explicit in the curriculum)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• add or subtract a 2-digit number to or from a multiple of 10, including crossing the hundreds boundary, e.g. <math>70 + 38</math>, <math>110 - 27</math></li> <li>• add or subtract multiples of 10 crossing the hundreds boundary, e.g. <math>50 + 80</math>, <math>120 - 90</math></li> <li>• add or subtract 2-digit numbers e.g. <math>34 + 65</math>, <math>68 - 35</math></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>partition</b> - count on or back in tens to find the total or difference as well as knowledge of number bonds to 10, e.g. <math>110 - 27 = 110 - 20 - 7 = 90 - 7 = 83</math></li> <li>• <b>partition</b> – bridging through a 100 and multiples of 100 when adding and subtracting, e.g. <math>50 + 80 = 50 + 50 + 30 = 80 + 20 + 30 = 100 + 30 = 130</math></li> <li>• subtract by counting up from the smaller to the larger number when the numbers are close together, e.g. for <math>120 - 90</math> <math>90 + \underline{\quad} = 120</math>, <math>90 + \underline{10 + 20} = 120</math>, <math>90 + \underline{30} = 120</math></li> <li>• <b>partition</b> – add tens and ones separately then recombine.</li> <li>• Sequencing (<b>partitioning</b> only one number) – e.g. <math>55 + 42 = 55 + 40 + 2 = 97</math> or for <math>54 - 27 = 54 - 20 - 7 = 27</math></li> <li>• identify pairs totalling ten and add multiples of 10</li> </ul>

- find number pairs to total 100  
e.g.  $33 + \underline{\quad} = 100$ ,  $100 - \underline{\quad} = 27$
- add or subtract a 3-digit number to a 1-digit number, e.g.  $325 + 6$ ,  $453 - 7$
- finding a small difference between a pair of 2-digit numbers lying either side of a multiple of 100, e.g.  $605 - 596$
- double any multiples of 10 to 100, e.g.  $90 + 90$ ,  $70 + 70$
- add near doubles, e.g.  $60 + 70$ ,  $18 + 16$
- add or subtract fractions with the same denominator within one whole (e.g.  $\frac{5}{7} + \frac{1}{7} = \frac{6}{7}$ )

- **partition** - bridge through multiples of 10 when adding and subtracting, e.g.  $325 + 6 = 325 + 5 + 1 = 331$ ,  $453 - 7 = 453 - 3 - 4 = 450 - 4 = 446$
- **partition** - count up from the smallest number to find a difference, e.g.  $605 - 596$ ,  $596 + \underline{\quad} = 605$ ,  $596 + \underline{4} + \underline{5} = 605$ ,  $596 + \underline{9} = 605$
- use knowledge of place value and related facts, e.g. use  $9 + 9 = 18$  to work out  $90 + 90$
- **partition** to add near doubles: double and adjust, e.g.  $18 + 16 = 17 + 17 = 20 + 14$
- **partition** – count on and back in fractions with different denominators

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<b>YEAR 4</b>		
<u>Curriculum Objectives</u>	<u>Mental calculation skills</u>	<u>Mental methods or strategies</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• continue to practise...<b>mental methods</b>...with increasingly large numbers to aid fluency.</li> <li>• double any number up to 100 and halve even numbers up to 100 <b>(NB key skills but not explicit in the curriculum)</b></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Working mentally – with jottings if needed – children should be able to do the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• add or subtract any pair of 2-digit numbers, including crossing the tens and hundreds boundary, e.g. <math>47 + 58</math>, <math>91 - 35</math></li> <li>• add or subtract a near multiple of 10, e.g. <math>56 + 29</math>, <math>86 - 38</math></li> <li>• finding a small difference between a pair of 2-digit numbers lying either side of a multiple of 1000, e.g. <math>7003 - 6988</math></li> <li>• add any 2 numbers together to total a multiple of 100, e.g. <math>521 + \_\_ = 600</math> or <math>278 + \_\_ = 300</math></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Children should be able to apply the following strategies/methods appropriately:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>partition</b> – add tens and ones separately then recombine.</li> <li>• Sequencing (<b>partitioning</b> only one number) – e.g. <math>47 + 58 = 58 + 40 + 7 = 98 + 7 = 98 + 2 + 5 = 100 + 5 = 105</math> or <math>91 - 35 = 91 - 30 - 5 = 61 - 5 = 61 - 1 - 4 = 60 - 4 = 56</math></li> <li>• <b>partition</b> – round to add or subtract a multiple of 10 and adjust, e.g. <math>56 + 29 = 56 + 30 - 1 = 85</math> or <math>86 - 38 = 86 - 40 + 2 = 48</math></li> <li>• <b>partition</b> - count up from the smallest number to find a difference, e.g. <math>7003 - 6988</math>, <math>6988 + \_\_ = 7003</math>, <math>6988 + \underline{2 + 10 + 3} = 7003</math>, <math>6988 + \underline{15} = 7003</math></li> <li>• use knowledge of number bonds to 10 and 100</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• add or subtract 2-digit or 3-digit multiples of 10, e.g. <math>120 - 40</math>, <math>140 + 150</math>, <math>370 - 180</math></li><li>• double and halve 3 digit multiples of 10, e.g. double 790, halve 560</li><li>• add near doubles or 2-digit numbers, e.g. <math>38 + 37</math></li> <li>• add and subtract fractions with the same denominator</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• use knowledge of place value and related calculations, e.g. work out <math>140 + 150 = 290</math> using <math>14 + 15 = 29</math></li> <li>• <b>partition</b> – add or subtract then recombine</li><li>• use knowledge of place value and related calculations, e.g. work out double 790 from double 79</li><li>• <b>partition</b> to add near doubles: double and adjust, e.g. <math>38 + 37 = 38 + 38 = 76 - 1 = 75</math></li> <li>• <b>partition</b> – count on and back in fractions with different denominators</li></ul>
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<b>YEAR 5</b>		
<u>Curriculum Objectives</u>	<u>Mental calculation skills</u>	<u>Mental methods or strategies</u>
	<b>Working mentally – with jottings if needed – children should be able to do the following:</b>	<b>Children should be able to apply the following strategies/methods appropriately:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• add and subtract numbers <b>mentally</b> with increasingly large numbers.</li> <li>• halve any number up to 100 (<b>NB key skills but not explicit on the curriculum</b>)</li> <li>• double and halve decimal numbers to 1 dp (<b>NB key skills but not explicit in the curriculum</b>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• add or subtract a near multiple of 10 or 100 to any 2-digit or 3-digit number, e.g. <math>235 + 198</math></li> <li>• finding a small difference between a pair of 2-digit numbers lying either side of a multiple of 1000, e.g. <math>7003 - 6899</math></li> <li>• add any 2 numbers together to total a multiple of 1000, e.g. <math>4087 + \underline{\quad} = 5000</math></li> <li>• add or subtract any pairs of decimals with ones and tenths, e.g. <math>5.7 + 2.5</math>, <math>6.3 - 4.8</math></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>partition</b> (compensating) – add a multiple of 100 and adjust, e.g. <math>235 + 198 = 235 + 200 - 2 = 435 - 2 = 433</math></li> <li>• <b>partition</b> - count up from the smallest number to find a difference, e.g. <math>7003 - 6899</math>, <math>6899 + \underline{\quad} = 7003</math>, <math>6899 + \underline{1} + \underline{100} + \underline{3} = 7003</math>, <math>6899 + \underline{104} = 7003</math></li> <li>• use knowledge of number bonds to 10, 100 and 1000</li> <li>• use knowledge of place value and related calculations, e.g. <math>6.3 - 4.8</math> using <math>63 - 48</math></li> <li>• partition - add ones and tenths then recombine</li> <li>• Sequencing (<b>partitioning</b> only one number) – e.g. <math>5.7 + 2.5 = 5.7 + 2 + 0.5 = 7.7 + 0.3 + 0.2 = 8 + 0.2 = 8.2</math></li> </ul>



- add and subtract fractions with the same denominator and multiples of the same number, e.g.  $\frac{4}{6} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{3} = 1\frac{1}{3}$
- decimal bonds to 1, e.g.  $0.83 + 0.17$

- **partition** – count on and back in fractions with different denominators, linking to decimal and percentage equivalents



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<b>YEAR 6</b>		
<b><u>Curriculum Objectives</u></b>	<b><u>Mental calculation skills</u></b>	<b><u>Mental methods or strategies</u></b>
	Working mentally – with jottings if needed – children should be able to do the following:	Children should be able to apply the following strategies/methods appropriately:

- To perform **mental calculations**, including with mixed operations and large numbers.
- double and halve any three digit number, including decimals (**NB key skills but not explicit in the curriculum**)

- add or subtract pairs of decimals with ones, tenths or hundredths, e.g.  $0.7 + 3.38$  or  $0.68 + 0.43$
- to add or subtract a decimal with ones and tenths, which is nearly a whole number, e.g.  $4.3 + 2.9$ ,  $6.5 - 3.8$
- to find doubles of decimals each with ones and tenths, e.g.  $2.6 + 2.6$
- to add near doubles of decimals, e.g.  $3.7 + 3.6$
- add and subtract fractions with different denominators and mixed numbers, e.g.  $\frac{3}{4} - \frac{2}{16} = \frac{5}{8}$

- count on or back in tenths, hundredths and thousandths
- use knowledge of place value and related calculations, e.g.  $680 + 430$ ,  $6.8 + 4.3$ ,  $0.68 + 0.43$  can all be worked out using the related calculation  $68 + 43$
- Sequencing (**partitioning** only one number) – e.g.  $5.74 + 2.66 = 5.74 + 2 + 0.66 = 7.74 + 0.66 = 7.74 + 0.26 + 0.4 = 8 + 0.4 = 8.4$
- **partition** (compensating) – add or subtract a whole number and adjust, e.g.  $4.3 + 2.9 = 4.3 + 3 - 0.1 = 7.2$ ,  $6.5 - 3.8 = 6.5 - 4 + 0.2 = 2.7$
- **partition** - add ones and tenths then recombine
- **partition** to add near doubles: double and adjust, e.g.  $3.7 + 3.6 = 3.6 + 3.6 = 7.2 + 0.1 = 7.3$
- find a common denominator to help add and subtract fractions  
**partition** – count on and back in fractions with different denominators, linking to decimal and percentage equivalents

