

Mathematics Policy

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Intent

At The Baird, we have high expectations for all of our pupils and believe that all pupils can achieve highly and become confident and skilled mathematicians. We do not believe that there are individuals who can do mathematics and those who just cannot do mathematics. For this reason, we adopt particular strategies to support all pupils to achieve highly. All teachers adopt a growth mindset and challenge the view that some pupils cannot succeed in mathematics. We strive for all pupils to be curious about mathematics and to understand the importance of mathematics in their everyday lives.

Since the introduction of the new Mathematics Curriculum in 2014, we have adopted a Mastery Approach to Maths.

Mastery is the ultimate aim of all learning in mathematics. A mathematical concept or skill has been mastered when, through exploration, clarification, practice and application over time, a person can represent it in multiple ways, has the mathematical language to be able to communicate related ideas, and can think mathematically with the concept so that they can independently apply it to a totally new problem in an unfamiliar situation.

In line with the aims of the National Curriculum for mathematics, at The Baird, we aim to ensure that our pupils gain:

- Deep and sustainable learning in mathematics which they are able to apply to a range of contexts
- An ability to build on prior knowledge
- An ability to reason about a concept and make connections
- Sound procedural and conceptual understanding
- Fluency with number and the ability to apply this to a range of contexts
- An ability to solve complex problems by breaking them down into smaller steps and showing resilience

Implementation

At The Baird, we follow a mastery approach to the curriculum, using the White Rose Maths Hub curriculum. Typically, you will see the following features to mathematics learning:

- The large majority of pupils will progress through the curriculum content at the same pace. Differentiation is achieved by emphasising deep knowledge and through individual support and intervention. The questioning and scaffolding individual pupils receive in class as they work through problems will differ and pupils who grasp concepts rapidly are challenged through more demanding problems which deepen their knowledge further.
- Practise and consolidation play a central role to mathematics learning. Carefully designed variation within this builds fluency and understanding of underlying mathematical concepts in tandem.
- Teachers use precise questioning in class to challenge pupil's conceptual and procedural knowledge as well as their problem solving and reasoning skills. This ensures early identification of pupils who may not make the expected progress without additional intervention.

- Teachers use the CPA approach (concrete, pictorial, abstract) to ensure that concepts are modelled to pupils using multiple representations. This ensures that procedural and conceptual understanding are developed simultaneously.
- Pupils are taught in mixed ability groups as we believe that all pupils can attain highly in mathematics and every pupil will have different strengths and development areas. Therefore, groupings within classes are flexible, based on good assessment for learning, and pupils will work in different groups dependent on their need.

Curriculum – EYFS

Mathematics within the EYFS is developed through purposeful, play-based experiences and will be represented throughout the indoor and outdoor provision. In Reception, the learning will follow the Mastering Number programme for Number and the White Rose Maths Hub curriculum for Shape, Space and Measures in order to meet the requirements of the Early Years Framework.

As the pupils progress through, more focus is placed on representing their mathematical knowledge through more formal experiences. Pupils will be encouraged to record their mathematical thinking when ready and this will increase throughout the year.

Curriculum – Year 1 to 6

We follow the White Rose Maths Hub curriculum, which is spiral in approach with pupils revisiting previously learnt topics. Pupils spend far longer on key mathematical concepts in number. From Year 1 to Year 6, we follow a structured curriculum map however, this is flexible to the needs of the pupils and therefore if most pupils have not grasped a concept thoroughly, there is flexibility to adapt the curriculum map and revisit concepts.

Those pupils who grasp concepts more rapidly are given opportunities to deepen their knowledge further and improve their reasoning skills, through rich problems, rather than accelerating on to new curriculum content. Pupils are challenged through sophisticated problem-solving tasks that encourage them to apply the concept to gain depth of understanding.

Lesson Design

Teachers follow a simple lesson structure (see Appendix 1). They will briefly recap prior learning before then building on this prior learning by introducing the next step to the pupils. Teachers use concrete apparatus and visual representations at every opportunity to reinforce the concept and ensure deep and meaningful understanding. Pupils have the opportunity to practise the new skills using carefully crafted and varied questioning and talk will be used regularly to allow the pupils the opportunity to demonstrate their reasoning skills.

Thorough Assessment for Learning will be used to target pupils who have not grasped the concept.

During independent learning the pupils should, as far as possible, practise the skills that they have acquired independently to avoid an over-reliance on adults, however throughout this time, additional staff should work with different pupils to support and assess learning.

Differentiation

Differentiation will be seen by pupils working on differing complexities of problems within the same objective, called 'Intelligent Practice'. 'Rapid graspers' will have challenging problems, involving reasoning, to solve to ensure that they continue to make progress and to deepen their understanding of the concept. There will be some pupils who are using practical equipment for longer in order to support learning. While our aim is that the gap between mathematical attainment in our classes is closed, we accept that in some Key Stage 2 classes there is already a large gap in the attainment of groups of pupils. There will therefore be a need to give some pupils in these year groups separate mathematical activities.

Interventions

Using formative assessment gathered through the practise tasks, teacher questioning and other formative assessment methods, any pupils who have not grasped the concept or who have misconceptions should have a rapid intervention to ensure that they are ready for the next step of learning. Where possible, this will occur on the same day (or already as part of the maths lesson) to ensure that gaps are rapidly plugged, ready for the next steps.

Resources

Within all lessons, teachers utilise practical resources to ensure that concepts are represented to the pupils, in multiple ways, to gain depth of understanding. Resources should also include relevant vocabulary (with Communication in Print) on display on Maths working walls to support children's talk about the concepts.

Recording

We place an emphasis on presentation. Pupil's number formation should be focused on and misconceptions addressed in marking. Whilst presentation is always important, we recognise the value of pictorial representations and pupil's workings in maths.

The contribution of mathematics to other curriculum areas

Generally, mathematics will be taught discretely to ensure that links are not tenuous, however where there is a clear link to another subject e.g. data handling within science, mathematics skills should be applied to this subject and used to evidence the pupils' depth of understanding.

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Assessment and Reporting

Teachers will use targeted questions and problems that require pupils to remember, understand, apply, analyse and evaluate their knowledge and skills. These assessments are used to inform the Target Tracker statements to assess the pupils on an ongoing basis and a judgement about whether a pupil is on track to achieve age-related expectations will be made at the end of the term by making a 'step' judgement. This information will all be recorded in Target Tracker and discussed at termly Pupil Progress Meetings.

We also use termly formal written assessments to support our teachers in comparing their pupils to national averages.

Policy Status and Review

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Appendix 1 – Model Maths Lesson Structure



Appendix 2 – Written calculation progression document



Progression in Written Calculations: ADDITION





Progression in Written Calculations: SUBTRACTION





Progression in Calculations: MULTIPLICATION





Progression in Written Calculations: DIVISION







Appendix 3 – Mental calculation progression document

Progression in Mental Calculations: ADDITION and SUBTRACTION

Counting Forwards and Backwards	Partitioning	Compensating and Adjusting	Near Doubles
	Numbers can be partitioned- both along the place value boundaries (canonically) and in other ways (non- canonically).	Compensation involves adding more than you need and then subtracting the extra off that you have added.	When children have an automatic recall of basic double facts, they can use this information when adding two numbers that are very close to each other.
Counting both forwards and backwards beginning at one, and counting on in ones.	Break up large numbers into smaller ones e.g. 6 = 5 + 1 How many ways can you split 6?		
Counting on and back is extended by beginning at different numbers and counting forwards and backwards in steps, not only of ones, but also of twos	Calculations with whole numbers which do not involve crossing place value boundaries- e.g. 23 + 45=? by 40 + 5 +20 + 3 or 40 + 23 + 5		Near doubles to numbers under 20 e.g. 18 + 16 is double 18 and subtract 2 or double 16 and add 2.
Counting on or back in tens from any number– e.g. working out 27 + 60=2 by counting on in tens from 27	Calculations with whole numbers which involves crossing place value boundaries e.g. 49 – 32=? by 49 – 9 – 23 or 57 + 34=? by 57 + 3 + 31	Compensating and adjusting to 10– e.g. 34 + 9=? by 34 + 10 – 1 or 34 – 11= ? by 34 – 100 – 1 = ?	Near doubles to multiples of 10 e.g. 60 + 70 is double 60 and add 10 or double 70 and subtract 10 or 75 + 76 is double 76 and subtract 1 or double 75 and add 1.
Counting on or back in fives from any multiple of 5– e.g. 35+15=? by counting on in steps of 5 from 35.	Calculations with decimal numbers which do not involve crossing place value boundaries 5.6 + 3.7= ? by 5.6 + 3 +0.7 or 540 + 380= ? by 540 + 300 + 80 or 540 + 360 + 20	Compensating and adjusting multiples of 10 e.g. 38 + 68= ? by 38 + 70 – 2 or 45 – 29 = 45 – 30 + 1	
Counting on or back in hundreds from any number e.g. 570 + 300= ? by counting on in hundreds from 570.	Calculations with decimal numbers which involve crossing place value boundaries e.g. 1.4 + 1.7=? by 1.4 + 0.6 + 1.1 and 0.8 + 0.35=? by 0.8 + 0.2 + 0.15	Compensating and adjusting multiples of 10 or 100 e.g. 138 + 69= ? by 138 + 70 - 1 or 299 - 48 = 300 - 48 - 1	Decimal near doubles to whole numbers e.g. 2.5 + 2.6 is double 2.5 add 0.1 or double 2.6 subtract 0.1.
Counting on or back in tenths and/or hundredths- e.g. $3.2 + 0.6 = ?$ by counting on in tenths. $1.7 + 0.55=?$ by counting on in tenths and hundredths.		Compensating and adjusting multiples with decimals e.g 2 ½ + 1 ¾ by 2½ + 2 - ¼ or 5.7 + 3.9 by 5.7 + 4.0 - 0.1	

Progression in Mental Calculations: MULTIPLICATION and DIVISION, and FDP

Multiplication and Division	Multiplication and Division	Fractions, Decimals and Percentages]
Place Value	Doubling and Halving	Children should be able to develop their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages and how they are related to division. They should therefore be able to use their rapid recall multiplication and division facts to calculate some questions involving fractions, decimals and percentages mentally.	
	Find the doubles and halves of any two-digit number (Y3)		
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Multiply a 2-digit number by a single digit by partitioning– e.g. 26 x 3 = 20 x 3 + 6 x 3 (Y3/4)	Multiply and divide by 4 by doubling/halving twice and 8 by doubling/halving again. – e.g. 34 x 4 = 34 x 2 x 2. (Y4/5)	Mentally find fractions of numbers in the 2,3,4,5 and 10 times table using known multiplication and division facts– e.g. 3/5 of 45 by 45 ÷ 5 x 3. (Y3/4)	~
	Find the doubles and halves of any number up to 10,000 by partitioning – e.g. half of 32,202 by halving 3,000, 2000, 200 and 2. (Y5/6)	Recall percentage equivalents to ½, 1/3, ½, ½, 1/10 and 1/100 – e.g. ¼ = 25% (Y5)	
Multiply a decimal number with up to 2 decimal places by a single digit by partitioning- e.g. 3.42 x 4 = 3 x 4 + 0.4 x 4 + 0.02 x 4 (Y5/6)	Multiply by 50 by multiplying by 100 and halving e.g. 8 x 50= 8 x 100 divided by 2 (Y5/6) Divide a multiple of 50 by 50 by dividing by 100 then doubling- e.g. 450 ÷ 50= 450 ÷ 10 x 2 (Y5/6)	Find 10% or multiples of 10% of whole numbers and quantities- e.g. 30% of 50 by 50 ÷ 10 x 3 (Y5)	
	Divide a multiple of 25 by 25 dividing by 100 then multiplying by 4 (by doubling and doubling again) e.g. $350 \div 25 = 350 \div 100 \times 2 \times 2 (Y5/6)$ Double and half decimal number with up to one decimal place by partitioning – e.g. half of 8.4 by halving 8 and halving 0.4 (Y5/6)	Mentally find 50% by halving and 25% by dividing by 4 or 2 of numbers and quantities- e.g. 25% of 150 by 150 ÷ 4 (Y6)	•