Maths Calculation Policy 2025

At Bowlish Infant School, we follow the **White Rose Maths** scheme to provide a consistent, progressive, and mastery-based approach to teaching mathematics. Our **Calculation Policy** supports this by clearly outlining the key methods and strategies children use as they build their understanding of number and calculation.

The policy is divided into four main sections: **addition**, **subtraction**, **multiplication**, and **division**. Each section begins with an overview of skill progression, showing how children's understanding develops over time. This includes steps involving **decimal numbers and fractions**, where appropriate.

We are committed to developing a **mastery approach** to maths, where all children are encouraged to develop a deep, secure, and adaptable understanding of mathematical concepts. Mastery means spending time becoming fluent in each area before moving on, allowing children to reason confidently and apply their knowledge in different contexts.

We use the **concrete, pictorial, abstract (CPA)** approach throughout our teaching. This helps children move from hands-on experiences to visual models and then to more abstract representations with confidence. Sentence stems and key questions are included to support children's reasoning and use of mathematical language alongside the key representations.

Our aim is to ensure that all children develop a **deep and lasting understanding of calculation**, equipping them with the skills and confidence they need for the next stage in their mathematical learning.

Progression of skills - Addition

Skill

Year group



Reception	Conceptually subitise to 5
	• 1 more
	Notice the composition of numbers within 10
	Combine 2 groups
	Add more
Year 1	Add together
	Add more
	Bonds within 10
	Related facts within 20
	Missing numbers
Year 2	Add 1s to any number (related facts)
	Add three 1-digit numbers
	Add across a 10
	Add multiples of 10
	Add 10s to any number
	Add two 2-digit numbers (not across a ten)
	Add two 2-digit numbers (across a ten)
	Missing numbers



Reception	 Have a deep understanding of numbers to 10, including the composition of each number. Subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5 Automatically recall (without reference to rhymes, counting or other aids) number bonds up to 5 and some number bonds to 10, including double facts. 			
Progression of skills	Key representations			
Conceptually subitise to 5 Notice the parts that make up the whole.	What do you see? How do you see it?			
1 more Continue to link to stories, songs and rhymes.	1 more than is 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10			
Notice the composition of numbers within 10 Link to stories, songs and rhymes.	How many? How many altogether? How many altogether? How many altogether?			

Addition



Progression of skills	Key representations	
Combine 2 groups	There are	and make
2 groups are combined to find the total.	There are altogether.	
Add more	First Then Now	I have
A quantity is increased.	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	I add more. Now I have



Year 1	 Read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+) and equals (=) signs. Represent and use number bonds within 20 Add 1-digit and 2-digit numbers to 20, including zero. Solve one-step problems that involve addition, using concrete objects and pictorial representations, and missing number problems such as 7 =			
Progression of skills	Key representations			
Add together (aggregation) 2 quantities are combined to find the total.	There are There are There are There are altogether. is a part is a part is equal to is equal to $4+2=6$ $2+4=6$ $6=4+2$ $6=2+4$			
Add more (augmentation) A quantity is increased.	First Then Now	I start at I jump on I land on 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	plus is equal to is equal to + 4 + 2 = 6 2 + 4 = 6 6 = 4 + 2 6 = 2 + 4	

Addition



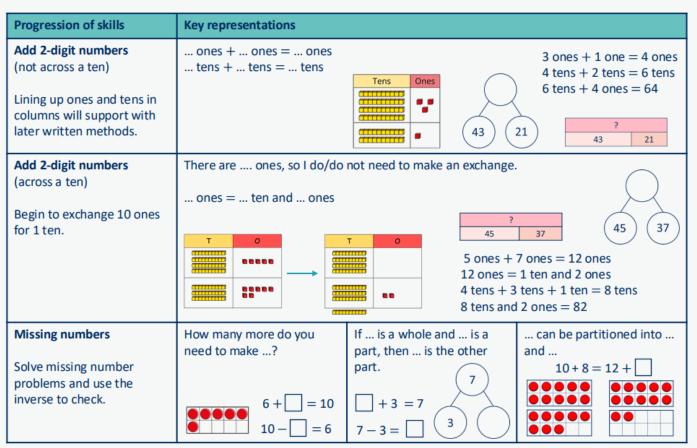
Progression of skills	Key representations		
Bonds within 10 Include bonds for each number within 10 Encourage children to notice patterns.	is made of and and make	can be partitioned into and	plus is equal to $6+0=6$ $5+1=6$ $4+2=6$ $3+3=6$ $2+4=6$ $1+5=6$ $0+6=6$
Related facts within 20 Make links to known facts.	I know that and = so and =	more than is so more than is 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	What patterns do you notice? 5 + 2 = 7 15 + 2 = 17 7 = 5 + 2 17 = 15 + 2
Missing numbers Make links to known facts.	How many more do you need to make?	If is the whole and is a part, the other part must be	plus is equal to $2 + = 6$ $6 = 2 + $



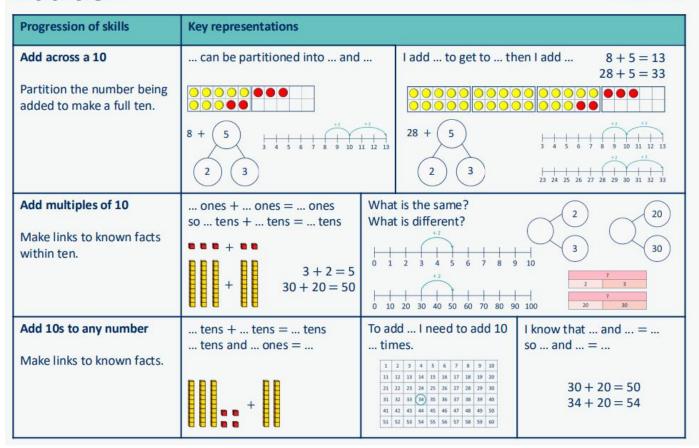
Year 2	 Recall and use addition facts to 20 fluently, and derive and use related facts up to 100 Add numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations, and mentally, including: a two-digit number and 1s a two-digit number and 10s 2 two-digit numbers adding 3 one-digit numbers Recognise and use the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction and use this to check calculations and solve missing number problems. 			
Progression of skills	Key representations			
Add ones to any number (related facts) Make links to known facts.	I know that and = so and =	What do you notice? Can you continue the pattern? 5+2=7 $15+2=17$ $25+2=27$		
Add three 1-digit numbers Prompt children to understand that addition can be done in any order and to make links to known facts.	and are a bond to 10 10 + = 8 9 1	Pouble + =	What do you notice? Which addition is the easiest to calculate? $8+9+1=\\8+1+9=\\9+1+8=$	

Addition









Progression of skills - Subtraction



Year group

Skill

Reception	Conceptually subitise to 5
	• 1 less
	Notice the composition of numbers within 10
	Partition
	Take away
Year 1	Find a part
	Take away
	Bonds within 10
	Related facts within 20
	Missing numbers
Year 2	Subtract 1s from any number (related facts)
	Subtract across a 10
	Subtract multiples of 10
	Subtract 10s from any number
	Subtract two 2-digit numbers (not across a ten)
	Subtract two 2-digit numbers (across a ten)
	Missing numbers



Reception	 Have a deep understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each number. Subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5 Automatically recall (without reference to rhymes, counting or other aids) number bonds up to 5 (and some subtraction facts) and some number bonds to 10, including double facts. 			
Progression of skills	Key representations			
Conceptually subitise to 5 Notice the parts that make up the whole.	What do you see? How do you see it?			
1 less Continue to link to stories, songs and rhymes.	1 less than is 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10			
Notice the composition of numbers within 10 Link to stories, songs and rhymes.	How many? How many altogether? How many altogether?			

Subtraction



Progression of skills	Key representations	
Partition Using objects, explore different ways to partition a number into 2 or more parts.	There are altogether. I can see here and there.	and make
Take away A quantity is reduced.	First Then Now	I have I take away Now I have



Year 1	 Read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving subtraction (–) and equals (=) signs. Represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20 Subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including zero. Solve one-step problems that involve subtraction, using concrete objects and pictorial representations, and missing number problems such as 7 =			
Progression of skills	Key representations			
Find a part Link to number bonds and known facts. E.g. 2 + 4 = 6 so if 6 is the whole and 4 is a part, the other part must be 2	There are in total is the whole is a part is a part is a part is a part. $6-2=4$ $6-4=2$ $4=6-2$ $2=6-4$			
Take away A quantity is decreased.	First Then Now	I start at I jump back I land on 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	minus is equal to is equal to $6-2=4$ $6-4=2$ $4=6-2$ $2=6-4$	

Subtraction



Progression of skills	Key representations		
Bonds within 10 Focus on subtraction facts. Encourage children to notice patterns.	is made of and and make	can be partitioned into and	minus is equal to 6 - 0 = 6 6 - 1 = 5 6 - 2 = 4 6 - 3 = 3 6 - 4 = 2 6 - 5 = 1 6 - 6 = 0
Related facts within 20 Make links to known facts.	I know that minus = so minus =	less than is so less than is	What patterns do you notice? $8-3=5$ $18-3=15$ $5=8-3$ $15=18-3$
Missing numbers Make links to known facts.	How many do you need to subtract to make?	If is the whole and is a part, the other part must be	minus is equal to $6 - \square = 2$ $2 = 6 - \square$



	 Recall and use subtraction facts to 20 fluently, and derive and use related facts up to 100 Subtract numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations, and mentally, including: a two-digit number and 1s a two-digit number and 10s 2 two-digit numbers Recognise and use the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction and use this to check calculations and solve missing number problems. 			
Progression of skills	Key representations			
Subtract ones from any number (related facts) Make links to known facts.	I know that minus = so minus = so less than is so less than is o less than is		What do you notice? Can you continue the pattern? 8-3=5 18-3=15 28-3=25	
Subtract across a 10	can be partitioned into and Make links with rela			
Partition the number being subtracted to bridge through a ten.	13 - 5	2 -3 10 11 12 13	33 - 5	23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33

Subtraction



Progression of skills	Key representations			
Subtract multiples of 10 Make links to known facts within ten.	ones $-$ ones $=$ ones so tens $-$ tens $=$ tens 5-2=3 $50-20=30$	What is the same? What is different? 5 2 20 20 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 5 2 ? 50 20 ?		
Subtract 10s from any number	tens — tens = tens tens and ones =	To subtract I need to subtract 10 times. I know that minus = so minus =		
Make links to known facts.		$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		



Progression of skills	Key representations		
Subtract two 2-digit numbers (not across a ten)	ones – ones = ones tens – tens = tens	B B B B	= 2 tens
Subtract two 2-digit numbers (across a ten) Begin to exchange 1 ten for 10 ones.	43 T T 3 ones -	- 5 ones to exchange 1 ten for 10 ones)	T
Missing numbers Solve missing number problems and use the inverse to check.	How many do you need to subtract to make? $10 - \square = 6$ $6 + \square = 10$	If is a whole and is a part, then is the other part. $7 - 3 = \square$ $\square + 3 = 7$ 3	can be partitioned into and $18 - \boxed{} = 12 + 2$

Progression of skills - Multiplication



Year group

Skill

Reception	Double to 10	
	Make equal groups	
Year 1	Count in 2s, 5s and 10s	
	Add equal groups	
	Make arrays	
	Make doubles	
Year 2	Link repeated addition and multiplication	
	Use arrays	
	Double	
	The 2 times-table	
	The 10 times-table	
	The 5 times-table	
	Missing numbers	

Multiplication



Reception	 Have a deep understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each number. Subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5 Automatically recall (without reference to rhymes, counting or other aids) number bonds up to 5 and some number bonds to 10, including double facts. Explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally. 		
Progression of skills	Key representations		
Prompt children to notice that double means twice as many and to notice that there are two equal groups.	Double is is double		
Make equal groups Provide opportunities to make equal groups when tidying up or during snack	There are groups of There are altogether.		
time. Encourage children to check that each group has the same amount.			

Multiplication



Year 1	 Count in multiples of twos, fives and tens. Solve one-step problems involving multiplication, using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays with the support of the teacher. 			
Progression of skills	Key representations			
Count in 2s, 5s and 10s Begin by counting objects that naturally come in 2s, 5s and 10s, for example pairs of socks or fingers.	There are equal groups of There are altogether.	Continue to colour ins What do you notice? Complete the number track/number line by counting ins.		
Add equal groups (repeated addition)	There are groups of There are altogether.	41 42 43 44		ame? What is different?
Children should be able to write a repeated addition to		+ 10 = 30	5	2 + 2 + 2 = 5 + 5 + 5 = 1.0 + 10 + 10 =
represent equal groups and to draw pictures or use objects to represent a repeated addition.	5+5+5+	5 = 20		r a drawing to represent the and find how many in total.

Multiplication



Progression of skills	Key representations			
Make arrays Children use their knowledge of adding equal groups to arrange objects in columns and rows.	There are rows of There are altogether. There are columns of There are altogether.			
Make doubles Children understand that doubles are two equal groups. Children may begin to explore doubles beyond 20 using base 10	Double is			

Multiplication



Year 2	 Recall and use multiplication facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables. Calculate mathematical statements for multiplication within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication (×) and equals (=) signs. Show that multiplication of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative). 		
Progression of skills	Key representations		
Link repeated addition and multiplication Encourage children to make the link between repeated	There are equal groups with in each group. There are altogether. $ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		
addition and multiplication.	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		
Use arrays Encourage children to see that multiplication is commutative.	There are rows with in each row. There are columns with in each column.		
Double Encourage children to make links with related facts.	Double is Double is Double 4 is 8 Double 4 = 4 + 4 Double 4 is 80		
mino With Federal Idea.	Double 4 is 8 Double 4 is 8 Double 40 is 80		

Multiplication



Progression of skills	Key representations	
The 2 times-table Encourage daily counting in multiples both forwards and back. Notice that all multiples of 2 are even numbers.	lots of 2 = × 2 =	times 2 is equal to $ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
	2 2 2 2	0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24
The 10 times-table Encourage daily counting in multiples both forwards and back. Notice the pattern in the numbers.	lots of 10 = ×	times 10 is equal to $\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

Multiplication



Progression of skills	Key representations				
The 5 times-table	lots of 5 = times 5 is equal to				
5	× 5 = M M M M	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10			
Encourage daily counting in	A A A A A	11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20			
multiples both forwards and		21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30			
back. Notice the pattern in the numbers.		31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40			
the numbers.	ونه ونه ونه ونه	$1 \times 5 = 5$ $5 = 1 \times 5$ $2 \times 5 = 10$ $10 = 2 \times 5$ $3 \times 5 = 15$ $15 = 3 \times 5$			
	5 5 5 5 5	0 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60			
Missing numbers	is equal to groups of	times is equal to			
Make links to known facts.	18 socks, how many pairs?	□ × 2 = 18			
	0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20	18 = 2 ×			

Progression of skills - Division



Year group

Skill

Reception	Sharing Grouping	
Year 1	 Make equal groups – grouping Make equal groups – sharing Find a half Find a quarter 	
Year 2	 Divide by 2 Divide by 10 Divide by 5 Missing numbers Unit fractions Non-unit fractions 	

Reception

- Have a deep understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each
- Subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5
- Automatically recall (without reference to rhymes, counting or other aids) number bonds up to 5 and some number bonds to 10, including double facts.
- Explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally.

Progression of skills

Key representations

Sharing

Provide practical activities such as sharing items during snack time. Encourage children to check whether items have been shared fairly (equally).



There are ... altogether. They are shared equally between ... groups.

















Provide opportunities to make equal groups when tidying up or during snack time. Encourage children to check that each group has the same amount.















Division



Year 1 Solve simple one-step problems involving division, using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays with the support of the teacher. Recognise, find and name a half as one of two equal parts of a quantity. Recognise, find and name a quarter as one of four equal parts of an object, shape or quantity. **Progression of skills Key representations** There are ... altogether. Take ... cubes. Make equal groups -Circle groups of 2 How many groups of ... can There are ... groups of 2 Make equal groups. grouping you make? Encourage children to physically move objects into equal groups. They can also circle equal groups when using pictures. There are ... groups of ... Make equal groups -... have been shared equally between... Take ... cubes. Share them between ... sharing There are ... on/in each ... Encourage children to check that the objects have been shared fairly and each group is the same. 12 shared between ... is ...

Division



Year 1	 Solve simple one-step problems involving division, using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays with the support of the teacher. Recognise, find and name a half as one of two equal parts of a quantity. Recognise, find and name a quarter as one of four equal parts of an object, shape or quantity. 			
Progression of skills	Key representations			
Make equal groups - grouping	There are altogether. How many groups of can you make? Circle groups of 2 Take cubes. Make equal groups.			
Encourage children to physically move objects into equal groups. They can also circle equal groups when using pictures.		6 6 (, _C	There are groups of
Make equal groups – sharing	have been shared equally between There are on/in each		Take cubes. Share them between	
Encourage children to check that the objects have been shared fairly and each group				
is the same.			12 shared bet	ween is

Division



Progression of skills	Key representations		
Find a half Start with practical opportunities to share a quantity into 2 groups. Progress to circling half of the objects in a picture and then to finding the whole from a given half.	To find half, I need to share into 2 equal groups. There are in each group.	Half of is	If is half, what is the whole? 4 is half of
Find a quarter Start with practical opportunities to share a quantity into 4 groups. Progress to using pictures or bar models to find a quarter and then to finding the whole from a given quarter.	To find a quarter, I need to share into 4 equal groups. There are in each group.	A quarter of is	If is one quarter, what is the whole?

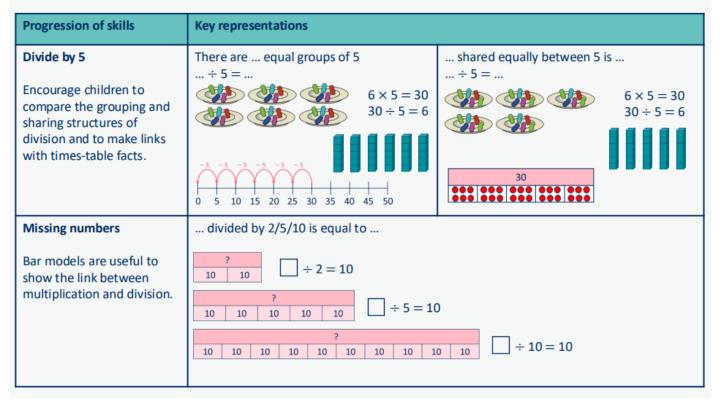
Division



Year 2	 Recall and use division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables. Calculate mathematical statements for division within the multiplication tables and write them using the division (÷) and equals (=) signs. Recognise, find, name and write fractions ¹/₃, ¹/₄, ²/₄ and ³/₄ of a quantity. 	
Progression of skills	Key representations	
Divide by 2 Encourage children to compare the grouping and sharing structures of division and to make links with times-table facts and halving.	There are equal groups of 2 \div 2 = $4 \times 2 = 8$ $8 \div 2 = 4$ 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	shared equally between 2 is Half of is \div 2 = $4 \times 2 = 8$ $8 \div 2 = 4$
Divide by 10 Encourage children to compare the grouping and sharing structures of division and to make links with times-table facts.	There are equal groups of 10 \div 10 = $6 \times 10 = 60$ $60 \div 10 = 6$	shared equally between 10 is $ \div 10 = \\ 6 \times 10 = 60 \\ 60 \div 10 = 6 $

Division





Division



Progression of skills	Key representations	
Unit fractions In Y2 the focus is on finding $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ Bar models are useful to show the link between division and finding a fraction.	The objects have been shared fairly into groups. 1 of is	There are equal parts. There is part circled. is circled.
Non-unit fractions In Y2 the focus is on finding $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ Prompt children to notice	The objects have been shared fairly into groups. of is	There are equal parts. There are parts circled. is circled.
that $\frac{2}{4}$ is equivalent to $\frac{1}{2}$	••• ••• •••	