

Darwen St James' CE Primary Academy

Power Maths calculation policy, Reception

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.



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: whole, part, ones, ten, tens, number bond, add, addition, plus, total, altogether, subtract, subtraction, find the difference, take away, minus, less, more, 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 partitioning numbers, developing their understanding of parts and wholes. 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 2 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 2 equal groups. They share objects 1 by 1, ensuring that each group has an equal share.



Reception		
	Real-life representation	Other representations
Addition	Sorting groups	
	Children sort everyday objects into groups.	
	Counting and adding more (within 5)	Counting and adding more (within 5)
	Children add one more person or object to a group to find one more.	Children represent first, then, now stories on a five frame. They make the first number and then add one more.



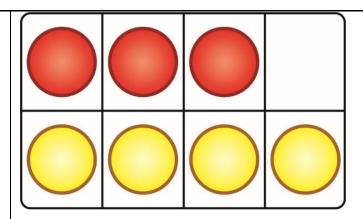
	First
	Then
One more than 3 is 4	
	Now
	First, there are 3 bikes. Then, 1 more bike came. Now, there are 4 bikes.
Combining groups to find the whole	Combining groups to find the whole
Children sort people and objects into parts and combine them to find the whole.	Children use counters or cubes in a part-whole model to find the whole.







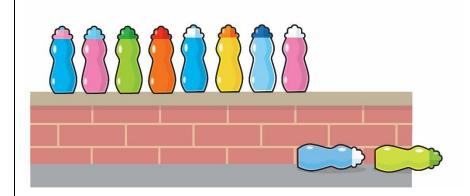
The parts are 3 and 4. The whole is 7.



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Finding number bonds to 10

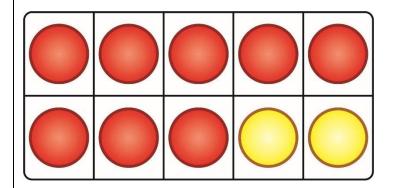
Children combine 2 groups to find a number bond to 10



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

Finding number bonds to 10

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



8 and 2 is 10 There are 10 altogether.



There are 10 bottles 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.		
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		
Adding by counting on (ten frames) Children find the total number by counting on from the larger number.	Adding by counting on (ten frames)		

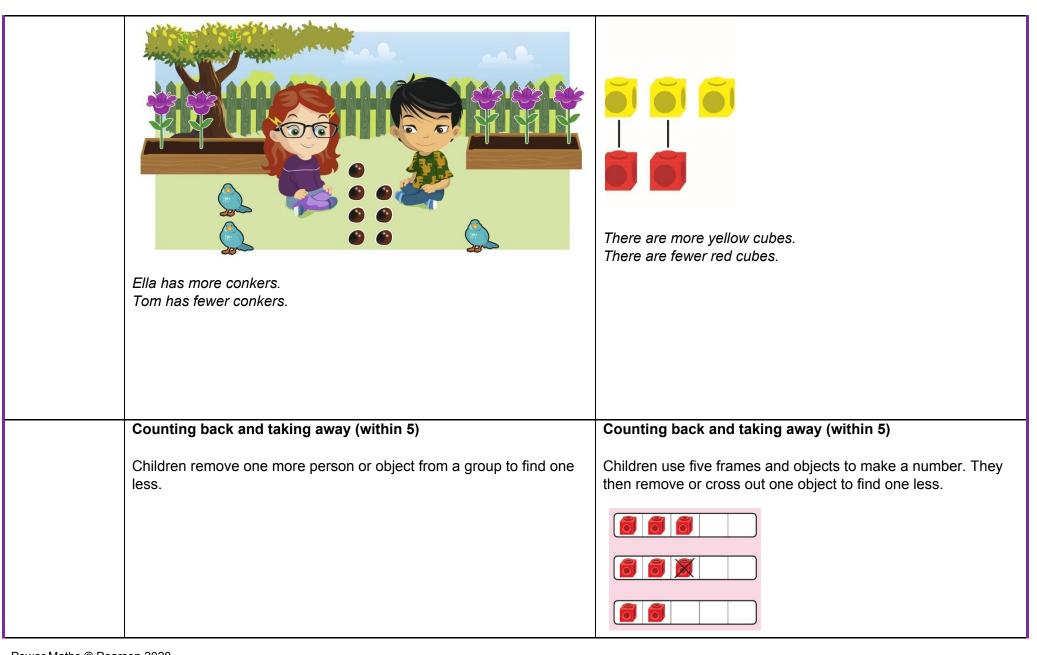


		Children make the larger number on the ten frames and then make the smaller number, counting on to find the total. They can use counters, cubes or other objects on the ten frames.
Subtraction	Sorting groups Children sort everyday objects into groups.	

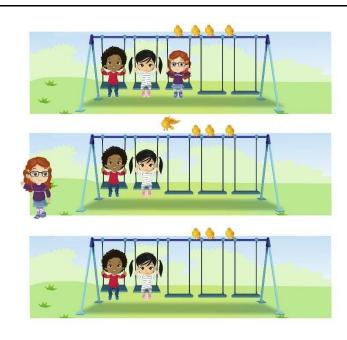


Comparing groups	Comparing groups
Children line up objects to compare the amount. They line the objects up either horizontally or vertically.	Children line up cubes or counters to compare the amount in each group. Lines can either be horizontal or vertical. A starting line helps to line the objects accurately.









One less than 3 is 2

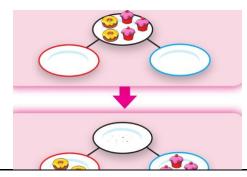
First, there were 3 children.

Then, 1 child left.

Now, there are 2 children.

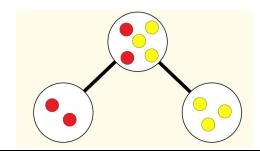
Introducing the part-whole model

Children sort everyday objects into parts.



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Children use counters or cubes to represent objects in a part-whole model.



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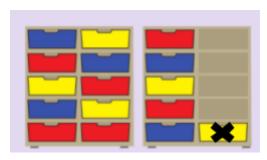


One part is the The other part is the Finding number bonds to 10		The whole is 5. 2 is a part. 3 is a part. Finding number bonds to 10	
Children partition 10 into different groups 10	to find the number bonds to	Children use part-whole models, find the number bonds to 10	ten frames and counters to 10 is the whole. 5 is a part and 5 is a part.
Counting back and taking away (number track) Children use game boards and human number tracks to subtract by counting back.		Counting back and taking awa Children use a number track and larger number and count back thanswer.	d a counter. They start at the
Go back 3	9 take away 3 equals 6 9876	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	9 take away 3 equals 6 9876



Counting back and taking away (ten frames)

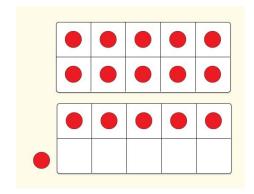
Children count backwards to find one less with numbers up to 20



One less than 16 is 15

Counting back and taking away (ten frames)

Children remove counters from ten frames to support in counting back with numbers up to 20.



One less than 16 is 15

Multiplication Making doubles

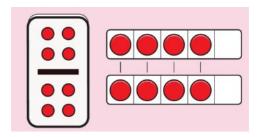
Children explore doubles in their environment including in games such as on dominoes or dice. They focus on the understanding of doubles being 2 equal groups.



Double 4 is 8 Double 2 is 4

Making doubles

Children use five frames to find doubles by lining up counters or cubes.



Double 4 is 8



	Double 3 is 6	
Division	Halving and sharing	Halving and sharing
	Children explore halving and sharing through practical sharing using real life scenarios including sharing fruit or classroom equipment.	Children use five frames to share amounts fairly and to check that the groups are equal. They share the counters/cubes one by one.
	Half of 8 is 4	1 2 3 4 5 6
		Half of 6 is 3