# Springburn Academy 



A guide for S1 and S2 pupils, parents and staff

## Introduction

## What is the purpose of the booklet?

This booklet has been produced to give guidance to pupils, parents and teachers on how certain common Numeracy topics are taught in mathematics and throughout the school. Staff from all departments have been consulted during its production and will be issued with a copy of the booklet. It is hoped that using a consistent approach across all subjects will make it easier for pupils to progress.

## How can it be used?

If you are helping your child with their homework, you can refer to the booklet to see what methods are being taught in school. Look up the relevant page for a step by step guide. Pupils have been issued with their own copy and can use the booklet in school to help them solve number and information handling questions in any subject.

The booklet includes the Numeracy skills useful in subjects other than mathematics. For help with mathematics topics, pupils should refer to their mathematics textbook or ask their teacher for help. If you would like to know what your child is studying in mathematics, please ask to see the Mathematics Pupil Handbook which was issued to your child at the start of the session.

Why do some topics include more than one method?

In some cases (e.g. percentages), the method used will be dependent on the level of difficulty of the question, and whether or not a calculator is permitted.

For mental calculations, pupils should be encouraged to develop a variety of strategies so that they can select the most appropriate method in any given situation.

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## Addition

## Mental strategies



Method 1 Add tens, then add units, then add together
$50+20=70$
$4+7=11$
$70+11=81$

Method 2 Split up number to be added into tens and units and add separately.
$54+20=74 \quad 74+7=81$

Method 3 Round up to nearest 10, then subtract
$54+30=84$ but 30 is 3 too much so subtract 3 ;
$84-3=81$

## Written Method

When adding numbers, ensure that the numbers are lined up according to place value. Start at right hand side, write down units, carry tens.

Example Add 3032 and 589


## Subtraction



## Multiplication 1



## Mental Strategies

Example Find $39 \times 6$
Method 1


Method 2


## Multiplication 2

## Multiplying by multiples of 10 and 100

To multiply by 10 you move every digit one place
 to the left.
To multiply by 100 you move every digit two places to the left.

Example 1 (a) Multiply 354 by 10 (b) Multiply 50.6 by 100

$50.6 \times 100=5060$
(c) $35 \times 30$

$35 \times 3=105$
$105 \times 10=1050$
so $35 \times 30=1050$

Example 2
(a) $2.36 \times 20$
(b) $38.4 \times 50$
$2.36 \times 2=4.72$
$38.4 \times 5=192.0$
$4.72 \times 10=47.2$
$192.0 \times 10=1920$
so $2.36 \times 20=47.2$
so $38.4 \times 50=1920$


In these examples it is in fact the numbers that are moving but it 'appears' that the decimal point moves.

## Division



Example 3 There are 192 pupils in first year, shared equally between 8 classes. How many pupils are in each class?
$8 \longdiv { 1 9 ^ { 3 } 2 } \quad$ There are 24 pupils in each class

Example 4 Divide 4.74 by 3

$$
3 \longdiv { 1 . 5 8 }
$$

When dividing a decimal number by a whole number, the decimal points must stay in line.

Example 5 A jug contains 2.2 litres of juice. If it is poured evenly into 8 glasses, how much juice is in each glass?

$$
\begin{array}{r}
0.275 \\
8 \longdiv { 2 . 2 ^ { 2 } 0 ^ { 4 } 0 }
\end{array}
$$

Each glass contains 0.275 litres

If you have a remainder at the end of a calculation, add a zero onto the end of the decimal and continue with the calculation.

## Estimation : Rounding

Numbers can be rounded to give an approximation.


2652 rounded to the nearest 10 is 2650 .
2652 rounded to the nearest 100 is 2700 .

When rounding numbers which are exactly in the middle, convention is to round up.
7865 rounded to the nearest 10 is 7870 .


The same principle applies to rounding decimal numbers.

In general, to round a number, we must first identify the place value to which we want to round. We must then look at the next digit to the right (the "check digit") - if it is 5 or more round up.

Example 1 Round 46753 to the nearest thousand.

6 is the digit in the thousands column - the check digit (in the hundreds column) is a 7 , so round up.

46753
$=47000$ to the nearest thousand

Example 2 Round 1.57359 to 2 decimal places

The second number after the decimal point is a 7 - the check digit (the third number after the decimal point) is a 3 , so round down.
1.57359
$=1.5 \underline{7}$ to 2 decimal places

## Time 1



## 12-hour clock

Time can be displayed on a clock face, or digital clock.


### 5.15 am <br> or <br> 5.15 pm

These clocks both show fifteen minutes past five, or quarter past five.

When writing times in 12 hour clock, we need to add a.m. or p.m. after the time.
a.m. is used for times between midnight and 12 noon (morning)
p.m. is used for times between 12 noon and midnight (afternoon / evening).

## 24-hour clock

In 24 hour clock, the hours are written as numbers bet ween 00 and 24. Midnight is expressed as 0000 , or 2400 . After 12 noon, the hours are numbered $13,14,15$... etc.


Examples
$9.55 \mathrm{am} \longrightarrow 0955$ hours
$3.35 \mathrm{pm} \longrightarrow 1535$ hours
12.20 am $\longrightarrow 0020$ hours
0216 hours $\longrightarrow 2.16$ am
2045 hours $\longrightarrow 8.45 \mathrm{pm}$

## Time 2



The number of days in each month can be remembered using the rhyme: "30 days hath September, April, June and November, All the rest have 31, Except February alone, Which has 28 days clear, And 29 in each leap year."

## Distance, Speed and Time.

For any given journey, the distance travelled depends on the speed and the time taken. If speed is constant, then the following formulae apply:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { Distance }=\text { Speed } \times \text { Time } & \text { or } D=S T \\
\text { Speed }=\frac{\text { Distance }}{\text { Time }} & \text { or } S=\frac{D}{T} \\
\text { Time }=\frac{\text { Distance }}{\text { Speed }} & \text { or } T=\frac{D}{S}
\end{array}
$$



Example Calculate the speed of a train which travelled 450 km in 5 hours

$$
\begin{aligned}
& S=\frac{D}{T} \\
& S=\frac{450}{5} \\
& S=90 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Fractions 1

## $\begin{aligned} & \text { Addition, subtra } \\ & \text { fractions are st } \\ & \text { However, the ex } \\ & \text { subjects. }\end{aligned}$ Understanding Fractions

## Example

A necklace is made from black and white beads.


What fraction of the beads are black?

There are 3 black beads out of a total of 7 , so $\frac{3}{7}$ of the beads are black.

## Equivalent Fractions

## Example

What fraction of the flag is shaded?


6 out of 12 squares are shaded. So $\frac{6}{12}$ of the flag is shaded.
It could also be said that $\frac{1}{2}$ the flag is shaded.
$\frac{6}{12}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ are equivalent fractions.

## Fractions 2

## Simplifying Fractions

The top of a fraction is called the numerator, the bottom is called the denominator.
To simplify a fraction, divide the numerator and denominator of the fraction by the same number.

## Example 1

(a)

(b)


This can be done repeatedly until the numerator and denominator are the smallest possible numbers - the fraction is then said to be in it's simplest form.

Example 2 Simplify $\frac{72}{84} \quad \frac{72}{84}=\frac{36}{42}=\frac{18}{21}=\frac{6}{7}$ (simplest form)

## Calculating Fractions of a Quantity

To find the fraction of a quantity, divide by the
denominator.
$\frac{1}{7}$ divide by 7 etc.

Example 1 Find $\frac{1}{5}$ of $£ 150$

$$
\frac{1}{5} \text { of } £ 150=£ 150 \div 5=£ 30
$$

Example 2 Find $\frac{3}{4}$ of 48

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{4} \text { of } 48=48 \div 4=12 \\
& \text { so } \frac{3}{4} \text { of } 48=3 \times 12=36
\end{aligned}
$$

To find $\frac{3}{4}$ of a quantity, start by finding $\frac{1}{4}$

## Percentages 1

Percent means out of 100.
A percentage can be converted to an equivalent fraction or decimal.
$36 \%$ means $\frac{36}{100}$
$36 \%$ is therefore equivalent to $\frac{9}{25}$ and 0.36

## Common Percentages

Some percentages are used very frequently. It is useful to know these as fractions and decimals.

| Percentage | Fraction | Decimal |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1 \%$ | $\frac{1}{100}$ | 0.01 |
| $10 \%$ | $\frac{1}{10}$ | 0.1 |
| $20 \%$ | $\frac{1}{5}$ | 0.2 |
| $25 \%$ | $\frac{1}{4}$ | 0.25 |
| $331 / 3 \%$ | $\frac{1}{3}$ | $0.333 \ldots$ |
| $50 \%$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0.5 |
| $66^{2} / 3 \%$ | $\frac{2}{3}$ | $0.666 \ldots$ |
| $75 \%$ | $\frac{3}{4}$ | 0.75 |

## Percentages 2



Non- Calculator Methods

## Method 1 Using Equivalent Fractions

Example Find $25 \%$ of $£ 640$

$$
25 \% \text { of } £ 640=\frac{1}{4} \text { of } £ 640=£ 640 \div 4=£ 160
$$

## Method 2 Using 1\%

In this method, first find $1 \%$ of the quantity (by dividing by 100), then multiply to give the required value.

Example Find 9\% of 200 g

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 1 \% \text { of } 200 \mathrm{~g}=\frac{1}{100} \text { of } 200 \mathrm{~g}=200 \mathrm{~g} \div 100=2 g \\
& \text { so } 9 \% \text { of } 200 \mathrm{~g}=9 \times 2 g=18 g
\end{aligned}
$$

## Method 3 Using 10\%

This method is similar to the one above. First find $10 \%$ (by dividing by 10), then multiply to give the required value.

Example Find 70\% of $£ 35$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 10 \% \text { of } £ 35=\frac{1}{10} \text { of } £ 35=£ 35 \div 10=£ 3.50 \\
& \text { so } 70 \% \text { of } £ 35=7 \times £ 3.50=£ 24.50
\end{aligned}
$$

## Percentages 3

## Calculator Method

To find the percentage of a quantity using a calculator, change the percentage to a decimal, then multiply.

Example 1 Find $17.5 \%$ of $£ 600$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\frac{17.5}{100} \times 600 \\
& =£ 105
\end{aligned}
$$

Example 2 House prices increased by 19\% over a one year period. What is the new value of a house which was valued at $£ 236000$ at the start of the year?

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text { Increase } & =\frac{19}{100} \times £ 236000 \\
& =£ 44840
\end{aligned}
$$

Value at end of year = original value + increase
$=£ 236000+£ 44840$
$=£ 280840$

The new value of the house is $£ 280840$

## Ratio 1



## Writing Ratios

## Example 1

To make a fruit drink, 4 parts water is mixed with 1 part of cordial.
The ratio of water to cordial is $4: 1$
(said "4 to 1")
The ratio of cordial to water is 1:4.
Order is important when writing ratios.

## Example 2



In a bag of balloons, there are 5 red, 7 blue and 8 green balloons.

The ratio of red : blue : green is $5: 7: 8$

## Simplifying Ratios

Ratios can be simplified in much the same way as fractions.

## Example 1

Purple paint can be made by mixing 10 tins of blue paint with 6 tins of red. The ratio of blue to red can be written as $10: 6$

It can also be written as 5:3, as it is possible to split up the tins into 2 groups, each containing 5 tins of blue and 3 tins of red.


To simplify a ratio, divide each figure in the ratio by a common factor.

## Ratio 2

## Simplifying Ratios (continued)

## Example 2

Simplify the ratio:

$$
\begin{array}{c|l}
\text { (a) } 24: 36 & \begin{array}{l}
\text { Divide each } \\
=2: 3
\end{array} \\
\text { figure by } 12
\end{array}
$$

## Example 3

Concrete is made by mixing 20 kg of sand with 4 kg cement. Write the ratio of sand : cement in its simplest form

$$
\text { Sand : } \begin{aligned}
\text { Cement } & =20: 4 \\
& =5: 1
\end{aligned}
$$

## Using ratios

The ratio of fruit to nuts in a chocolate bar is 3 : 2. If a bar contains 15 g of fruit, what weight of nuts will it contain?
$\left.\begin{array}{c|c}\text { Fruit } & \text { Nuts } \\ \hline \times 5\left(\begin{array}{c}3 \\ 15\end{array}\right. & 2 \\ 10\end{array}\right) \times 5$

So the chocolate bar will contain 10 g of nuts.

## Ratio 3

## Sharing in a given ratio

## Example

Lauren and Sean earn money by washing cars. By the end of the day they have made £90. As Lauren did more of the work, they decide to share the profits in the ratio 3:2. How much money did each receive?

Step 1 Add up the numbers to find the total number of parts

$$
3+2=5
$$

Step 2 Divide the total by this number to find the value of each part
$90 \div 5=£ 18$

Step 3 Multiply each figure by the value of each part
$3 \times £ 18=£ 54$
$2 \times £ 18=£ 36$

Step 4 Check that the total is correct
$£ 54+£ 36=£ 90$ V
Lauren received $£ 54$ and Sean received $£ 36$

## Proportion



It is often useful to make a table when solving problems involving proportion.

## Example 1

5 adult tickets for the cinema cost $£ 27.50$. How much would 8 tickets cost?


| Working: |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| $£ 5.50$ | $£ 5.50$ |
| $5 £ 27.50$ | ${ }_{4} \times 8$ |
|  | £44.00 |

The cost of 8 tickets is $£ 44$

## Information Handling : Tables



The average temperature in June in Barcelona is $24^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

Frequency Tables are used to present information. Often data is grouped in intervals.

Example 2 Homework marks for Class 4B

$$
\begin{array}{lllllllllllllll}
27 & 30 & 23 & 24 & 22 & 35 & 24 & 33 & 38 & 43 & 18 & 29 & 28 & 28 & 27 \\
33 & 36 & 30 & 43 & 50 & 30 & 25 & 26 & 37 & 35 & 20 & 22 & 24 & 31 & 48
\end{array}
$$

| Mark | Frequency |
| :--- | :---: |
| $16-20$ | 2 |
| $21-25$ | 7 |
| $26-30$ | 9 |
| $31-35$ | 5 |
| $36-40$ | 3 |
| $41-45$ | 2 |
| $46-50$ | 2 |

## Information Handling : Bar Graphs



Bar graphs are often used to display data. The horizontal axis should show the categories or class intervals, and the vertical axis the frequency. All graphs should have a title, and each axis must be labelled.

Example 1 The graph below shows the homework marks for Class 4B.


Example 2 How do pupils travel to school?


When the horizontal axis shows categories, rather than grouped intervals, it is common practice to leave gaps between the bars.

## Information Handling: Line Graphs



Line graphs consist of a series of points which are plotted, then joined by a line. All graphs should have a title, and each axis must be labelled. The trend of a graph is a general description of it.

Example 1 The graph below shows Heather's weight over 14 weeks as she follows an exercise programme.


The trend of the graph is that her weight is decreasing.
Example 2 Graph of temperatures in Edinburgh and Barcelona.


## Information Handling : Line of Best Fit

A line of best fit is used to display the relationship between two variables.
A pattern may appear on the graph. This is called a correlation.

Example The table below shows the height and arm span of a group of first year boys. This is then plotted as a series of points on the graph below.

| Arm <br> Span <br> (cm) | 150 | 157 | 155 | 142 | 153 | 143 | 140 | 145 | 144 | 150 | 148 | 160 | 150 | 156 | 136 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Height <br> $(\mathrm{cm})$ | 153 | 155 | 157 | 145 | 152 | 141 | 138 | 145 | 148 | 151 | 145 | 165 | 152 | 154 | 137 |



The graph shows a general trend, that as the arm span increases, so does the height. This graph shows a positive correlation.

The line drawn is called the line of best fit. This line can be used to provide estimates. For example, a boy of arm span 150 cm would be expected to have a height of around 151 cm .

Note that in some subjects, it is a requirement that the axes start from zero.

## Information Handling : Averages



## Mean

The mean is found by adding all the data together and dividing by the number of values.

## Median

The median is the middle value when all the data is written in numerical order (if there are two middle values, the median is half-way between these values).

## Mode

The mode is the value that occurs most often.

## Range

The range of a set of data is a measure of spread.
Range $=$ Highest value - Lowest value
Example Class 1A4 scored the following marks for their homework assignment. Find the mean, median, mode and range of the results.

$$
\begin{aligned}
7, & 9,7,5,6,9,10,9,9,4,9,5,7,10 \\
\text { Mean } & =\frac{7+9+7+5+6+9+10+9+9+4+9+5+7+10}{14} \\
& =\frac{106}{14}=7.571 \ldots \quad \text { Mean }=7.6 \text { to } 1 \text { decimal place }
\end{aligned}
$$

Ordered values: $4,5,5,6,7,7,7,9,9,9,9,9,10,10$
Median = 8
9 is the most frequent mark, so Mode $=9$
Ranae $=10-4=6$

## Mathematical Dictionary (Key words):

| Add; Addition $(+)$ | To combine 2 or more numbers to get one number (called the sum or the total) <br> Example: $12+76=88$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| a.m. | (ante meridiem) Any time in the morning (between midnight and 12 noon). |
| Approximate | An estimated answer, often obtained by rounding to nearest 10,100 or decimal place. |
| Calculate | Find the answer to a problem. It doesn't mean that you must use a calculator! |
| Data | A collection of information (may include facts, numbers or measurements). |
| Denominator | The bottom number in a fraction (the number of parts into which the whole is split). |
| Difference (-) | The amount between two numbers (subtraction). Example: The difference between 50 and 36 is 14 $50-36=14$ |
| Division ( $\%$ ) | Sharing a number into equal parts. $24 \div 6=4$ |
| Double | Multiply by 2. |
| Equals (=) | Makes, or has the same amount as. |
| Equivalent fractions | Fractions which have the same value. <br> Example: $\frac{6}{12}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ are equivalent fractions |
| Estimate | To make an approximate or rough answer, often by rounding. |
| Evaluate | To work out the answer. |
| Even | A number that is divisible by 2. <br> Even numbers end with $0,2,4,6$ or 8 . |
| Frequency | How often something happens. In a set of data, the number of times a number or category occurs. |
| Maximum | The largest or highest number in a group. |
| Mean | The arithmetic average of a set of numbers (see p25) |
| Median | Another type of average - the middle number of an ordered set of data (see p25) |
| Minimum | The smallest or lowest number in a group. |
| Minus (-) | To subtract. |


| Mode | Another type of average - the most frequent number <br> or category (see p25) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Multiply (x) | To combine an amount a particular number of times. <br> Example: $6 \times 4=24$ |
| Negative <br> Number | A number less than zero. Shown by a minus sign. <br> Example: -5 is a negative number. |
| Numerator | The top number in a fraction. |
| Odd Number | A number which is not divisible by 2. <br> Odd numbers end in 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9. |
| Operations | The four basic operations are addition, subtraction, <br> multiplication and division. |
| Place value | The value of a digit dependent on its place in the <br> number. <br> Example: in the number 1573.4, the 5 has a place value <br> of 100. |
| p.m. | (post meridiem) Any time in the afternoon or evening <br> (between 12 noon and midnight). |
| Remainder | The amount left over when dividing a number. |
| Share | To divide into equal groups. |
| Sum | The total of a group of numbers (found by adding). |
| Total | The sum of a group of numbers (found by adding). |
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