## Progression in <br> Mental Calculation Skills <br> 

## ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION

| Curriculum Objectives | Mental calculation skills <br> Working mentally - with jottings if needed - children should be able to do the following: | Mental methods or strategies <br> Children should be able to apply the following strategies/methods appropriately: |
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| YEAR 1 |  |  |
| - represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20 <br> - add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20 , including zero <br> - addition doubles for all numbers to 10 (NB key skill but not explicit in the curriculum) | - add or subtract a pair of single digit numbers, e.g. $3+8,8-3$ <br> - add or subtract a single digit number to or from a teens number, e.g. $13+5,17$ -4 <br> - add or subtract a single digit number to or from 10 and add a multiple of 10 to a single digit number, e.g. $10+7,7+30$ <br> - add near doubles, e.g. $6+7$ | - reorder numbers when adding, e.g. put the larger number first <br> - count on or back in ones, twos and tens <br> - partition to help add and subtract a single digit to or from a teens number, e.g. $8+3=8$ $+2+1$ and $17-4=17-2-2$ <br> - partition and combine tens and ones, e.g. 10 $+7=17$ <br> - partition to add near doubles: double and adjust, e.g. $6+7=6+6+1$ |

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 strategies/methods appropriately:
## YEAR 2

- recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently and derive and use related facts up to 100
- addition doubles for all numbers to 20 and multiples of 10 to 50
- add and subtract numbers mentally, including: - a two-digit number and ones $\circ$ a two-digit number and tens o 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 2 or more single digit numbers, e.g. $3+\ldots+2=9,6+7+4$ or $9+6$ - $\qquad$ $=11$
- add and subtract any single-digit number to or from a multiple of 10 , eg

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60+5, \ldots=80-7
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- 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 $\qquad$ $=28+5,52-7$
- finding a small difference between a pair of 2digit 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 $9,19,29, \ldots$ or add or subtract 11, 21, 31 add near doubles, e.g. $13+14,39$ + 40
- reorder numbers, e.g. use knowledge of pairs making 10 and 20
- partition and combine multiples of tens and ones
- 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. $23-18,18+$ $\qquad$ $=23$,
$18+\underline{\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{3}}=23,18+\underline{\mathbf{5}}=23$
- 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 <br> adjust, e.g. $39+40=40+40-1=79$ |
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| YEAR 3 |  |  |
| - add and subtract numbers mentally, including: a three-digit number and ones, tens and hundreds <br> - double any number up to 100 and halve even numbers up to 100 (NB key skills but not explicit in the curriculum) | - add or subtract a 2-digit number to or from a multiple of 10 , including crossing the hundreds boundary, e.g. $70+38,110$ - 27 <br> - add or subtract multiples of 10 crossing the hundreds boundary, e.g. $50+80,120$ - 90 <br> - add or subtract 2-digit numbers e.g. $34+65,68-35$ <br> - find pairs of numbers that total 100 e.g. $33+\ldots .=100 \quad 100-\ldots . .=27$ <br> - add or subtract a 3-digit number to a 1 digit number, e.g. $325+6,453-7$ <br> - finding a small difference between a pair of 2-digit numbers lying either side of a multiple of 100, e.g. 605-596 | partition - count on or back in tens to find the total or difference as well as knowledge of number bonds to 10 , e.g. $110-27=110-20-7=90-7$ $=83$ <br> partition - bridging through a 100 and multiples of 100 when adding and subtracting, e.g. $50+80=50+50+$ $30=80+20+30=100+30=130$ <br> subtract by counting up from the smaller to the larger number when the numbers are close together, e.g. for 120-90 $\begin{aligned} & 90+\underline{=}=120,90+\underline{\mathbf{1 0}+\mathbf{2 0}}=120, \\ & 90+\underline{\mathbf{3 0}}=120 \end{aligned}$ <br> partition - add tens and ones separately then recombine. <br> Sequencing (partitioning only one number) - e.g. $55+42=55+40+2$ $=97$ or for $54-27=54-20-7=27$ |



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## YEAR 4

- continue to practise...mental methods...with increasingly large numbers to aid fluency.
- double any number up to 100 and halve even numbers up to 100 (NB key skills but not explicit in the curriculum)
- add or subtract any pair of 2-digit numbers, including crossing the tens and hundreds boundary, e.g.
$47+58,91-35$
- add or subtract a near multiple of 10, e.g. $56+29,86-38$
- finding a small difference between a pair of 2-digit numbers lying either side of a multiple of
1000, e.g. 7003-6988
- add any 2 numbers together to total a multiple of 100, e.g. $521+$
$\ldots=600$ or $278+\ldots=300$
- add or subtract 2 or 3 digit multiples of 10 e.g. $120-40,150+160$
- partition - add tens and ones separately then recombine.
- Sequencing (partitioning only one number)-e.g.
$47+58=58+40+7=98+7=98+2+5$
$=100$
$+5=105$ or $91-35=91-30-5=61-5$
= 61 -
$1-4=60-4=56$
- partition - round to add or subtract a multiple of 10 and adjust, e.g. $56+29=$ $56+30-1=85$ or $86-38=86-40+2=$ 48
- partition - count up from the smallest number to find a difference, e.g. 70036988, 6988 + $\qquad$ = 7003, $6988 \mathbf{+ 2 + 1 0}$ $\underline{+3}=7003,6988+\underline{15}=7003$
- use knowledge of number bonds to 10 and 100
$\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|l|}\hline & \begin{array}{l}\text { - double and halve 3 digit multiples of 10, } \\ \text { e.g. double 790, halve } 560 \text { add near } \\ \text { doubles or 2-digit numbers, e.g. } 38+37\end{array} \\ \text { - add and subtract fractions with the same } \\ \text { denominator }\end{array}\right]$
- use knowledge of place value and related calculations, e.g. work out $140+150=$ 290 using $14+15=29$
- partition - add or subtract then recombine use knowledge of place value and related calculations, e.g. work out double 790 from double 79
- partition to add near doubles: double and adjust, e.g. $38+37=38+38=76-1$ $=75$
- partition - count on and back in fractions with different denominators

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| YEAR 5 |  |  |
| - add and subtract numbers mentally with increasingly large numbers. <br> - halve any number up to 100 (NB key skills but not explicit on the curriculum) <br> - double and halve decimal numbers to 1 dp (NB key skills but not explicit in the curriculum) | - add or subtract a near multiple of 10 or 100 to any 2 -digit or 3 -digit number, e.g. $235+198$ <br> - finding a small difference between a pair of 2-digit numbers lying either side of a multiple of 1000, e.g. 7003-6899 <br> - add any 2 numbers together to total a multiple of 1000, e.g. 4087 + $\qquad$ $=$ 5000 <br> - add or subtract any pairs of decimals with ones and tenths, e.g. 5.7 + 2.5, 6.34.8 | - partition (compensating) - add a multiple of 100 and adjust, e.g. $235+198=235+$ $200-2=435-2=433$ <br> - partition - count up from the smallest number to find a difference, e.g. 7003 - $\begin{aligned} & 6899,6899+\quad=7003,6899+1+ \\ & 100+3=7003,6899+104=7003 \end{aligned}$ <br> - use knowledge of number bonds to 10 , 100 and 1000 <br> - use knowledge of place value and related calculations, e.g. 6.3-4.8 using 63-48 |


|  | add and subtract fractions with the same <br> denominator and multiples of the same <br> number, e.g. $4 / 6+2 / 3=4 / 3=11 / 3$ | •partition - add ones and tenths then <br> recombine <br> - decimal bonds to 1, e.g. $0.83+0.17$ |
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| Sequencing (partitioning only one <br> number) - e.g. $5.7+2.5=5.7+2+0.5=$ <br> $7.7+0.3+0.2=8+0.2=8.2$ |  |  |


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| YEAR 6 |  |  |
| - To perform mental calculations, including with mixed operations and large numbers. <br> - 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 $0.68+0.43$ <br> - 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 <br> - to find doubles of decimals each with ones and tenths, e.g. $2.6+2.6$ <br> - to add near doubles of decimals, e.g. 3.7 $+3.6$ <br> - add and subtract fractions with different denominators and mixed numbers, e.g. 3 $/ 4-2 / 16=5 / 8$ | - count on or back in tenths, hundredths and thousandths <br> - 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 $68+43$ <br> - Sequencing (partitioning only one $\begin{aligned} & \text { number) - e.g. } 5.74+2.66=5.74+2+ \\ & 0.66=7.74+0.66=7.74+0.26+0.4=8 \\ & +0.4=8.4 \end{aligned}$ <br> - partition (compensating) - add or subtract a whole number and adjust, e.g. $\begin{aligned} & 4.3+2.9=4.3+3-0.1=7.2,6.5-3.8= \\ & 6.5-4+0.2=2.7 \end{aligned}$ <br> - partition - add ones and tenths then recombine |


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- 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

