

This half term, we will be focusing on recognising the place value of numbers up to 1,000,000. We will read, write, order and compare these numbers and determine the value of each digit. We will also be looking at counting forwards and backwards in steps of powers of 10. This can be practised at home by choosing any given number up to 1,000,000 and asking your child to count forwards or backwards. Below are some examples of how we teach this in the classroom.



Addition and Subtraction

In this unit of learning, we will add and subtract whole numbers with more than 4 digits, using column addition and subtraction. We will begin by reminding the children how to use columns effectively with exchanging and how this method stays the same for bigger numbers. We will then move onto mental addition and subtraction, including revisiting and developing the different strategies children used for their place value knowledge in year 4. Finally, we will focus on inverse calculations using bar models to support our learning.

Here is an example taken from the schools calculation policy to show how children can draw a pictorial representation of the columns using place value counters.



Perimeter and Area

We will be calculating the perimeter of composite rectilinear shapes in centimetres and metres. This means two rectangles have been joined together. We will also calculate area and estimate this for irregular shapes.





Children will be set weekly homework on the SATs companion site. It can be accessed on tablets, laptops and phones. If your child has difficulty logging in or needs more support, please contact your child's teacher. Login details to follow.

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