



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, a Voluntary Academy



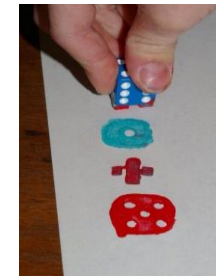
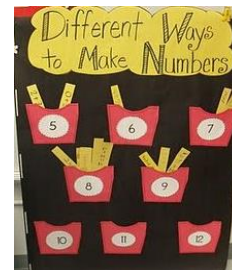
Early Years Calculation Policy

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Addition

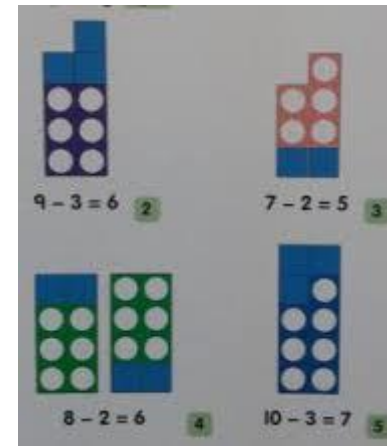
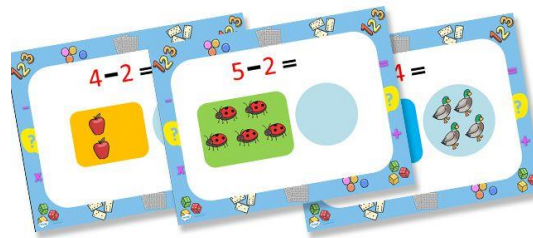
Before addition can be introduced, children in Early Years build on concepts taught in Nursery by working through the number objectives in the 40 – 60 month band of Early Years Outcomes. Children need to have a secure knowledge of number in order to begin addition. Children are then introduced to the concept of addition through practical games and activities. Children act out addition sums to physically add two groups of objects together and use arm gestures to represent the signs + and =.

This is re-enforced by opportunities provided in the outdoor area for the children to use addition e.g. adding together groups of building blocks, twigs etc. Children build on their previous knowledge of 'more' by learning that adding two groups of objects together gives them a larger number (more objects). Adults model addition vocabulary supported by age appropriate definition. An example of this is "addition means we add two groups together / we put 2 lots of objects together. Equals means we find out how many we have got altogether. 3 add 2 equals 5! We have got 5 altogether". Adults support children in recording their addition sums in the written form.



Subtraction

Before subtraction can be introduced, children in Early Years build on concepts taught in Nursery by working through the number objectives in the 40 – 60 month band of Early Years Outcomes. Children need to have a secure knowledge of number in order to begin subtraction. Children are then introduced to the concept of subtraction through practical games and activities. Children act out subtractions to physically subtract a number of objects from a group. Children use arm gestures to represent the signs - and =. This is reinforced by opportunities provided in the outdoor area for the children to count e.g. counting building blocks, twigs etc. Children build on their previous knowledge of 'less' by learning that subtracting means taking away a certain number of objects from a group (leaving them with less objects). Adults model subtraction vocabulary supported by age appropriate definition. An example of this is "subtraction means we take away objects from a group / we have got 5 fewer objects now. Equals means we find out how many we have got left. Wow! We have only got 3 left!" Adults support children in recording their subtractions in the written form.



Multiplication

By the end of Early Years, children are expected to understand the concept of doubling and to be able to double a number up to 10. Before doubling can be introduced, children need to have a secure knowledge of counting, number facts and addition in order to double. Children are then introduced to the concept of doubling through practical games and activities, including the use of the outdoor areas. Children act out 'doubling' by physically add two equal groups together to find out the 'doubles' answer.



Division

By the end of Early Years, children are expected to understand the concept of halving and sharing. Before this can be introduced, children need to have a secure knowledge of counting backwards, number facts and subtraction in order to halve and share. Children are then introduced to the concept of halving and sharing through practical games and activities. They act out 'halving and sharing' through activities such as sharing food for their Teddy Bear's Picnic, sharing resources equally to play a game. This is reinforced by opportunities provided in the outdoor area for the children to halve and share out objects such as building blocks, twigs etc.

