

# Currie Primary School



## PARENTS AS PARTNERS

Help your Child with



## MENTAL MATHEMATICS

For Primary 1 - Primary 7

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Dear Parents

We hope you find these Mental Maths guidelines helpful. They are designed to help raise your child's attainment.

- They indicate a standard which you can expect from your child, without using a calculator.
- All Maths work is built on prior knowledge so please look back at what is taught in earlier classes.
- Some pupils will exceed these guidelines and a few pupils may not be able to complete all tasks.
- If your child experiences real difficulty, please do contact the school.
- Spend no more than 10 minutes per night on Mental Maths.
- If you expect good results from your child you are likely to get them.

**Expect Good Results - Let's Aim High**

### PRIMARY 1

- Count aloud forwards and backwards to at least 20. (starting at any number)
- Recognise numbers up to (at least) 10. e.g. show me a 4 and 7
- Put numbers in order (0 - 10).
- Work out one more than and one less than (0- 10).
- Count in 2s (up to 20) starting from 0.
- Count in 10s (up to 100) starting from 0.
- Say the number before, after and between numbers up to 10.
- Understand first, second, middle, last, same as, more than, less than.
- Simple addition and subtraction to at least 10. e.g.  $2 + 2$ ,  $6 + 1$ ,  $5 + 4$ , etc
- Say days of week. Know day before and after. Understand yesterday, today and tomorrow.
- Play games. e.g. ludo, snakes and ladders, cards and dominoes

## PRIMARY 2

- Count aloud forwards and backwards (beyond 20) starting from different numbers.
- Recognise numbers up to (at least) 20.
- Understand that 24 is 20 and 4. 36 is 30 and 6 etc.
- Know which numbers come between any two numbers up to 20 (and beyond). e.g. what number is between 13 and 15
- Be able to recall pairs of numbers which make 'stories of numbers' up to 10 (more able children up to 20).  
e.g.  $0 + 3 = 3$ ,  $1 + 2 = 3$ ,  $2 + 1 = 3$ ,  $3 + 0 = 3$
- Count in: 2s to 20 starting from 0.  
5s beyond 20 starting from 0.  
10s beyond 20 starting from 0.
- To identify position. e.g. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> up to 10<sup>th</sup> or beyond
- Recognise o'clock. e.g.  
2 o'clock 

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- Play games as in P1.
- Be able to say days of week and months of year and put in correct order.
- Become familiar with times on an ordinary clock face.

## PRIMARY 3

- Count aloud forwards and backwards to 100 starting at any number.
- Count in 2s to at least 100, 5's to at least 100, 10s to at least 100.
- Understand that 48 is  $40 + 8$  and 87 is  $80 + 7$ .
- Know one more/less than: - up to 100.
- Know odd and even numbers to at least 20.
- Count in 3s and 4s to at least 20.
- Have quick recall of addition and subtraction facts to 10 or even 20 for more able.
- Know that  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 10 is 5 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 18 is 9 (up to 20).
- Add tens. e.g.  $20 + 20$ ,  $40 + 30$  etc to 100
- Extend telling of time to  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours and beyond if possible.  
quarter past four 

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half past four 

04:30
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quarter to four 

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- Be able to say days of week and months of year and seasons in correct order.
- Introduce 2, 3, 4, 5 & 10 times tables.

## PRIMARY 4

- Count aloud forwards and backwards from different numbers to at least 1,000.
- Count in 2s, 5s and 10s to 100 and beyond.
- Recognise that 328 is  $300 + 20 + 8$ .
- Count aloud forwards and backwards in hundreds to 1,000.
- Add and subtract single figures to and from numbers to 100.
- Add 10, 20, 30, 40 to a number. e.g.  $24 + 30 = 54$
- Count on in numbers other than 1. e.g. start at 25 and count in 3's
- Have quick recall of addition and subtraction facts to 20.
- Continue to consolidate 2, 3, 4, 5, & 10 and learn 6, 7, 8, & 9 times tables.
- Add and subtract to 9. e.g.  $28 + 9 = 28 + 10 - 1$ ,  
 $28 - 9 = 28 - 10 + 1$
- Multiply by 10 beyond  $10 \times 10$ . e.g.  $10 \times 15 = 150$
- Extend telling of time to minutes past hour  
five past three 

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## PRIMARY 5

- Count aloud forwards and backwards from numbers to at least 10,000.
- Add and subtract 1, 10, 100 to and from numbers up to 10,000.
- Know all multiplication tables up to 10 times table.
- Know division facts for these time tables.
- Extend knowledge of addition facts. e.g.  
 $3 + 4 = 7$      $23 + 4 = 27$      $63 + 4 = 67$   
 $3 + 4 = 7$      $30 + 40 = 70$      $300 + 400 = 700$
- Add 100, 200, 300, 400 to a number.  
e.g.  $63 + 400 = 463$
- Recognise that 8,437 is  $8,000 + 400 + 30 + 7$
- Have instant recall of addition and subtraction facts to 20.
- Use "shortcuts" to calculate e.g.  $67 + 99$  (add 100 and subtract 1)  $11 + 146$  (add 10 and then 1 more).
- Calculate halves of 2 digit even numbers to 50. Calculate doubles of 2 digit numbers to 50.
- Extend telling of time to minutes to the hour  
20 to 5    

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- Add subtract sums of money up to £5.  
e.g.  $£1.50 + £3.25$      $£3.50 - £1.25$
- Add a string of numbers or coins up to 100 (£1).  
e.g.  $2p + 1p + 5p + 20p + 50p$

## PRIMARY 6

- Work with numbers up to 100,000.
- Add and subtract 2 digit numbers involving multiples of 10 or 100. e.g.  $120 + 130$ ,  $700 + 200$
- Add and subtract sums of money up to £10.  
e.g.  $£5.50 + £1.25$ . How much change from £10?
- Multiply and divide 2 digit numbers by any single digit. e.g.  $27 \times 8$
- Multiply and divide 3 digit numbers by 10.
- Be confident in the use of multiplication and division facts (know all tables).  
e.g.  $\frac{3}{4}$  of 32,  $\frac{1}{8}$  of 56
- Be able to recite 'stations' of all tables.  
e.g. 8, 16, 24, 32, 40 etc.
- Calculate halves of 2 digit even numbers to 100.  
e.g.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 76
- Calculate doubles of 2 digit even numbers to 100.  
e.g. double 34
- Recognise that 123,496 is  $100,000 + 20,000 + 3,000 + 400 + 90 + 6$ .  
e.g. What is the value of 4?
- Be familiar with 24 hour clock.  
e.g. simple timetables - length of journey  
e.g. How long is my journey if I leave at twenty to eight and arrive at nine thirty?
- Be able to total simple common fractions.  
e.g.  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4}$

## PRIMARY 7

- Work with numbers up to 1,000,000
- Add and subtract 3 digit numbers involving multiples of 100 including simple decimals.  
e.g.  $12.5 + 10.3$
- Add and subtract sums of money to £20.  
e.g.  $£6.25 + £5.50$   
How much change from £20?
- Add and subtract units of weight, length, volume. e.g.  $1m\ 25cm + 2m\ 20cm$
- Multiply and divide 3 digit numbers by a single digit. Multiply and divide 4 digit numbers by 10 or 100.
- Write simple fractions in decimal form.  
e.g.  $\frac{6}{10} = 0.6$
- Calculate simple percentages.  
e.g. 50% of 40, 25% of 48
- Understand the structure of numbers  
 $1,326,902 = 1,000,000 + 300,000 + 20,000 + 6,000 + 900 + \underline{\text{no tens}} + 2$
- Round numbers to the nearest whole number - ten or hundred.  
e.g. 7.8 is about 8  
31 is about 30  
737 is about 700
- Be able to convert 24 hour times to 12 hour times.  
e.g. 16.45 - 4.45pm - quarter to five in the afternoon  
01.30 - 1.30am - half past one in the morning