# Maths





## **Curriculum Booklet**

## Maths Intent

#### Why do we teach this? Why do we teach it in the way we do?

## At Tanners Brook Primary School, we foster mathematicians as well as mathematics.

The intent of Tanners Brook Primary School's Maths curriculum is to ensure that all children are confident and competent in their mathematical knowledge so that they are able to **make sense of the world** around them and recognise that maths is essential to **everyday life**.

We want all our pupils to experience the power and enjoyment of being **mathematicians** and develop a sense of curiosity about this subject with a clear understanding. This will raise the profile of maths and consequently the aspirations of all our children.

It is our belief that children should view maths as an interconnected subject so that they are able to use and apply their existing knowledge to new situations, moving confidently and fluently between different representations of mathematical ideas as excited mathematicians. We use **mistakes** and misconceptions as an essential part of the **learning journey** and provide **rich and challenging problems**.

Throughout the year, maths events will be organised to promote mathematics to improve the engagement of parents and our community. We aspire for both children and adults to enjoy maths and recognise that everyone can succeed in this subject.

In line with the National Curriculum, we aim for all pupils to:

- become fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics so that they develop conceptual understanding and the ability to recall and apply knowledge rapidly and accurately
- be able to solve problems by applying their mathematics to a variety of problems with increasing sophistication, including in unfamiliar contexts & real-life scenarios
- **reason mathematically** by following a line of enquiry and develop and present their ideas using **mathematical language**
- additionally, we want our children to have an appreciation of number and number operations, which enables mental calculations and written procedures to be performed efficiently, **fluently**, and accurately to be successful mathematicians.

Our curriculum is frequently reviewed to ensure that is it current and effective and teachers are supported and aided in their teaching of mathematics through appropriate high-quality continuing profession development through external and internal training, online training, monitoring, coaching and support from Solent Maths Hub. This will ensure confidence in the skills and knowledge that they are required to teach.

## **Maths Implementation**

#### What do we teach? What does this look like?

Our whole curriculum is shaped by our school vision which aims to enable all children, regardless of background, ability and additional needs, to strive to achieve their personal best and make our community proud.

We teach a broad and balanced mathematical curriculum, supported by a clear skills and knowledge progression. This ensures that skills and knowledge are built on year by year and sequenced appropriately to maximise learning for all children. We focus not only on the mathematical methods but also on mathematical vocabulary to broaden and deepen mathematical understanding.

Children are taught mathematics for approximately 1 hour daily with additional lessons for Maths Skills, including Number Sense Maths. Support is determined during each lesson to ensure secure understanding based on the needs of the child. A mix of adult led and child led activities are planned for children in EYFS.

Teaching is whole-classed based, supported by appropriate scaffolding and adaptations, for Year 1 to Year 6. In Early Years, mathematics is part of the daily learning tasks and is also taught through Discovery Time or outdoor learning.

At Tanners Brook Primary School, we follow the National Curriculum and use White Rose Schemes of Work and the Overview Small Steps as a guide to support teachers with their planning and assessment. These have been adapted to meet the needs of our children. This ensures coverage and that the children are given all the stages required to move forwards with this learning.

#### Structure of our lessons:

**Rapid Recall:** The purpose of these is to start children 'thinking mathematically' and to establish a mathematical mindset. This will involve counting (KS1) and will also be comprised of a recap through the use of games, loop activities, short open-ended problems (for which solutions can be shared or discussed). In UKS2, these may cover a variety of skills and areas of the curriculum and often have an arithmetic focus. Our Rapid Recall don't necessarily need to be directly related to that lesson's content – although they may 'bridge' into our explicit teaching session.

**Explicit Teaching:** This is the teacher introducing new concepts or revising existing concepts through the use of explanation and modelling.

**Practice:** It is important that our children consolidate and reinforce their understanding of mathematical concepts with practice on set exercises based on the explicit teaching. Sound practice or development of fluency in mathematics will ensure that student exercises are scaffolded appropriately (e.g. similar examples; prompts; one-to-one or small group coaching where available; provision of tactile

and/or visual learning resources such as blocks, diagrams, counters...) to make exercises accessible for students still not confident with concepts. Students work either individually or together on a problem (related to the focus for the lesson).

**Targeted Challenge:** Once a level of mathematical fluency has been established (ie, they've successfully completed some practice questions), children need to move on to a challenge question to develop higher order thinking skills. This will involve problem solving and reasoning and the opportunity to apply the new concept from the explicit teaching. This will further and deepen the children's understanding. Often, this question will involve previously taught concepts.

This is supported by a lesson structure that is used in every lesson at Tanners Brook.

#### Early Years

The teaching of Maths begins in the Early Years and our curriculum is in line with Early Years Foundation Stage Framework.

#### In Maths, you will see:

- Number fluency being continually developed.
- Children participating in short maths sessions daily and being given time to explore mathematical concepts, test ideas, develop their understanding and practise taught skills through play.
- Maths in all areas of our provision and is experienced in a purposeful and meaningful context within their play and daily routines.
- Children exploring number, shape, space and measures through mud kitchen, role play, sand and water play and classroom routines.
- The encouraged use of mathematical understanding and skills in solving real-life problems by staff who identify and extend opportunities to foster this.
- Daily counting
- Creative and engaging opportunities for children to ignite their curiosity and enthusiasm for the subject,
- Activities and experiences that are frequent and varied and allow the children to build on and apply understanding of numbers to 10.
- Children using concrete manipulatives as a key focus, as is the use of pictorial representations including Tens Frames and Part-Whole models.
- The actively encouraged use of mathematical terminology within their understanding.

#### In you were to walk into Maths lesson at TBPS you will see:

- Small steps between and within lessons
- Mini plenaries
- Scaffolds used to support children

- Precise and targeted questions that are carefully planned and used throughout to target children's fluency, reasoning skills and progress.
- Children given opportunities and encouraged to identify and recognise patterns and rules, rather than just show how to find the answer.
- Concrete, pictorial and abstract representations used fluidly to allow deep, sustainable learning for all
- Children understanding and using the correct, precise mathematical vocabulary when explaining their maths.
- Opportunities to practise and use number skills and apply them in different contexts.
- Maths displays that are interactive and relevant to the learning happening the lessons. These 'working walls' may provide key information and vocabulary with modelled examples to support learning as well as showcasing children's work to give a sense of pride.
- Adults moving between tables to support and question children to deepen their understanding.
- Calculation practice is provided regularly through basic skills starter activities to ensure children's fluency in calculation methods is embedded.
- Learning is scaffolded and adapted to meet the needs of the children within the class whilst still providing each child with the opportunity to achieve the learning intentions to meet the expectations of their year group.
- A love of maths being encouraged throughout the school via links with other subjects, applying an ever-growing range of skills with growing independence.
- Children with additional needs are included in whole class lessons and teachers provide scaffolding and relevant support as necessary. For those children who are working outside of the year group curriculum, individual learning activities are provided to ensure their progress.
- That we encourage resilience and acceptance that struggle is often a necessary step in learning.
- Practice and consolidation playing a central role. Carefully designed variation within this builds fluency and understanding of underlying mathematical concepts.
- Children marking their learning as they go when and where appropriate.
- Links with learning in NSM and times tables etc.
- Our Calculation Strategy Policy being used within school to ensure a consistent approach to teaching the four operations over time.

#### **Rapid Recall**



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#### **Explicit Teaching**



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#### **Practice**













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#### **Challenge**



Children say that they, 'like the challenges everyday in Maths lesson; we like trying to work them out.' 'I like putting my skills to the test. I can apply what I know to problems and the challenges that we have every day.' Children like Maths because 'all the problems are fun to do.'

#### Number Sense Maths (NSM) - Number Facts Fluency

Number Sense Facts Fluency sessions are taught as either whole class (KS1 and Year 3 in Autumn) or as an intervention (KS2). In KS1, these are taught daily as 15-minute number fact sessions.

In our NSM Facts Fluency sessions, you will see:

- A 3-part session: 1) Individual practice of previous learning; 2) Teaching and group discussion; 3) consolidation of that day's learning.
- The use of the NSM Number Facts Calculation Strategies
- Reference made to Maths lessons and linked classroom displays
- The use of animations to develop children's own mental images of number
- Small steps to improve children's ability to subitise and become fluent at calculations.
- Quick and pacey sessions
- 'Talk rich' sessions that help children to articulate and hone their own thoughts, reason and make connections
- Discussion and questions that draw attention to mathematical structure
- The trialling of the use of rekenreks in Year 2 to support and aid number fluency.

In addition to this, Early Years Number Sense is used regularly to support the curriculum and to build a deep understanding of quantity and of numbers to 10.

#### Number Sense Maths (NSM) – Times Tables Fluency

We are committed to ensuring that pupils secure their knowledge of Times Tables and Related Divisional Facts by the end of Year 4 and are able to apply this in formal methods and problem solving through the Key Stage and beyond. From September 2023 (January 2024 for Year 3), we will be following the NSM Times Tables Fluency programme to build fluency in multiplication and division facts and an understanding of multiplicative relationships.

In our NSM Times Table Fluency sessions you will see:

- All teachers following the unit plans.
- An introductory lesson for each new unit which includes animations.

- Daily tests using sheets that introduce a maximum of three new facts at a time; practise new facts in isolation, then mix with previously learnt facts; and practise facts to a very high degree of accuracy for all children.
- Displays in all classrooms that show the 36 facts and are updated in line with the NSM Times Tables Fluency programme.
- Oral rehearsal of facts daily where exact language is used by all staff and children (for example, 6 X 4, 4 X 6, 24 ÷ 6 = 4 and 24 ÷ 4 = 6 are all read as "six fours are twenty-four").
- Targeted support when needed happens within the main programme rather than as a separate intervention.

Additionally, our pupils engage in regular low stakes testing through Times Tables Rock Stars to practice fluent recall. When children are confident and fluent with their tables, they will be able to take their Bronze Tables Award.

#### <u>NRICH</u>

Each year group uses an NRICH maths activity at least once every half term to help to embed the aims of the National Curriculum (number fluency, reasoning and problem solving). These are mapped onto the Medium Term Plans for our new curriculum from September 2022.

In our NRICH lessons you will see:

- A 4-part lesson: 1) rapid recall (this may be related to the main activity); 2) introduction of the task; 3) children working on the NRICH task supported by mini plenaries and pullbacks as necessary; 4) shared discussion of any outcomes and findings from the task.
- Reference made to Maths lessons and linked classroom displays
- 'Talk rich' sessions that help children to articulate and hone their own thoughts, reason and make connections
- Staff and children using mathematical language to explain ideas and thinking accurately.

Some children with SEND might find accessing the Maths curriculum difficult. Their barriers may include:

- Difficulties with literacy and/or Maths
- Difficulties with attention/concentration
- Understanding of language, in particular subject specific vocabulary
- Difficulties with retaining new information

• Lack of abstract understanding

At Tanners Brook we will support all our children to reduce these barriers through:

- Pre-teaching
- Clear modelling of tasks with examples
- Minimising distractions in the classroom
- Designing tasks into manageable chunks that are repeated
- Finding other ways for the children to record their learning beyond writing
- Incorporate practical resources to support understanding
- Using visual aids alongside new vocabulary (dual coding)
- Following a clear lesson structure in all lessons

## **Maths Impact**

#### What will this look like? By the time children leave our school they will:

By the time children leave Tanners Brook Primary School in Year 6, we aim for them to be fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics with a conceptual understanding and the ability to recall and apply knowledge rapidly and accurately. They should have the skills to solve problems by applying their mathematics to a variety of situations with increasing sophistication, including in unfamiliar contexts and to model real-life scenarios. Children will be able to reason mathematically by following a line of enquiry and develop and present a justification, argument or proof using mathematical language. Due to a consistent approach across the school, the children are confident to do this both verbally and in written work.

The quality and impact of our maths curriculum is measured across school through targeted learning walks, monitoring, pupil observations, discussions around work within school books ('book looks'), data analysis, conversations with parents and children and through pupil progress meetings.

Children have a positive view of maths due to learning in an environment where maths is promoted as being an exciting and enjoyable subject in which they can investigate and ask questions; they know that it is okay to be 'wrong' and that this can strengthen their learning because the journey as mathematicians to finding an answer is most important.

Monitoring of the introduction of the 4-part lesson structure through learning walks shows that we now have more consistent teaching practices that are well-known to be more effective for pupil progress long term, evident across school.

Through monitoring, it is evident that our children are confident to 'have a go' and choose the equipment they need to help them to learn along with the strategies they think are best suited to each problem. Our children have a good understanding of their strengths and targets for development in maths and what they need to do to improve. Our maths books evidence work of a high standard of which children clearly take pride; the range of activities demonstrate good coverage of fluency, reasoning and problem solving. Our feedback and interventions support children to strive to be the best mathematicians they can be. Our school standards are high. We moderate our books and children are achieving well and most are on track or above.

Regular assessment opportunities using a variety of summative and formative assessment tools (including NFER, times tables checks, AFL, past SATs papers) ensures that learning is tracked and monitored to ensure all children make good progress. This allows teachers to plan accordingly to meet the needs of all pupils and, where necessary, plan for early support and intervention.

The introduction of Number Sense Maths has led to an increased focus on fluency throughout our school. Children are beginning to demonstrate quick recall of facts and procedures (including the recollection of the times tables); the flexibility and fluidity to move between different contexts and representations of mathematics; and the ability to recognise relationships and make connections in mathematics. Children say that 'it's making my Maths better.' They enjoy the lessons and 'it has helped me answer more questions in my head. The videos really help this.' They find that working with 'smaller numbers first helps them with larger numbers.' They like that as a result of the Number Sense Maths 'we don't need to use our fingers.' Children's fluency in number is evident in our proven track record of good success in arithmetic in the KS2 SATs.

The emphasis on accurate and consistent use of mathematical language is becoming more evident during whole class and pupil discussions and is supported by the whole school use of the Calculation Strategy Policy.

End of Key Stage statutory assessments are an indicator of how well we as a school ensure that Maths is a priority for our children.

2022	EXS+	GDS
Year 2	70%	9%
Year 6 (national)	73% (71%)	17%

2023	EXS+	GDS
Year 2	75%	9%
Year 6 (national)	76% (73%)	20% (24%)

2024	EXS+	GDS
Year 6 (national)	76% (73%)	24% (24%)