This policy is based heavily on the Whiterose Maths Calculation Policy and should be read alongside it, to see concrete, pictorial and abstract strategies to be used across school.

Please note, where children are struggling with a concept, refer back to concrete and pictorial methods – even in year 4, before introducing abstract, more formal methods.

	Acorns - EYFS	Saplings – Y1	Saplings – Y2	Oaks – Y3	Oaks – Y4
Addition	Find one more	Combining two parts	Adding three single	Column method,	Column method,
		to make a whole: part	digits.	including regrouping.	including regrouping.
	Use objects to add two	whole model.	Use of base 10 to	Using place value	(up to 4 digits)
	single digit numbers.	Starting at the bigger	combine two 2 digit	counters	Build up to formal
		number and counting	numbers.	(up to 3 digits).	written methods
	Become familiar with the	on- using cubes.			(alongside PV grids and
	ten frame.	Regrouping to make			counters to begin with).
		10 using ten frame			
Subtraction	Find one less	Taking away ones	Counting back	Column method	Column method with
		Counting back	Find the difference	with regrouping.	regrouping.
	Use objects to subtract	Find the difference	Part whole model	(up to 3 digits	(up to 4 digits)
	two single digit numbers.	Part whole model	Make 10	using place value	Build up to formal
		Make 10 using the	Use of base 10 to	counters)	written methods.
	Become familiar with the	ten frame	subtract from larger		(alongside PV grids and
	ten frame.		numbers (no exchange).		counters to begin with).
Multiplication	Play with sharing objects	Recognising and	Arrays- showing	Arrays	Column
	between baskets,	making equal groups.	commutative	2d × 1d using base	Multiplication introduced
	children, hoops etc.	Doubling	multiplication	10	with place
	Begin to use language of	Counting in multiples			value counters.
	equal.	Use cubes, Numicon			(2 and 3 digit
	Begin to count objects in	and other objects in			multiplied by 1 digit)
	2s. Double using objects.	the classroom			

Division	Play with sharing objects	Sharing objects into	Division as	Division with a	Division with a
	between baskets,	groups	grouping	remainder-using	remainder
	children, hoops etc.	Division as grouping	Division within	lollipop sticks,	Short division (up to 3
	Begin to use language of	e.g. I have 12 sweets	arrays- linking to	times tables facts	digits by 1 digit concrete
	equal.	and put them in	multiplication	and repeated	and pictorial)
	Halving using objects.	groups of 3, how	Repeated	subtraction.	
		many groups?	subtraction	2d divided by 1d	
		Use cubes and draw		using base 10 or	
		round 3 cubes at a		place value	
		time.		counters	