

How to use the written calculations section of this booklet

The aim of this section is for it to be a quick and easy reference guide for parents. It shows the written methods your child will learn as they progress through Key Stage Two, if their numeracy skills are developing at the appropriate rate.

In numeracy there are usually several methods of solving a problem, although some methods are more appropriate and more efficient than others. We teach the children a variety of mental and written strategies with the intention that they choose the best way for them to solve a problem.

The written methods shown in this booklet are set out in a progressive way. As your child moves through Key Stage Two, they will learn more strategies, which increase in complexity.

It is important to use this section to understand the methods which your child is being taught. One of the best ways in which you can help your child is by helping to reinforce what they are learning at school. Your child will move on to the next method only when they have understood what they have done so far and they are fully competent and at an appropriate level with their mental recall and calculation skills. It can be detrimental to show your child a method which they are not yet ready to use.