

Progression of skills



subtraction



At Portswood Primary Academy Trust, we strive for achievement for all our pupils and believe that all pupils should develop a passion for maths.

We want pupils to be *confident* in their use of maths; being able to *identify* where the *maths* is *in* the *problems* they are *faced* with, to prepare them for its use in the *real world* and to ensure that they are ready for the *next stage* of their *mathematics education*.

Our *aims* for maths, *reflect* the aims of the *National Curriculum*. Pupils should:

- •Become *fluent* in the fundamentals of Maths
- •Reason mathematically
- •Solve problems

Pupils, at Portswood Primary School, should have a *secure knowledge of mathematical facts* and be able to *recall* them *rapidly.* Ensuring that pupils *retain* a *knowledge* of number, other mathematical facts or the processes of calculation, will mean they are *not a barrier to use in wider mathematics.*

Maths teaching should be supported by using a *concrete, pictorial, abstract* approach.



This allows for *secure retention* of key mathematical concepts. *Manipulative resources* should be available until a pupil is confident working with abstract concepts. They may be returned to at any time.

Early years



By the end of the year I can...

- I can subtract numbers up to 10 using objects
- I can count back to find an answer

Additional support

To support our children we learn the concept of number first (up to 5). We then develop accurate touch counting which progresses into counting concrete objects. This will be repeated to develop confidence. If confident, they would progress into taking one less from **concrete** apparatus.

Core methods

In Early Years we start our subtraction by answering words problems in context **altogether.** We present this using five frames. When we develop confidence we progress onto tens frames with a **pictorial representation**. We then use **concrete apparatus** to independently take objects away which will then progress into **pictorial** 5s and 10s frames.

Beyond expectations

To challenge our children we learn **pictorial representations** of jottings to take away.

Subtract take-away less fewer number sentence how many altogether



Early years Children's work





Year 1



By the end of the year I can...

- use my numbers bonds to 20 to help me with subtraction
- subtract one digit and two digit numbers from 20
- solve one step problems using subtraction
- use objects and pictures to help me solve my number problem
- solve missing number problems up to 20

Additional support

To support our children we subtract using **concrete apparatus** by removing objects. We then progress into moving counters from a tens frame. If confident, we progress into **pictorial** by crossing out pictures and counting the remaining. We will focus on numbers **1-20**.

Core methods

In Year 1 we start with a **concrete apparatus** of a tens frame where children can physically remove counters to support their subtraction. Once confident, we will progress to subtracting on a number line, "jumping" in 1's on a structured number line.

Beyond expectations

To challenge our children we will provide them with a blank number line for them to subtract from a given number.

subtract minus take away equal less than

Year 1



Children's work









Year 2



By the end of the year I can...

- begin to use number facts, when subtracting, up to 100
- subtract a two-digit number and ones (13 3 = 10)
- subtract a two –digit number and tens (21 10 = 11)
- subtract a two two digit numbers (56 34 = 22)
- subtract three one digit numbers (9-5-1 = 3)

Additional support

To support our children we start with **concrete apparatus** taking away dienes, counters or objects. Once confident, we introduce a **pictorial method**; partitioning our numbers and crossing out what we are taking away. We focus on subtractions that do not require exchanging.

Core methods

In Year 2 we partition numbers and use tens and ones to work out answers. We use **pictorial** methods with subtraction by drawing tens and ones. Follow the steps on the next page to see how we present our working out!

Beyond expectations

To challenge our higher attaining children we subtract numbers over 100 as well as introducing complex problem solving, such as 2-step problems and using known facts.

subtract	take	away	less that	n minus
exchar	ige	tens	ones	partition
swap sh	nop	COU	Int	altogether

Year 2



Steps

1. Write the number sentence



2. Partition the largest number into tens and ones (hundreds if needed)



3. Take away ones – (X cross off when taking away)



4. Take away tens (X cross off when taking away)



5. Count the remaining (/ cross off when counting)



Year 2



Steps - exchanging

1. Write the number sentence



2. Partition the largest number into tens and ones (hundreds if needed)

	3	4	-	1	9	=	
1	1	1	-	-			
1	1		-	-			

3. Take away ones -

(here we can not take away 4-9 so we visit the swap shop, which means we exchange 1 ten for ten ones)



4. Take away tens and ones— (take away ones first) (X cross off when taking away)



5. Count the remaining (/ cross off when counting – count the tens first and then the ones)

34-19-15

Year 2



Children's work











Year 3



By the end of the year I can...

- subtract numbers with up to three digit
- · partition numbers with up to three digits
- use the column method to subtract with three digit numbers
- use inverse operations to check answers

Additional support

To support our children we use **concrete apparatus** such as place value counters, dienes and use our number bonds up to 10/20. We then progress onto **Year 2's pictorial method** of partitioning tens and ones to support our subtraction.

Core methods

In Year 3 we learn an **abstract method** of expanded column. This develops on Year 2's pictorial method as we equally partition the numbers but progress into a written method. Follow the steps on the next page to see how we present our working out!

Beyond expectations

To challenge our children we introduce larger calculations, such as hundreds take way hundreds (e.g. 224 – 153) that also require exchanging the tens. We also introduce the **Year 4 compact column method** as well as reasoning problems.

partition	recombi	ine	tens	ones
hundr	eds colu	lmn	subtra	oct
take away	minus	less	deci	rease
SWa	ip shop	excha	ange	





1. Write number sentence



2. Write your expanded column method with your partitioned numbers



3. Take away ones column

L	0	0	2	0		3
1	0	0		0	21	2
						1

4. Take away tens column



5. Take away hundreds column



6. Add your partitioned numbers to work out your total







1. Write number sentence



2. Write your expanded column method with your partitioned numbers



3. Take away ones column



4. Take away tens column



When unable to take away (such as 70 – 90) we exchange from the next column/ place value

If unable to take away (170 - 90), simplify the place value (17-9).

5. Take away hundreds column (if possible)

1001	7	0	8
	9	0	4
	8	0	4

6. Add your partitioned numbers to work out your total



Year 3



Children's work





6 5 T KE + 8

= 2 3 9% -H





By the end of the year I can...

- subtract numbers with up to 4 digits
- use methods of column subtraction
- use inverse operations to check calculations
- solve problems with two steps.

Additional support

To support our children we use concrete apparatus of dienes or place value counters to aid subtracting. We then progress onto a scaffold layout with a pictorial approach of using number lines and hundred squares. We also focus on numbers that do not require exchanging.

Core methods

In Year 4 we use an abstract approach of compact column method. This develops from Year 3's expanded column. We focus on larger numbers (up to thousands). Follow the steps on the next page to see how we present our working out!

Beyond expectations

To challenge our higher attaining children we introduce larger numbers (up to tens thousands) as well as introducing reasoning and problem solving.

subtract exchanging difference less than ones tens thousands minus

hundreds







2. Set your number sentence into compact column method



(thousands if needed)



3. Take away ones column (exchange into next place value if needed))



4. Take away tens column

(exchange into next place value if needed))



Exchange from the next place value if unable to take away.

5. Add hundreds column and record your answer.



We also use this method in Year 5 and 6!





Children's work

167 459 6)





By the end of the year I can...

- subtract whole numbers with more than 4 digits
- use methods of column subtraction
- subtract numbers mentally with more than 4 digits
- use rounding to check calculations and accuracy
- solve multi step problems.

Additional support

To support our children we introduce **concrete apparatus** to aid subtracting. We use dienes or counters before progressing into a **pictorial approach** previously seen in Year 2.

Core methods

In Year 5 we continue teaching our children compact column method **(as previously taught in Year 4).** We focus on subtracting 4 or more digit numbers. Follow the steps on the next page to see how we present our working out!

Beyond expectations

To challenge our higher attaining children we subtract increasingly larger numbers and decimals. We also introduce reasoning and problem solving.

> exchange minus difference take away fewer decrease ones/ tens/ hundreds/ thousands tenths/ hundredths





1. Write number sentence



2. Set your number sentence into compact column method



3. Take away ones column (exchange into next place value column if needed)



4. Take away tens column





5. Take away hundreds column (exchange into next place value column if needed))



Exchange from the next place value if unable to take away.

6. Take away thousands column and record your answer



We also use this method in Year 4 and 6!





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Yearb



By the end of the year I can...

- use mental calculations using mixed operations
- use my knowledge of the order of operations to carry out calculations (BODMAS – sometimes referred as BIDMAS)
- solve multi step problems using formal methods
- use estimation to check answers to calculations and accuracy
- use mental calculations to solve problems using known facts e.g. 7 3 = 4 so 700
 300 = 4000
- use formal written methods to calculate addition up to 10 million

Additional support

To support our children we use **concrete apparatus** with dienes to support exchanging. We also focus on smaller numbers and which will become greater with developed confidence and attainment.

Core methods

In Year 6 we continue using **compact column method** with a focus on larger numbers, as well as subtracting decimals. Follow the steps on the next page to see how we present our working out!

Beyond expectations

To challenge our high attaining children we subtract larger numbers, as well as subtracting whole numbers and decimals (e.g. 4 - 3.261). We also introduce reasoning and problem solving.



less than decrease by difference between exchange BODMAS inverse subtract minus





1. Write number sentence



2. Set your number sentence into compact column method



3. Take away ones column (exchange into next place value if needed)



5. Take away hundreds column 6. Take away thousands column

(exchange into next place value if needed))



Exchange from the next place value if unable to take away.



(this time the smallest column is the hundredths)

Subtracting decimals

We use the same method for subtracting decimals. We must make sure that we put our numbers in the correct columns and include the decimal place.



(start with the smallest column e.g ones)

4. Take away tens column (exchange into next place value if needed)









+		-			-		-		1	0	0.	0	
								-		6	4.	7	
	1	0	0	-	6	4	7	-		3	5	.3	