MATHEMATICS POLICY
Reviewed by Numeracy team Spring 2012

MISSION STATEMENT
At Chellaston Infant School we believe that everyone will reach their full potential in a safe, fun and happy environment which promotes independence, self worth and excellence. Everyone is a learner whose values are respected.

RATIONALE

THE IMPORTANCE OF MATHEMATICS
‘Mathematics equips pupils with uniquely powerful ways to describe, analyse and change the world. Pupils who are functional in mathematics and financially capable are able to think independently in applied and abstract ways and can reason, solve problems and assess risk.’ (Primary National Strategy website, 2006).

AIMS
The aim of this policy is to:
1. To ensure Mathematical skills and knowledge are taught and learnt within a context of purposeful and meaningful activities.
2. To provide opportunities for children to explore the structure and connecting relationships of mathematics itself.
3. To provide children with the reasoning skills and strategies that will enable them to use number confidently in their personal lives and work in society.

PLANNING
The school policy is matched to the requirements of the Primary National Strategy (PNS) for Mathematics, which provides the long term content of what should be taught at Key Stage 1. The PNS states the key objectives to be covered each year. Objectives are aligned to the seven strands (these are not equally weighted):

- Using and applying mathematics
- Counting and understanding number
- Knowing and using number facts
- Calculating
- Understanding shape
- Measuring
- Handling data

There are 5 blocks of work, with each block drawing on 3 mathematics strands, including the using and applying strand. Each block is organised into 3 units of work that can be covered across the year. Each unit of work is intended to provide 2-3 weeks of learning. This provides the basis for our long and medium term planning.

In the Foundation Stage teachers use the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) guidance to plan and ensure Early Learning Goals in Numbers and Shape, Space and Measures are achieved. The EYFS guidance recommends that mathematical understanding should include the use of stories, songs, games and imaginative play. The children’s learning experiences provide sufficient opportunity for exploration and a good balance between adult-led and child-initiated activity including mathematical opportunities.
outdoors. By the time the children reach the end of the EYFS most will also have acquired the necessary skills to fulfil the Early Learning Goals (ELGs) in Mathematics.

Teachers in each year group meet weekly to plan together during PPA time to create their medium term planning for each half term and weekly planning.

It is expected that using and applying maths and problem solving are integrated into everyday activities for all children at a level appropriate to their stage of development. Progress made within this area is monitored through EYFS assessment and APP in Key Stage 1. The children are encouraged to develop their Numeracy skills further outside school. Parents are given weekly activities to carry out with their child at home to support their learning.

ICT
During the Numeracy teaching ICT should be used primarily as a teaching tool to help explain mathematical concepts more effectively. The PNS electronic framework provides ICT resources to support teaching and learning. ICT can also be used to support or extend learning during group activities, providing there is appropriate software for the concept being taught. A range of software and interactive teaching programs are available to support and enhance the children’s learning.

SPECIAL NEEDS
All children have access to mathematical activities appropriate to their needs, and work is differentiated to enable them to reach their full potential in mathematics. Teachers plan work for individual children with SEN referring to their IEPs where these are in place. The Numeracy Strategy gives the learning outcomes expected at the end of year, in each area of mathematics and the children’s attainment is measured against these. If a child is consistently not achieving these outcomes then steps are taken to ensure they receive additional support to help them develop their skills. Where children are found to be exceeding the outcomes, work is provided that will further extend their learning. For some children who are experiencing learning difficulties it is necessary to measure their attainment against the eight P-Level targets for children with Special Needs, in order to set suitable targets for mathematics in their MEPs. This is done by the class teacher in collaboration with the SENCO.

Through careful monitoring by the class teacher and other adults who work with both SEN and Gifted and Talented children quality first teaching can address many of the associated needs of these children.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND RISK ASSESSMENT
Activities are planned with due regard to our Health & Safety policy. Risk assessments are undertaken as appropriate, and kept in the Health & Safety file. A copy of any risk assessment is also kept with this policy.

CONTINUITY AND PROGRESSION
The programme of study enables the children to work at a pace to match their ability, building upon the skills and knowledge that they acquire as they progress from one level to the next of each Attainment Target.

ASSESSMENT, RECORDING & REPORTING (See Assessment, Recording & Reporting Policy)
"APP is a process of structured periodic assessment for mathematics...It supports teachers by promoting a broad curriculum and by developing teachers' skills in assessing standards of attainment and the progress children have made. It involves 'stepping back' periodically to review pupils' ongoing work and relate their progress to National Curriculum levels, and provides information to help teachers plan for the next steps in children's learning." (PNS)

In APP National Curriculum level judgements are made for each Attainment Target (AT) in mathematics. The assessment guidelines for each AT are organised into a number of Assessment Focuses (AFs) based on the National Curriculum programme of study for each mathematics AT. Combinations of learning objectives work together to provide evidence for certain AFs. These are level-related assessment criteria which identify what to look for as you observe pupils' classroom work.

The process of making a periodic teacher assessment judgment using APP involves matching the criteria for a given AF to qualities practitioners have noted in their pupil's work, the judgement is then refined by checking the assessment criteria above and below.
At Chellaston Infant School we have been using APP for numeracy for approximately 3 years. Teachers in KS1 choose 5/6 children who represent the range of ability of the children in their class. Evidence is collected for these 5/6 children and judgements made by highlighting the assessment grid. The teacher then considers which level offers the best fit and makes an overall level judgement by ticking the appropriate level-related box for each AF. The children will be deemed to be ‘low’, ‘secure’ or ‘high’ for the relevant level.

To help inform the judgements teachers:
- Collect children’s work and annotate it
- Take photographs of children doing practical activities
- Observe children working
- Ask children to discuss their work with others
- Ask children to explain their thinking

At the end of each year the assessment grids go into the child’s individual records to be passed onto the next teacher.

In Year 2 Standard Assessment Tasks and Tests (SATs) are administered to give the National Curriculum Level each child has achieved in Mathematics at the end of Key Stage 1. These are carried out informally and the results should support the teacher’s assessment of the children. The Assessment tasks are used for those children deemed by the teacher to be at Level 1. For those already deemed by the teacher to be at Level 2 or above, the Assessment Test is given. Within Level 2 the children will then be graded A - C. For those already deemed by the teacher to have exceeded Level 2 then they will be given a Level 3 test. It is the teacher assessment level that is reported to parents.

Teachers in FS2 continually assess the children’s progress using the new guidelines. After recent changes to the EYFS curriculum (new framework was implemented from September 2012) there are now two areas – Numbers and Shape, Space and Measures. Children are no longer measured on a points scale but are assessed as being at one of three new levels – emerging, expected or exceeding. EYFS staff continually monitor children and termly make an assessment of progress based on these three descriptors.

**MONITORING & EVALUATION**

Each child in school is given a numeracy target to work on every half term. The teacher monitors the children’s progress towards achieving these. This target is sent home to parents to support their child.

Once per term teachers decide the level each child is working at which is entered into the school’s tracking system: e1. Teachers monitor and track the children’s progress and discuss their children’s needs during termly Pupil Performance Meetings (PPMs).

The numeracy team analyses the end of KS1, e1 and EYFS data to monitor the children’s attainment and progress to decide if children at Chellaston Infant School have achieved the internal targets set and to decide if they are achieving well compared with children nationally and in the city.

Annual observations of Numeracy teaching are made by the Numeracy team and Headteacher, and issues raised fed back to staff individually and through staff meetings.

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND INCLUSION**

We ensure that all pupils have equal access to a broad and balanced curriculum regardless of age, gender, race and ability. Learning opportunities will be differentiated according to individual need. Activities will be planned to appeal to the interests of boys and girls. The children will be encouraged to look at counting systems from a range of different cultures, through wall displays and oral activities.

**OUTDOOR LEARNING**

Since September 2011 Key Stage 1 staff have been planning and delivering numeracy activities using the outdoor spaces and resources in school. The work has been linked to the objectives for that unit and to take advantage of the outdoor spaces and resources available.
DELIVERING THE CURRICULUM
The National Curriculum subject of numeracy is delivered through a creative skills based curriculum, providing opportunities to learn transferable skills alongside subject specific knowledge. This would involve topic afternoons, integrated days and cross-curricular sessions. Please see curriculum skills document for more information.

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)
Mathematics in EYFS is delivered through a range of child-initiated, adult – initiated and adult directed activities in the indoor and outdoor learning environment. Please see the EYFS document for more information.

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ICT OPPORTUNITIES IN MATHEMATICS FOR RECEPTION

CD ROM’s:

All About Number Level 1
Counting, ordering, number recognition, patterns, addition, mathematical language.

All About Shape and Space
3D shape recognition, 2D shape recognition, pattern, positional language, symmetry.

Number Box
Data handling, pictograms and block graphs.

OTHER SOFTWARE

Numeracy Activity Builder
Program to create games and activities for particular objectives.

Dazzle
Patterns and symmetry

My World Screens
Basic
Comparing length and sorting objects according to size,

Chart
Topic related graphs

Ted
Sorting size.

Blocks
Shape.

PROGRAMMABLE TOY

Roamer
Counting and position.

Beebots
Programmable ‘bee’ with simpler input for instructions than Roamer.

ICT OPPORTUNITIES IN MATHEMATICS FOR YEAR 1

CD ROM’s:

All About Number Level 2
Counting, ordering, number recognition, number patterns, addition, subtraction, mathematical language.
All About Shape and Space
Recognition of 3D and 2D shapes, properties of 3D and 2D shapes, reflective symmetry, positional language.

Number Box
Data Handling – making lists and tables, making block graphs, bar charts and pie charts, reading information from graphs.

Number Train
Ordering numbers, odd and even numbers, counting in twos, addition as combining two or three sets, addition as counting on, subtraction, place value.

Connections
Developing skills in the use of ordering, place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

OTHER SOFTWARE

My World Screens
Basic Screen
Sequencing numbers, making sums,

Goldilocks
Position.

Chart
Making pictograms and block graphs.

Blocks
Counting activities,

Tiles
Tessellation,

100 Square
Number patterns, counting in two’s, five’s, ten’s and three’s, finding one more/less and 10 more/less, place value of two digit numbers, odd and even numbers.

Teaching Money

Teaching Time

Teaching Shape

Numeracy Activity Builder
Resource for staff to create games and activities related to specific learning objective.

Tizzy’s First Tools
Levelled activities for position and movement and data handling.
DFE Maths Programs

Money Box: Coin recognition and making totals.

Textease
Developing knowledge of mathematical vocabulary through creating matching games and activities using split screens.

Dazzle
Reflective symmetry.

Teaching Money
Games to give practise in coin recognition and making totals

Teaching Time
Games to give practise in reading analogue clocks to the hour and half-hour

PROGRAMMABLE TOY

Roamer
Position, estimating number and length, direction.

Beebots
Programmable ‘bee’ with simpler input for instructions than Roamer.

ICT OPPORTUNITIES IN MATHEMATICS FOR YEAR 2

CD ROM's

All About Shape and Space
Recognition of 3D and 2D shapes and their properties, pattern, positional language, reflective symmetry, recognising a line of symmetry, position and direction, angles.

Number Plane

Connections
Developing skills in the use of ordering, place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Information Workshop & Textease Studio
Binary Trees

Number Box
Data handling – making lists, tables and spreadsheets and graphs.
OTHER SOFTWARE
My World Screens
Basic
Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

100 Square
Counting in two's, five's and ten’s and related multiplication tables, counting on and back, odd and even numbers. Place Value and ordering of two digit numbers.

Textease
Developing mathematical vocabulary e.g. number names.

Dazzle
Symmetry

Teaching Money
Problem solving activities and games to practise making totals up to and beyond £1 and finding change.

Teaching Time
Games to give practise in reading time on digital and analogue clocks.

PROGRAMMABLE TOY
Roamer
Position, direction, angle.
The activities on the CD ROM's can be played at different levels to allow for differentiation to meet the needs of all the children. When they are playing without supervision there are record keeping screens that can be used to assess their progress on Number Plane and Number Train.

RESOURCES
Resources are distributed appropriately to each classroom, with some available centrally.

Abacus Materials
Teacher’s Book R Yr1 Yr2
Teaching Activity Cards R Yr1 Yr2

Mental Warm Up Activities R Yr1 Yr2
Simmering Activities R Yr1 Yr2
Resource Box R Yr1 Yr2

Resource Books
Lesson Plan Booklets R Yr1 Yr2
Platform One - A Maths Programme For Reception R
The following books are kept centrally in the Staffroom:

- 100 Maths Lessons for R, Yr1 and Yr2
- Spectrum Maths - Starting Investigations
- Spectrum Maths - Starting Data Handling
- Spectrum Maths - Starting Games
- Miss Polly Investigates
- Ginn Using And Applying Maths – Textbook 1 and 2
- Ginn Maths Teaching Resource Books for Levels 1-3
- Folens First Steps To:
  - ‘Telling The Time’ books 1, 2, 3.
  - ‘Using Money’ books 1, 2, 3.
  - ‘Measurement’ books 1, 2, 3.
- Folens Basic Rules of Number R, 1, 2.
- Further Curriculum Bank Activities
- Multilink For The Maths Curriculum 1, 2, 3.
- Multilink First Photo-copy Masters ‘Do and Sort Set 1 and 2’
- Early Number Experiences With Multilink Number-rods
- Heinemann Maths 1 - Reinforcement sheets for Addition and Subtraction
- An Early Start To Mathematics
- Using Stories As A Starting Point For Numeracy
- Creative Maths
- Collins Mental Maths 1 and 2
- Key Stage 1 Maths ‘Question’ and ‘Study’ books
- Calculated To Please
- Ginn Calculator Book
- Maths Through Play
- Mathematics From Many Cultures x 3 plus posters
- Scholastic books for each year group:
  - ‘Numbers and The Number System’
  - ‘Calculations’
  - ‘Problem Solving’
  - ‘Shape And Space’

**Basic Number Equipment**

Selection of unifix apparatus including cubes and number tracks up to 100.  
Selection of multilink apparatus including cubes, number trays and inset pattern boards.  
Multilink work cards  
Multilink playmats  
Multilink panoramas  
Base 10 apparatus  
100 Square number boards  
Classroom number lines  
Table top number lines 0 – 20  
Giant foam dice with numbers  
Giant foam dice with numbers and symbols  
1-6 spot dice  
1-6 number dice  
7-12 number dice  
Blank dice  
Colour spot dice  
Spinners

R  Yr1  Yr2
R  Yr1  Yr2
R  Yr1  Yr2
Yr1  Yr2
Yr1  Yr2
R  Yr1  Yr2
R  Yr1  Yr2
R  Yr1  Yr2
R  Yr1  Yr2
R  Yr1  Yr2
R  Yr1  Yr2
R  Yr1  Yr2
R  Yr1  Yr2
0 - 100 floor numbers  R  Yr1
Large foam jigsaws (numbers and symbols)  R  Yr1
Number fans  R  Yr1  Yr2
Dominoes  Yr2
Floor dominoes  R  Yr1
Compare Bear dominoes  R
Ready Teddy Go number cards  R
Playing cards  R  Yr1  Yr2
Blank playing cards  R  Yr1  Yr2
Counters  R  Yr1  Yr2
Magnetic numbers  R  Yr1
Polydron numbers  Yr2
Calculators  Store Room

Sorting and Sequencing
Super Duper sorting sets  R
Compare Bears  R
Sorting Trays, Logic people and shapes  R
Beads, cotton reels, pegboards and pegs  R  Yr1  Yr2

Non-Standard Measuring Equipment
A variety of materials including cubes, beads, shells, cotton
reels, marbles, bottle tops, bowls, basins, cups,
bottles, jugs, buckets,
funnels, straws, canes, ribbons and ropes  R  Yr1  Yr2
Balance scales  R  Yr1  Yr2

Metric Measuring Equipment
Weights up to 1kg  Yr1  Yr2
Centimetre rulers and tape measures  Yr1  Yr2
Measuring jugs up to 1 litre  R  Yr1  Yr2
Measuring jug 2 litres  Yr2
Trundle wheels  Yr2
Bathroom scales  Yr2
Large thermometers  Yr1  Yr2
Kitchen Scales  Yr2

Money
Coins of all amounts up to £2  R  Yr1  Yr2
Mega Money Coins  R  Yr1  Yr2
Magnetic coins  Yr1  Yr2
Coin stamps  Store Room
Cash registers  Home corner
Equipment
**Shape**

Variety of regular 2D shapes  
Irregular 2D polygons  
Solid 3D shapes assortment of wooden and plastic  

**Time**

Timers 1 min, 3 min, 5 min.  
Basic analogue teaching clock  
Analogue / Digital teaching clock  
Clock face tracer cards  
Pupil clock cards  
Pupil geared clocks  

**Fractions**

Fraction apparatus  

**Photocopiable Resources (on shelves in staffroom)**

Stanley Thornes – platform one  
BBC Numbertime – More or less Time  
Learning Targets – number  
Abacus – photocopy 1  
Telling the Time – Book 1  
Scholastic Cross curricular maths lessons  
Cambridge Mental Maths 5-7  
Ginn Maths – Topic  

**Other books (staffroom)**

Enriching Early Mathematical Learning  

**Problem Solving**

Developing Numeracy  
Handling Data  

**Scholastic**

Developing mental maths  
Calculated to please  

**Shape, Space and Measure**

Developing Numeracy – Measures, shape and space - R  
BBC Numbertime – Shapes side by side  
Daphne Leech – Tessellate, Symmetry, Grids, Directions  
Shape, Space and Measures - KS1
Fun with patterns
BBC television numbertime

Numicon
Each Year 1 and 2 class – set of shapes and 6 base boards.
2 x Closing the gap kits
Kit 1 Teaching guide
Kit 2 Teaching guide
Mathematics Policy

1. Aims

1.1 Mathematics teaches children to make sense of the world around them through developing their ability to calculate, reason and solve problems. It enables children to understand relationships and patterns in both number and space in their everyday lives. Other policies for this Wikia should be decided by the wiki community. It's generally best to keep policies as simple as possible, and not to introduce too many rules. A... There are very few policies which apply across all Wikia. These can be found on the Central Wikia at Wikia:Category:Policy. Other policies for this Wikia should be decided by the wiki community. It's generally best to keep policies as simple as possible, and not to introduce too many rules.