

Dear parents

Written Calculation methods

There have been a number of changes to mathematics teaching and methods of working with the introduction of the 2014 curriculum. While written strategies are still very closely linked to children's understanding of place value, rather than standardised methods, there have been some significant changes to year expectations which has resulted in our school revisiting and adapting our written calculation policy. We would like to share these changes by inviting parents to workshop sessions later this term and early next term.

Programme of workshops:

Addition and Subtraction 4-5pm 24th March

Addition and Subtraction 4-5pm 25th March

Multiplication and Division (Date in Summer Term to be confirmed)

There are 30 places available to parents on each evening. Drinks and biscuits will be provided before the start of the sessions. Both workshops will take place in Saturn. We would strongly recommend that a parent attends with their child so that they can work together on whiteboards, helping each other with the example questions. We will start with number line strategies moving from Year 1 through to Year 6 standardised methods. Parents who attend with Year 1 and 2 children will find that strategies soon go beyond their children's understanding. However, it would be very useful for parents to follow the complete process, so we have arranged for a video to keep the younger children entertained in the Resource Room when methods move on to the trickier stages.

We hope these sessions will help parents support their children with numeracy, especially when discussing homework. Please sign up for one of the addition and subtraction workshops at the school office.