Moorland Primary School



The route for Maths

This document is designed to support staff in essential tenets in teaching Mathematics.

Fundamental to our strategy is the approach of teaching concrete, pictorial and abstract methods to support pupils' understanding of mathematical concepts.

These principles should be interwoven throughout.

Do not be too quick to move through the stages (C->P->A). Move only when the children are ready. The CPA approach is also helpful in problem solving at all levels. Visualising a problem and drawing it pictorially can help pupils make sense of it. Recording findings systematically is similarly supportive in being able to justify answers to more complex investigations.

It is equally valid for older pupils to explore their mathematical thinking. This is particularly useful in problems solving where pupils should represent the questions.

Some examples are outlined below.

Addition

Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
		4 3
	4	4 5 6
	10s 1s 1111 4 9	41+8 = 9 40+9=49 40 + 9 = 40 + 9 = 4
10s 1s 10s 1s 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8		36 + 25 = 30 + 20 = 50 5 + 5 = 10 50 + 10 + 1 = 61 1 5 36 Formal method: $\frac{+25}{61}$ 1
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Subtraction



Multiplication



Division

