

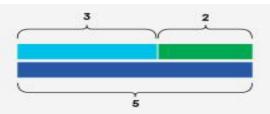
# Supporting Your Child with Mathematics

- 1. Concrete, pictorial, abstract
- 2. The Calculations Policy, and how to use it
  - 3. Maths in Everyday Life



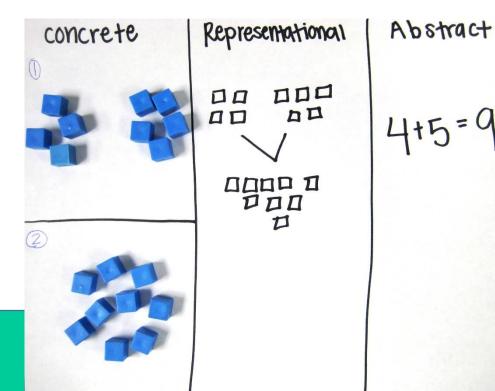
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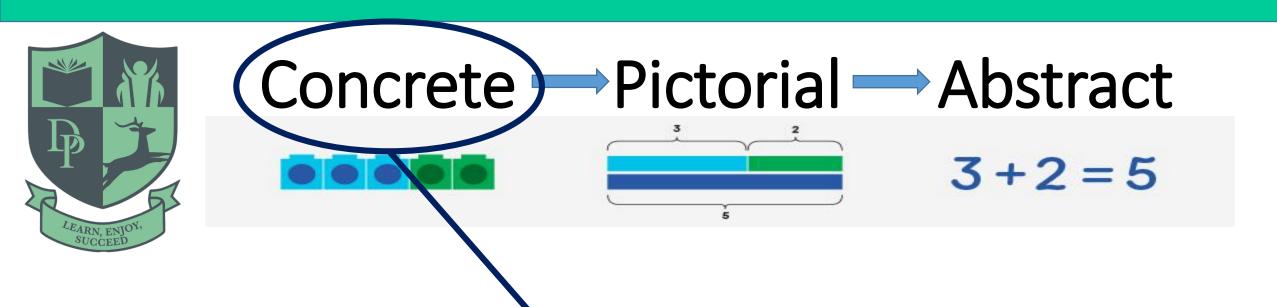




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The C-P-A approach is a system of learning. It uses physical and visual resources to support conceptual understanding.

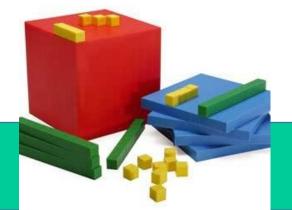




Using <u>physical</u> objects to solve maths problems, or investigate mathematical relationships.









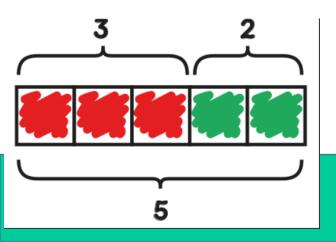


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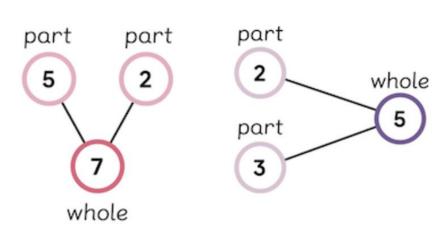


Using <u>pictorial representations</u>, or pictures, that represent equations or problems to solve.



$$3 \times 4 = 12$$

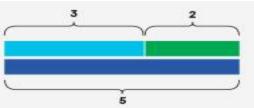
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Using numbers and symbols to solve problems or demonstrate relationships.

$$16 - 2t = 5t + 9$$

$$3 + 3$$



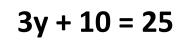
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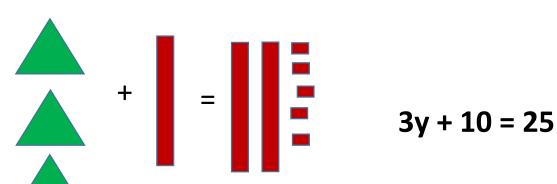




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- Exchange money for items
  - Use cubes to exchange
  - Physically move items around the equals sign



## The Calculations Policy



#### What is it?

- The calculations policy shows the different methods we use to teach the four operations.
   (For example, using place value counters to teach long division)
- It also shows the different ways that pupils can evidence their understanding

#### Calculation policy: Addition

Key language: sum, total, parts and wholes, plus, add, altogether, more, 'is equal to' 'is the same as'.

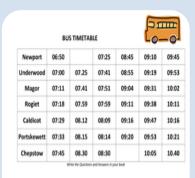
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Combining two parts to make a whole (use other resources too e.g. eggs, shells, teddy bears, cars).	Children to represent the cubes using dots or crosses. They could put each part on a part whole model too.	4+3=7 Four is a part, 3 is a part and the whole is seven.
Counting on using number lines using cubes or Numicon.	A bar model which encourages the children to count on, rather than count all.	The abstract number line: What is 2 more than 4? What is the sum of 2 and 4? What is the total of 4 and 2? 4+2

#### How do we use it at home?

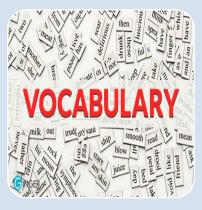
 The policy shows you different ways to support your children as they work on each major operation; it also helps with ideas about how to represent these concepts.

## Maths in Everyday Life











### Reading timetables and clocks

- Working out when the next bus arrives
- Journey durations
  - Dinner is in ... minutes

#### Cooking

- Measuring and weighing ingredients
  - Concepts of amounts
- 'Cut these into quarters/thirds/cm size chunks'
- Twenty minutes per lb...

### Using Specific Vocabulary

- 'Can you pass that one litre bottle'
- Being specific about time: 'I'll be back in ... minutes' or 'we'll be there in a minute'.

#### **Handling Money**

- Counting change and totaling amounts
  - Saving and budgeting
- Comparing costs