

Planning Overview Year 6 Addition and Subtraction

Perform mental calculations, including with mixed operations and large numbers Use their knowledge of the order of operations to carry out calculations involving the four operations

Solve addition and subtraction multi-step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why

Use estimation to check answers to calculations and determine, in the context of a problem, an appropriate degree of accuracy

6AS/MD–1 Understand that 2 numbers can be related additively or multiplicatively, and quantify additive and multiplicative relationships (multiplicative relationships restricted to multiplication by a whole number).

6AS/MD–2 Use a given additive or multiplicative calculation to derive or complete a related calculation, using arithmetic properties, inverse relationships, and place-value understanding.

	Teaching and Learning		
Recap on	Recap on key addition strategies using the rhombus nine activity		
mental	below. Ask children to sort the calculations from the easiest (at the		
strategies for	top of the rhombus) to the hardest (at the bottom of the rhombus).		
addition and	They must then explain why and the strategy they used to solve it.		
subtraction			
		4 - 1.15 =	
		122,456 + 1,999 =	
		50,000 - 500 -	
		30,000 300 -	
		5,494 - 2,516 =	
		2.5 + 0.05 =	
		840,000 + 80,000 =	
		2006 - 1978 =	
		32.18 - 7.99 =	
		6,155 + 501 + 649 =	







Use	Discuss with the children why it might be good to estimate an answer		
estimation to	before you tackle a calculation. Recap on rounding to support		
support	estimation.		
calculation	 Provide the children with a calculation e.g. 3795 + 4112. What would be a good estimation for the answer? How could we use rounding to help us? What would the best numbers be to round to? Model rounding to the nearest 1000. 4000 + 4000 = 8000. What is the actual answer? Is your estimation near? Can it help you check you have the right answer? What about if we round this number to the nearest 100 or nearest 103 Will the estimation be more precise? However, is the calculation easy to do mentally? Therefore, which would be the best estimation? 		
	When working with larger numbers, what degree of accuracy would be best to round to? Ask children to discuss with a range of calculations.		
	879,456 + 78,523		
	1,234,534 + 5,465,758		
	4,654,798 + 31,978		
	Discuss with the children the difference that context makes. How would your estimation change when discussing the population of countries compared with the amount of seats required in a stadium?		
	Which would need to be rounded to a smaller degree of accuracy? Why?		
	Alice has completed these calculations. How would estimation have helped her to know that her answers are wrong?		
	89,994 + 7,643 = 82,351		
	856,923 - 697,785 = 159,138		
	9 - 4.035 = 4.026		
	Estimation can now be consolidated as the children recap written strategies with larger numbers. Ensure that the children estimate the answer to each question before solving them.		



Recap on written strategies for addition and subtraction	Ensure children are confident with column addition and column subtraction, providing opportunities to practise fluency of these skills with a variety of 6 and 7-digit numbers.		
	This should include addition several numbers with different numbers of decimal places (including in the context of measures and money).		
	Mastery		
	Calculate 36·2 + 19·8 with a formal written column method with a mental method, explaining your reasoning.		
	Explore a variety of word problems involving addition and/or subtraction including for large numbers and decimals. Encourage the use of a bar model to represent the questions before solving it. Discuss the mathematical vocabulary for both addition and subtraction.		
	e.g Tanya sold her house for £403,456 and David sold his for £193,765. How much more did Tanya's sell for?		
	Tanya £403,456		
David £193,765			
	Tanya's Difference		
	They decide to use their money to buy a house together. How much		
	have they got to spend on another house?		
	David £193,765 Tanya £403,456		
	Combined Amount		







	Provide children with other examples where they could use this skill. 300,000 – 56,875 = 1,000,000 – 875,375 = 90,000 – 35,879 = Explore all of the strategies taught by sorting the following calculation and ask them to explain why they have sorted them as they have.		
	Mental method	Written method	
	204,567 - 20,000 = 30,000 - 8,999 = 86,432 - 4,000 = 324 + 5,000 + 4,000,000 = 9,000,000 - 653,048 = 34,164 - 15,678 = 204,535 + 87,456 = 2,050,345 - 89,768 =		
Two Step Problems	 2,050,345 - 89,768 = Expose the children to a variety of mixed problems. Can they see the steps in the problems? Model the use of the bar model to help highligh the steps in the problem. Integrate past SATs questions for the children to tackle. Ensure that you cover the different vocabulary for addition and subtraction that may arise. Note: Year 6 level questions will include a range of the four operations However, you will need to ensure that children are secure with multistep addition and subtraction questions before moving on. 		
	e.g. At the start of June, there were 1,793 toy cars in the shop. During June,		
	• 8,728 more toy cars we	re delivered	
	• 9,473 toy cars were sold	d.	
	How many toy cars were left June?	in the shop at the end of	







	A shop sells boxes of chocolates. One box costs £3.99. A second box costs £2.60. A third box costs £6.45.
	What is the difference in price between the most and least expensive boxes?
	The shop also sells packets of sweets. One packet costs ± 1.39 . Ramesh has a ± 10 note and he wants to buy the chocolates costing ± 2.60 .
	How many packets of sweets can he also buy?
	Mastery with Greater Depth
A shop sells magazines and comics. Last week Arthur bought a magazine and a comic. He can't remember exactly what he paid, but he thinks he paid £1.76. Yesterday he bought a magazine and four comics. He paid £4.30.	
C	Do you think he is remembering correctly when he says that he paid £1.76
	ast week.