## A few key terms to help...

| Term | Definition |
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| Addition | To combine two or more numbers to make one larger number. For example: 7+12=19 |
| Algorithm | The formal way of setting out operations to work out the answer. |
| Array | Objects or numbers arranged in rows and columns. |
| Associative Law | Two or more numbers can be added (or multiplied) in any order. For example: $\quad 6+12+4$ is the same as $4+6+12$ or $12+6+4$ |
| Attribute | A characteristic of an object. Can be size, colour, thickness, length, etc. |
| Bridging Ten (also referred to as Friends of Ten) | Knowledge of pairs of numbers whose sum is 10 is very valuable and students use this to derive other facts. <br> For example: $5+6$; I know $5+5$, so $5+6$ is one more <br> 14-6; I know $7+7=14$, so $14-7=7$, so $14-6=8$ |
| Classify | Arrange in groups according to attributes. |
| Commutative Law | When adding (or multiplying) numbers it does not matter what order they are added (or multiplied). <br> For example: $\quad 6+8$ is the same as $8+6$ <br> $17 \times 23 \times 6$ is the same as $6 \times 23 \times 17$ |
| Compensation Strategy | To add (or subtract) a bigger or smaller number then adjust the answer. <br> For example: $\quad 27+83=27+80+3$ <br> 87-39=87-40+1 |
| Counting on and back in ones | Efficient for adding 1, 2 or 3 but increasingly untrustworthy for larger numbers. |
| Difference | The amount by which one number is bigger or smaller than another number. For example: The difference between 7 and 11 is 4 |
| Digit | One of our numerals $0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8$ and 9 . |
| Distributive Law | $3 \times 8+3 \times 4$ is the same as $3 \times(8+4)$ or $3 \times 12$ |
| Divide | To share something into groups |
| Doubles/Near Doubles | Instant recall and knowledge of same numbers and their total. <br> For example: $3+3=9$ and $5+5=10$ <br> This knowledge is used for other related calculations. <br> For example: $5+6$; I know $5+5$, so $5+6$ is one more <br> 14-6; I know $7+7=14$, so $14-7=7$, so $14-6=8$ |
| Equal | Exactly the same in value or size. |
| Equation | A mathematical expression where one part is equal to another part. An equal sign ( $=$ ) is used. |
| Estimate | To make a close guess. It is never an exact answer. |
| Expanded Notation | Writing a number to show the value of each digit. For example: $\quad 27,691=20,000+7,000+600+90+1$ |
| Factor | A whole number that divides exactly into another number. <br> For example: $12 \div 4=3$, so 4 is a factor of 12 . Other facts of 12 are: $1,2,3,6$, and 12 |
| Fraction | A part of a group of a whole number. |
| Grouping | Sharing objects into groups that are equal in size. |
| Jump Strategy | An aid to mental addition or subtraction. Jump by parts of the number. <br> For example: $\begin{aligned} 147+58 & =147+5=+3+5 \\ & =197+3+5 \\ & =200+5 \\ & =205 \end{aligned}$ |
| MAB (blocks) | Blocks used to show place value. |
| Mental Computation | A mental computation is a calculation performed entirely in the head, with only the answer being written. |


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| Number Sentence | A sentence written using numerals and signs. Shows a relationship between numbers. |
| Numerals | A symbol (or group of symbols) that stands for a number. <br> For example: $0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8$ and 9 are numerals used in the metric system |
| Operation | One of the four methods of solving mathematical problems. <br> Addition + Subtraction - Multiplication $x$ Division :- |
| Ordering | Placing a group in order according to a given instruction, e.g. size, weight, etc. |
| Order of Operations | Work everything inside brackets first. Then work all the $x$ and $\div$ from left to right. Lastly work all the + and - from left to right. |
| Pattern | Numbers or objects that are arranged following a rule. |
| Place Value | Value according to place in a number. <br> For example: 7,382 - the place value of the 3 is the hundreds place (300) |
| Prime Factor | A factor that is a prime number. <br> For example: The prime factors of 12 are $2 \times 2 \times 3$ |
| Prime Number | A number that has only two factors: itself and one, e.g. 13. |
| Problem | A question that is answered by using mathematics. Some problems use words and some use only numbers. |
| Product | The answer when two or more numbers are multiplied. |
| Remainder | The amount left over when one number cannot be divided exactly by another. |
| Rule | An instruction that applies to a sequence of numbers or a pattern. |
| Sequence | A list of numbers or objects which are in a special order. |
| Skip Counting | To count on or to count back in groups of the same size. For example: $10,15,20,25,30$ and $20,18,16,14,12$ |
| Strategy | A method for working something out. |
| Subtract | To take one number away from another. |
| Survey | To collect facts or data about a topic. |
| Tally Marks | Marks used to help when counting a large number. They are drawn in bundles of five. |
| Timetable | A table where times are organised for when things happen. Examples are bus timetables, school timetables, etc. |
| Total | Add all the numbers to find the total. |
| Trading | Changing a number into smaller or bigger parts. For example: |

