

By focussing on these **5 main mental maths strategies**, we will make **better links** between the children's mathematical knowledge and **improve the speed of their recall**.

Pace and challenge will be ensured by making the numbers that the children work with **bigger and more complex** as they move through the school. Programmes of learning for this are in place from P1 through to the end of P7.

Breadth and progression within the children's learning will be ensured by giving the teaching staff and children the opportunity to take part in quality outdoor learning activities in Maths and creating opportunities for the children to apply their learning through other cross-curricular activities.

All teaching staff have undertaken **training** and will be further embedding these strategies in their classes for the rest of the school year.

As always, we value your **feedback** on our school initiatives, so we will be giving our parents and carers the opportunity to tell us your thoughts and opinions on mental maths **later in the school year**.



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Mental Maths Information For Parents and Carers

To face the challenges of the 21st century, each young person needs to have confidence in using mathematical skills, and Scotland needs both specialist mathematicians and a highly numerate population

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Having tracked the progress of our pupils and listened to feedback from our pupils, their families and from staff we recognise that there is a need to further improve the mental maths agility of our pupils.

To do this we have streamlined our mental maths curriculum to focus on **5 key skills** and we have begun to introduce these strategies in our classes this term.

1. Dol thairis no a' rèiteachadh no cruinneachadh.
Bridging and adjusting or rounding.

2. Cò-phàirtean / Complements

30 + 70 = 100

3. A cunntas air adhart agus air ais /
Counting on and back

4. Dùblachadh agus lethean / Doubling and halving

5. Sgaradh (bristeadh) / Partitioning

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