

## Calculation Guidelines for Gifted and Talented Children Working Beyond Primary Level

### ADDITION

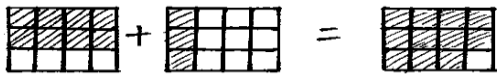
Extend to decimals with up to 2 decimal places, including:

- sums with different numbers of digits;
- totals of more than two numbers.

e.g.  $76.56 + 312.2 + 5.07 = 398.83$

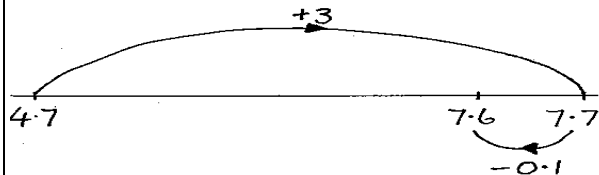
Use diagrams to illustrate adding fractions

$$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{11}{12}$$



Use compensation by adding too much, and then compensating

$$\begin{aligned} 4.7 + 2.9 &= 4.7 + 3 - 0.1 \\ &= 7.7 - 0.1 \\ &= 7.6 \end{aligned}$$



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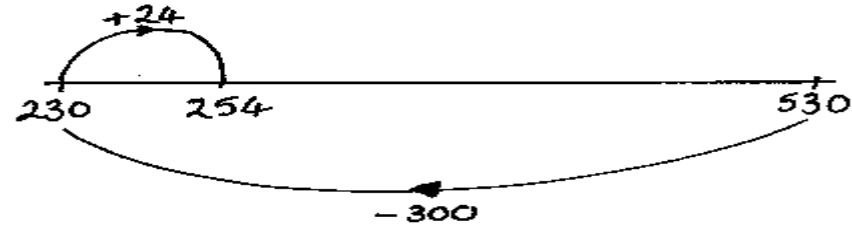
SUBTRACTION

Mental methods

Use compensation by subtracting too much, and then compensating

Use jottings such as an empty number line to support or explain methods for adding mentally.

$$\begin{aligned} 530 - 276 &= 530 - 300 + 24 \\ &= 230 + 24 \\ &= 254 \end{aligned}$$



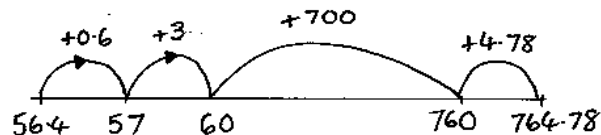
**Pencil and paper procedures (Written methods)**

Extend to decimals with up to 2 decimal places, including:

- differences with different numbers of digits
- totals of more than two numbers.

Complementary addition

$$764.78 - 56.4 = 708.38$$



**Subtract more complicated fractions**

For Example:

Know that fractions can be added/subtracted if they have the same denominator.

$$\frac{5}{6} - \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\frac{10 - 9}{12} = \frac{1}{12}$$

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DIVISION

**Pencil and paper procedures (Written methods)**

Use written methods to support, record or explain division of:

- a three-digit number by a two-digit number
- a decimal with one or two decimal places by a single digit.

Refine methods to improve efficiency while maintaining accuracy and understanding.

$109.6 \div 8$  is approximately  $110 \div 10 = 11$ .

$$\begin{array}{r}
 109.6 \\
 - \underline{80} \quad (10 \text{ groups of } 8) \\
 29.6 \\
 - \underline{24} \quad (3) \\
 5.6 \\
 - \underline{5.6} \quad (0.7) \\
 0.0
 \end{array}$$

Answer: 13.7

**Pencil and paper procedures (Written methods)**

Continue to use the same method as in Year 7 and Year 8. Adjust the dividend and divisor by a common factor before the division so that no further adjustment is needed after the calculation

e.g.  $361.6 \div 0.8$  is equivalent to  $3616 \div 8$

Use the inverse rule to divide fractions, first converting mixed numbers to improper fractions.

Look at one half of a shape.

**How many sixths of the shape can**

you see? (six)

So, how many sixths in one half? (three)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So } \frac{1}{2} \div \frac{1}{6} &= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{6}{1} \\
 &= \frac{6}{2} \\
 &= 3
 \end{aligned}$$

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MULTIPLICATION

**Mental methods**

**Use partitioning**

Partition either part of the product e.g.  $7.3 \times 11 = (7.3 \times 10) + 7.3 = 80.3$

*OR*

Use the grid method of multiplication (as below).

*Pencil and paper procedures (Written methods)*

Use written methods to support, record or explain multiplication of:

- a three-digit number by a two-digit number
- a decimal with one or two decimal places by a single digit

Grid method

$6.24 \times 8$  is approximately  $6 \times 8 = 48$

x	6	0.2	0.04
8	48	1.6	0.32

$= 49.92$

Grid lines can become optional