



# Caversham Park Primary School

*Together we enjoy, create and achieve*

## Wizard Maths Guidelines

At Caversham Park Primary School, we believe that strong mental maths is a fundamental skill for every child. Each day as part of math's lessons, the children will be taught and will practise the key skills for their year group, set out in the National Curriculum, but also in our school Maths Calculation Policy.

In addition to this, we have also established an initiative which encourages children to learn their basic facts such as number bonds and timetables. Each day children take part in a Wizard Maths session, where they will learn the skills they need. Twice a week, the children will complete a quiz to test their rapid recall. These quizzes are matched to the individual child's ability and their level of knowledge. The quizzes progress in-line with how the skills develop within the National Curriculum. When a child passes 3 quizzes, they will receive a badge and move onto the next wizard stage.

When a child moves to a new wizarding level they will be given a guidance sheet for parents which outlines what is practised in each quiz.

At Caversham Park Primary School, we understand that all children develop their skills differently with some children recalling facts faster than others. The wizard scheme does embrace this: but we are also aware that there are a handful of children who can sometimes go beyond what is expected of them for their age. We therefore have cut offs built into the system, to ensure that children are not working on skills from much higher year groups which they will not have been taught (please see the table later in these guidelines).

When a child reaches the highest level; they can for their year group, they will join our Wizarding Academy. This is an extension challenge, where they will work through different activities which stretch their skills across the whole maths curriculum for their year group. There are 3 academy levels to achieve in each year group - bronze, silver and gold. To gain a certificate, the child will need to complete 12 activities.

Once a child moves into the next year group they can then resume with their normal wizard badges.

Year Group	Highest Level they the Children can Achieve on Wizard Badges in that Year Group	Wizard Academy Levels
One	Wizard 30	Star Mathematician Bronze, Silver, Gold
Two	Wizard 60	Magical Mathematician Bronze, Silver, Gold
Three	Wizard 75	Apprentice Mathematician Bronze, Silver, Gold
Four	Wizard 90	Novice Mathematician Bronze, Silver, Gold
Five	Wizard 100	Expert Mathematician Bronze, Silver, Gold
Six	Wizard 100	Master Mathematician Bronze, Silver, Gold

Each term, the Maths Subject Leader tracks the progress of each individual child throughout the school and children who need more support are identified.

Where a child has difficulties recalling their skills, they will be supported by the teacher through interventions, additional practise and in some cases, they can be given additional time or use a reader or a scribe.