

Max's Magnificent Addition Masterclass

Master the Magic of Addition – Line Up, Add Up, and Level Up!

- Always line up your digits carefully according to their place value columns: ten-thousands, thousands, hundreds, tens, and ones.
- Start adding from the right-hand side, beginning with the ones column.
- If the total of a column is 10 or more, you must 'exchange' the ten into the next column to the left.
- When you have a calculation like $£4,567 + £2,345$, ensure your decimal points or place values are perfectly aligned before you begin.
- Addition is commutative, which means you can add numbers in any order—the total will stay exactly the same!

Did you know? Did you know? In the 16th century, the plus sign (+) was officially adopted as a shorthand for the Latin word 'et', which means 'and'. Before that, mathematicians often wrote the whole word out every time they wanted to add two numbers together!

Key vocabulary: Column addition · Place value · Exchange · Sum · Total · Digits · Calculation