

## Addition and Subtraction Maths Vocabulary

Here at WIS, we teach and use the correct vocabulary in mathematics. For example, we refer to the symbol '=' as equals and '7-2=' is referred to as an equation. We also use the correct vocabulary for the numerals in addition and subtraction equations. If you were not explicitly taught the names and roles of each numeral in an equation, you may find this a little daunting. However, we find that the children respond extremely well to this and learn the correct vocabulary very quickly. Learning the correct vocabulary helps the children to articulate what is happening in an equation. This guide tells you the addition and subtraction vocabulary we use at WIS. Please talk to your child's class teacher if you would like to discuss this in more detail.

addend plus addend equals sum

$$1 + 4 = 5$$

$$\square + \begin{array}{cc} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{array} =$$

1 is the first addend.

4 is the second addend.

5 is the sum.

minuend subtract subtrahend equals difference

$$6 - 2 = 4$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{array}$$

6 is the minuend.

2 is the subtrahend.

4 is the difference.