Addition and subtraction word problems — choose the operation

MODULE 2 · THE FOUR OPERATIONS — MENTAL AND WRITTEN NUMBER

STRETCH PROBLEMS

1. The school library counts its books over the holidays. There are **695** books in the fiction section and **967** books in the non-fiction section. How many books are there altogether?

2. The wildlife group counted **967** birds at the local pond in the summer. By autumn, **695** of them had flown away to warmer places. How many birds are left at the pond?

3. The school garden club has **827** seeds to plant in the polytunnel this spring. By the end of the week they have sown **590** of them. How many seeds are still left to plant?

4. The school library has **660** books in total. On the day of the Glendalough tour, **159** books are out on loan. How many books are still on the shelves?

5. The school library has **386** books on the fiction shelves and **334** books on the non-fiction shelves. How many books are on the shelves altogether?

INVESTIGATE

Write the story

Write three short Irish-context stories (GAA scores, shop change, class totals) that each hide a different job: one **join**, one **take-away**, and one **how many more**. Swap with a partner — can they choose the right operation?