



Ditchling (St. Margaret's) CE Primary and Nursery School

Calculation Policy



'Living life in all its fullness' John 10:10

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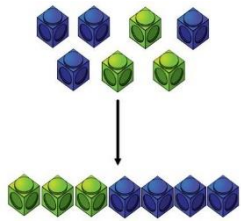
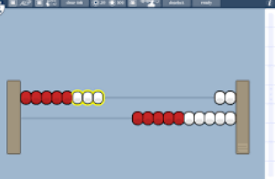
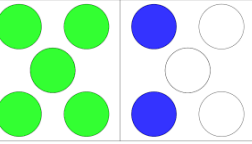
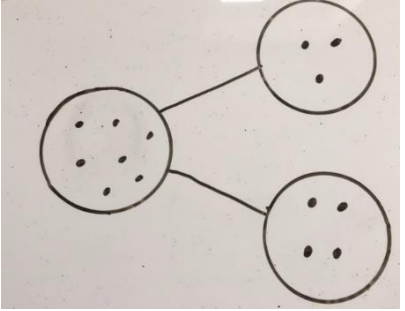
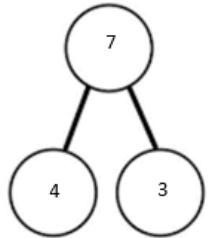
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Addition

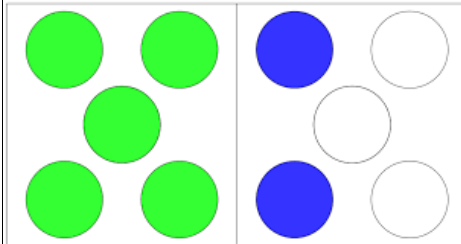
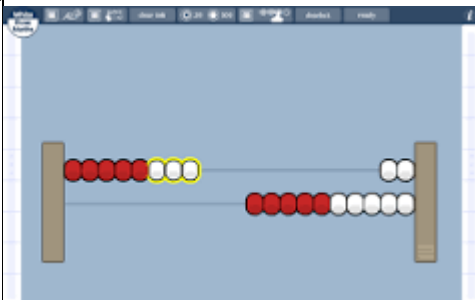
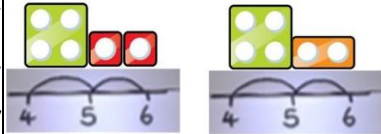
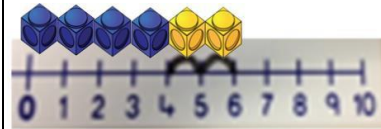
add, plus, more than, sum, total, altogether, greater, increase

addend (number) + addend (number) = sum

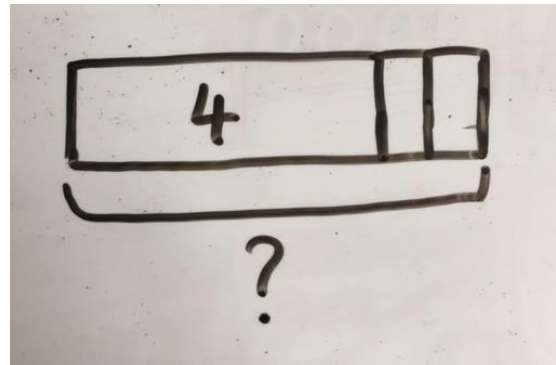
	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Combining two parts to make a whole (part-part-whole model) using a variety of manipulatives eg. multilink, rekenreks, Hungarian number frames	 $3 + 4 = 7$  $5 + 3 = 8$  $5 + 2 = 7$	Children to represent objects using dots or crosses. They could put each part on a part whole model too. 	$4 + 3 = 7$ Four is a part, 3 is a part and the whole is seven. 

Counting on
from the
biggest
number

using a variety of
manipulatives eg.
multilink, rekenreks,
Hungarian number
frames



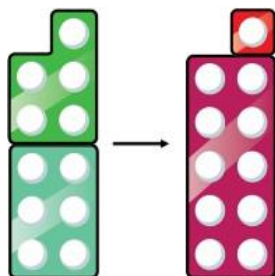
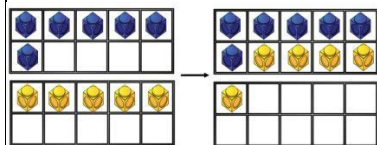
A bar model which encourages the children to
count on, rather than count all.



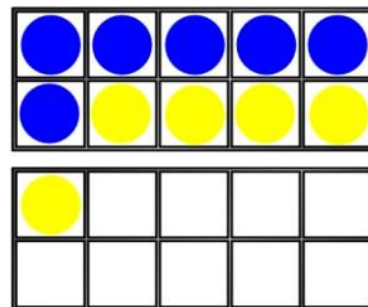
The abstract number
line: What is 2 more
than 4? What is the sum
of 2 and 4? What is the
total of 4 and 2? $4 + 2$



Making 10 using
tens frames, rekenreks,
counters/cubes,
Hungarian number
frames or Numicon



Children to draw the ten frame and
counters/cubes.



Children to develop an
understanding of equality

e.g.

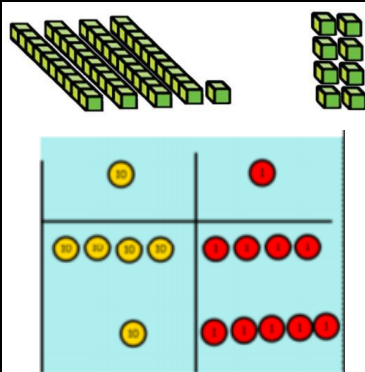
$$6 + \square = 11$$

$$6 + 5 = 5 + \square$$

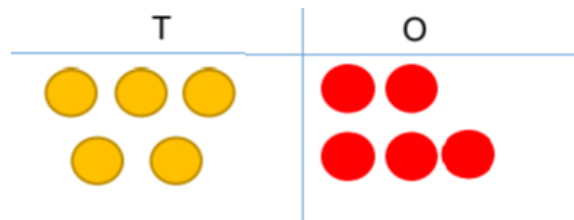
$$6 + 5 = \square + 4$$

Addition - no exchanging

The column method is introduced in Year 3 (3-digit numbers); Year 4 and up progress to 4-digit numbers)



After using concrete resources, children should be able to draw these or symbolise them to help reach the answer.



$$418 + 61$$

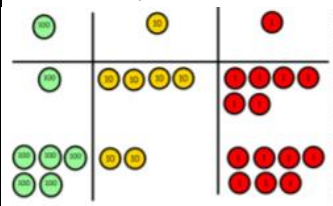
$$\begin{array}{r} 418 \\ + 61 \\ \hline 479 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6473 \\ + 1512 \\ \hline 7985 \end{array}$$

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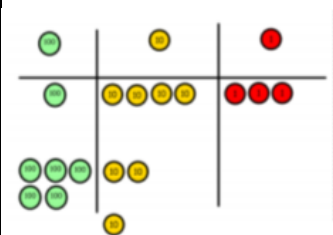
Make both numbers with resources.



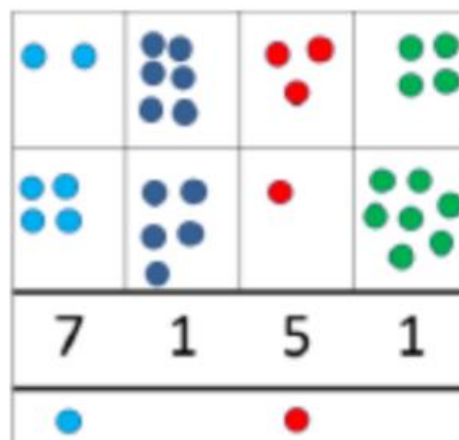
Add the ones. Exchange every 10 ones for 1 ten.

Add the tens. Exchange every 10 tens for 1 hundred.

Add the hundreds. Exchange 10 hundreds for 1 thousand.



Children can also draw a pictorial representation of the columns and place value customers.



Start by using extended addition to help understanding.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \quad 6 \quad 3 \quad 4 \\ + 4 \quad 5 \quad 1 \quad 7 \end{array}$$

$$4 + 7 = 11$$

$$30 + 10 = 40$$

$$600 + 500 = 1100$$

$$2000 + 4000 = 6000$$

$$6000 + 1100 + 40 + 11 = 7151$$

Then move onto using a shorter written method.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \quad 6 \quad 3 \quad 4 \\ + 4 \quad 5 \quad 1 \quad 7 \\ \hline 7 \quad 1 \quad 5 \quad 1 \\ \hline 1 \quad \quad 1 \end{array}$$

Subtraction

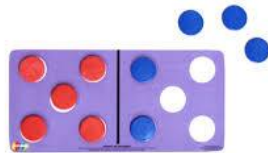
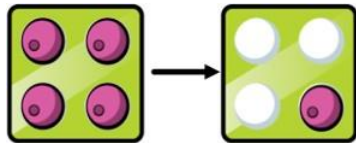
take away, less than, the difference, subtract, minus, fewer, decrease
 $\text{minuend (number)} - \text{subtrahend (number)} = \text{difference}$

Concrete

Physically taking away from ones

using a variety of manipulatives eg. tens frames, Numicon, cubes, rekenreks, Hungarian number frames, and other items.

$$4 - 3 = 1$$



Pictorial

Children to draw the concrete resources they are using and cross out the correct amount. The bar model can also be used.

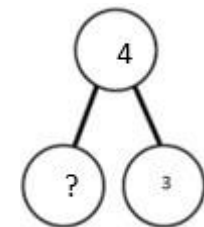


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	1

Abstract

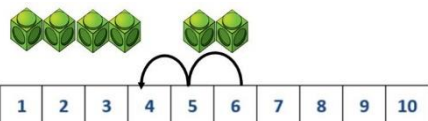
$$4 - 3 =$$

$$= 4 - 3$$



Counting back

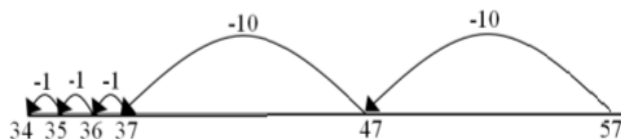
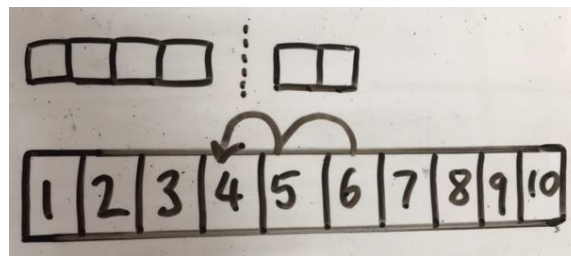
using number lines or
number tracks or
rekenreks eg. start
with 6 and count back
2



Use counters and move them
away from the group as you
take them away.



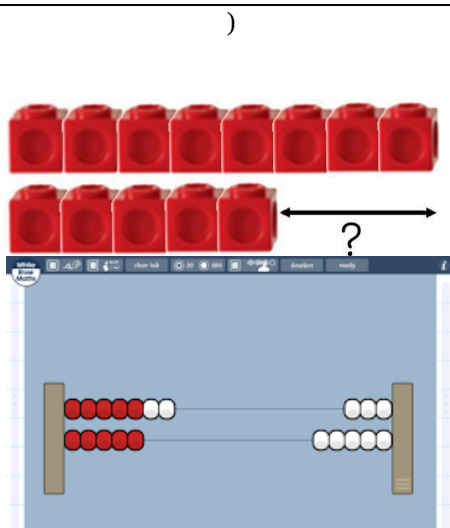
Children to represent what they see pictorially
e.g.



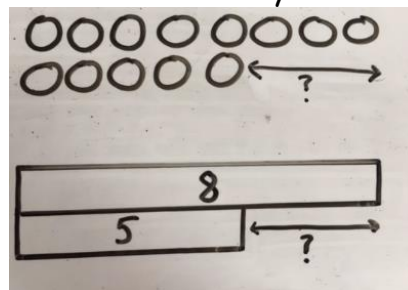
Put 16 in your head and count
back 7. What number are you at?

Finding the difference

using a variety of manipulatives eg. multilink, Numicon, rekenreks, Cuisenaire rods or other objects.



Children to draw the cubes/other concrete objects which they have used or use the bar model to illustrate what they need to calculate.



Find the difference between 8 and 5.

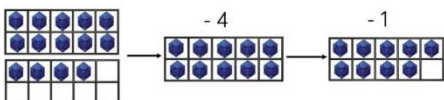
8 - 5, the difference is ?.

Children to explore why $9 - 6 = 8 - 5 = 7 - 4 =$ have the same difference.

Making 10

using tens frames or rekenreks

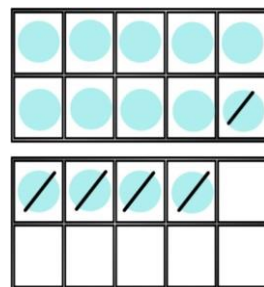
$$14 - 5$$



We take away four first to make 10 and then take away one more so we have taken away 5.



Children to present the ten frame pictorially and discuss what they did to make 10.



Children to show how they can make 10 by partitioning the subtrahend.

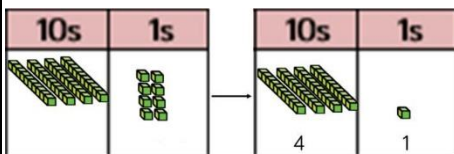
$$\begin{array}{r} 14 - 5 = 9 \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ 4 \quad \quad 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 14 - 4 = 10 \\ 10 - 1 = 9 \end{array}$$

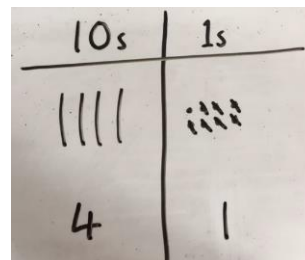
Column method - no exchanging

The column method is introduced in Year 3 (3-digit numbers); Year 4 and up progress to 4-digit numbers)

Children make the larger number with resources. They remove the smaller number to find the answer.



Children to represent resources pictorially.

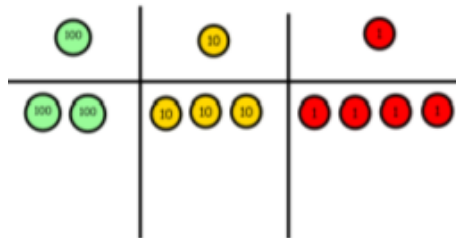


Column method or children could count back 7.

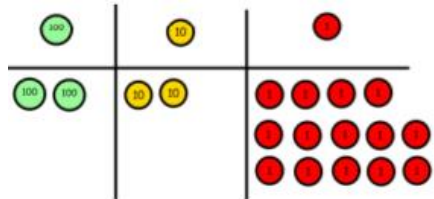
	4	8
-		7
	4	1

The column method is introduced in Year 3 using concrete or pictorial resources to support (3-digit numbers); Year 4 and up progress to 4-digit numbers and abstract methods)

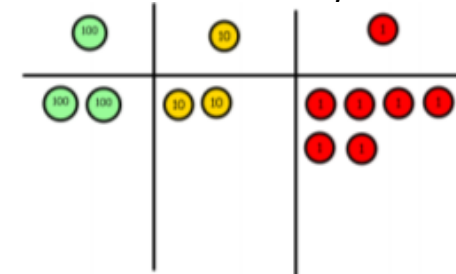
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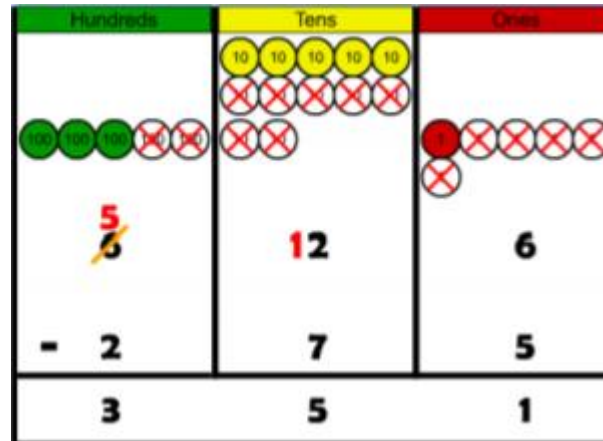
Start with the ones, can I take away 8 from 4 easily? I need to exchange one of my tens for ten ones.



Now I can subtract my ones.

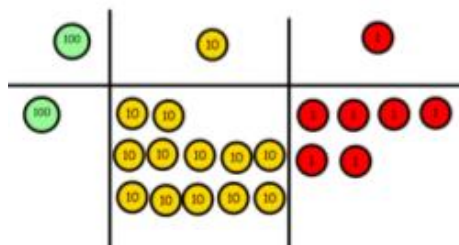


Draw the counters onto a place value grid and show what you have taken away by crossing the counters out as well as clearly showing the exchanges you make.



Children use the formal written method.

$$\begin{array}{r} \overset{4}{\cancel{5}}\overset{13}{\phantom{\cancel{0}}} \\ -\underset{\cdot}{2}\underset{\cdot}{6}\underset{\cdot}{3} \\ \hline \underset{\cdot}{2}\underset{\cdot}{7}\underset{\cdot}{1} \end{array}$$



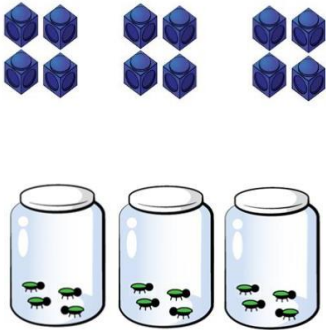
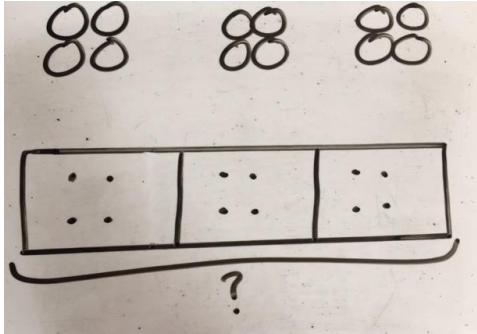
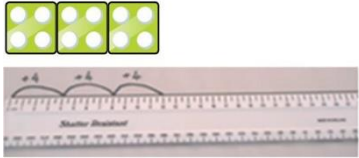
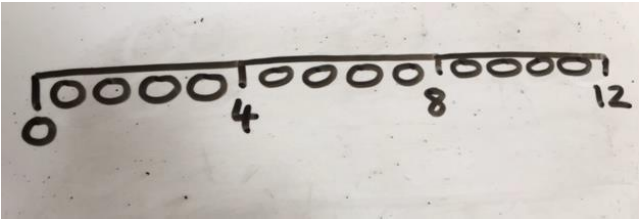
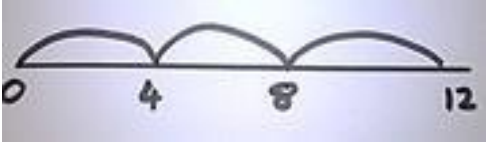
Now I can take away eight tens and complete my subtraction.



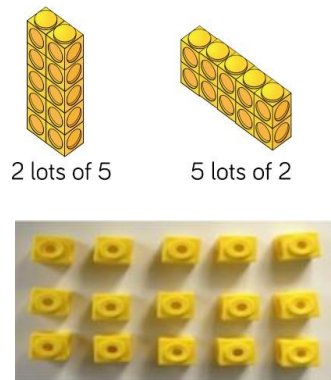
Multiplication

double, times, multiplied by, the product of, groups of, lots of, equal groups.

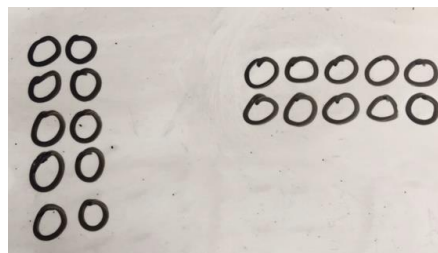
factor or multiplicand (number) $\times$ factor or multiplier (number) = multiple or product

	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Repeated addition $3 \times 4 =$ $4+4+4+4$		Children to represent the practical resources in a picture and use a bar model. 	$3 \times 4 = 12$ $4 + 4 + 4 = 12$
Number lines to show repeated addition	 Cuisenaire rods can be used too.	Represent this pictorially alongside a number line e.g. 	Abstract number line showing three jumps of four. $3 \times 4 = 12$ 

Arrays - showing commutative multiplication



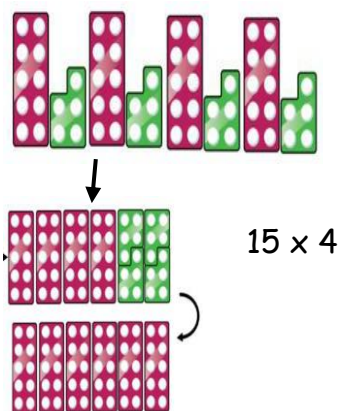
Children to represent the arrays pictorially.



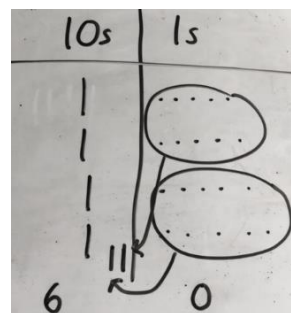
Children to be able to use an array to write a range of calculations e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} 10 &= 2 \times 5 \\ 5 \times 2 &= 10 \\ 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 &= 10 \\ 10 &= 5 + 5 \end{aligned}$$

Partition to multiply



Children to represent the concrete manipulatives pictorially.

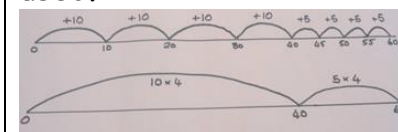


Children to be encouraged to show the steps they have taken.

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \times 15 \\ \swarrow \searrow \\ 10 \quad 5 \end{array}$$

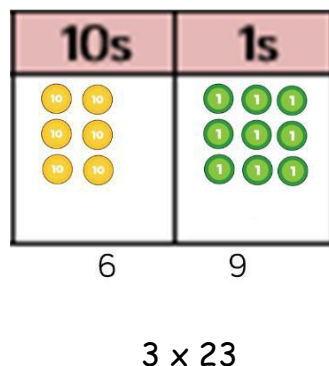
$$\begin{aligned} 10 \times 4 &= 40 \\ 5 \times 4 &= 20 \\ 40 + 20 &= 60 \end{aligned}$$

A number line can also be used.

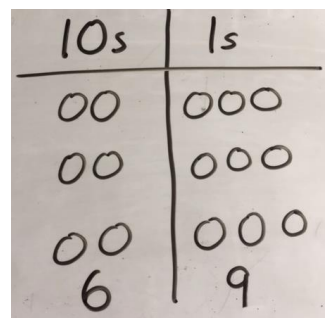


Formal column method - no exchanging

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Children to represent the counters pictorially.



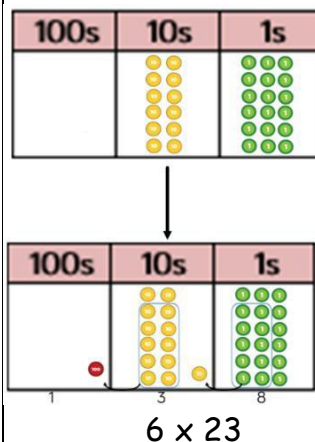
Children to record what it is they are doing to show understanding.

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \times 23 \\ \swarrow \searrow \\ 20 \quad 3 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 3 \times 20 = 60 \\ 3 \times 3 = 9 \\ 60 + 9 = 69 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 23 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 69 \end{array}$$

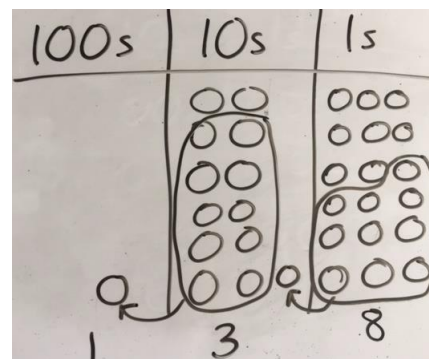
numbers x 2-digit numbers			
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Children to represent the counters/base 10, pictorially e.g. the image below.



Formal written method

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \times 23 = \\ 23 \\ \times 6 \\ \hline 138 \\ \hline 11 \end{array}$$

When children start to multiply $3d \times 3d$ and $4d \times 2d$ etc., they should be confident with exchanging and with the abstract:

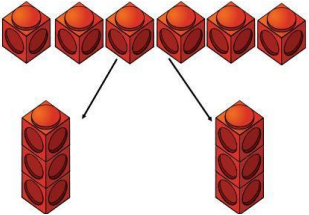
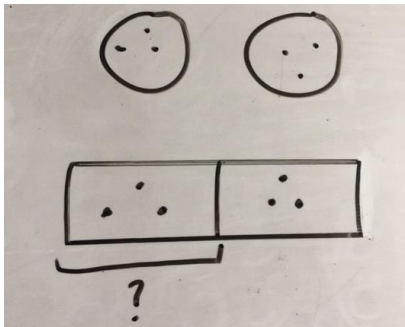
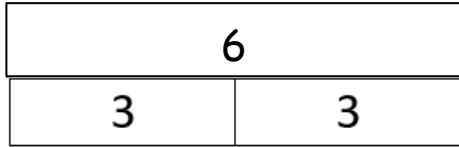
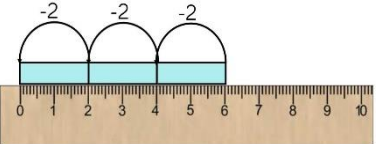
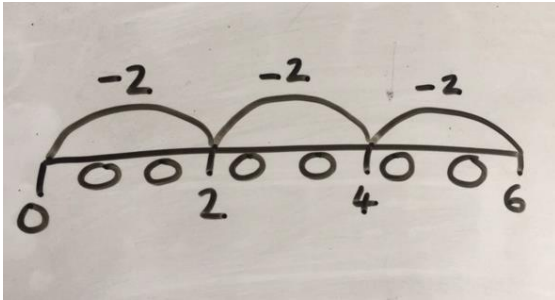
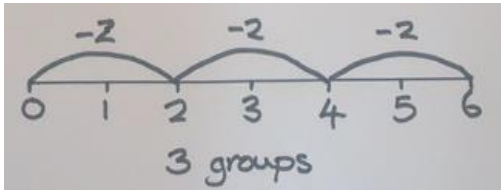
$$\begin{array}{r} 124 \\ \times 26 \\ \hline 744 \\ 2480 \\ \hline 3224 \\ 11 \end{array}$$

Answer: 3224

Division

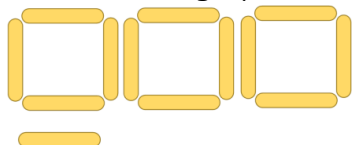
share, group, divide, divided by, half

dividend ÷ divisor = quotient (remainder)

	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Sharing using objects	 $6 \div 2$	Represent the sharing pictorially or with a bar model. 	$6 \div 2 = 3$  Children should also be encouraged to use their 2 times tables facts.
Repeated subtraction	 3 groups of 2 $6 \div 2$	Children to represent repeated subtraction pictorially. 	Abstract number line to represent the equal groups that have been subtracted.  3 groups

2-digit ÷ 1-digit with remainders

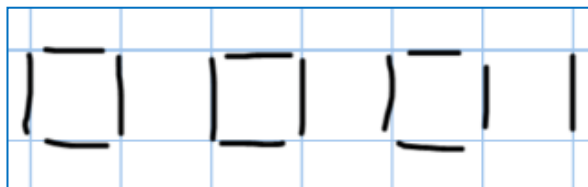
Use of lollipop sticks to form wholes-squares are made because we are dividing by 4.



There are 3 whole squares, with 1 left over.

$$13 \div 4$$

Children to represent the lollipop sticks pictorially.

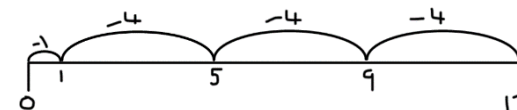


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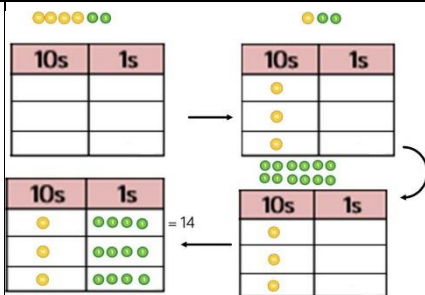
$$13 \div 4 = 3 \text{ remainder } 1$$

Children should be encouraged to use their times table facts; they could also represent repeated addition on a number line.

'3 groups of 4, with 1 left over'

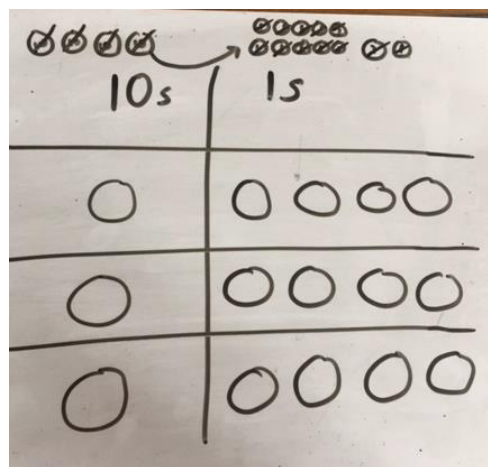


Sharing



$$42 \div 3 =$$

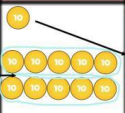
Children to represent the place value counters pictorially.



Children to be able to make sense of the place value counters and write calculations to show the process.

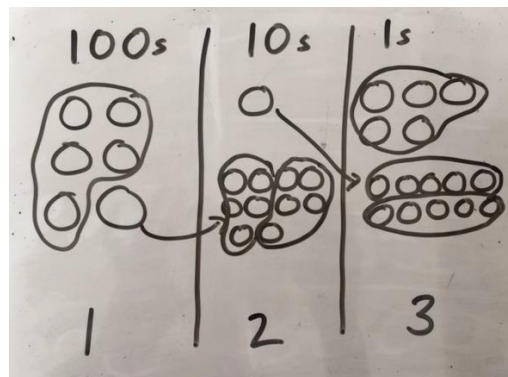
$$\begin{aligned} 42 \div 3 \\ 42 &= 30 + 12 \\ 30 \div 3 &= 10 \\ 12 \div 3 &= 4 \\ 10 + 4 &= 14 \end{aligned}$$

Short division and expanded short division using place value counters to group (Year 5 and 6)

100s	10s	1s
		
1	2	3

1. How many groups of 5 hundreds can you make with 6 hundred counters?
2. Exchange 1 hundred for 10 tens.
3. How many groups of 5 tens can you make with 11 ten counters?
4. Exchange 1 ten for 10 ones.
5. How many groups of 5 ones can you make with 15 ones?

Represent the place value counters pictorially.



Children to complete the calculation using the 'bus stop' method

Short division where the divisor is within the times tables (1 to 12):

$$\begin{array}{r} 123 \\ 5 \overline{) 615} \end{array}$$

Expanded short division where the divisor is NOT within the times tables, the children should write out the required times table first, using column addition to support calculation as the numbers increase:

$$3432 \div 24$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3432 \div 24 \\ 24 \overline{) 3432} \\ \underline{48} \\ 72 \\ \underline{48} \\ 240 \\ \underline{240} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

Use column subtraction to calculate remainders.

Long division 2544 ÷ 12 (Year 6)

1000s	100s	10s	1s
●●	●●●●●●●●	●●●●●●	●●●●●●

We can't group 2 thousands into groups of 12 so will exchange them.

1000s	100s	10s	1s
	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●	●●●●●●	●●●●●●

We can group 24 hundreds into groups of 12 which leaves with 1 hundred.

$$\begin{array}{r} 02 \\ 12 \overline{) 2544} \\ \underline{24} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

1000s	100s	10s	1s
	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●	●●●●●●●●	●●●●●●

After exchanging the hundred, we have 14 tens. We can group 12 tens into a group of 12, which leaves 2 tens.

$$\begin{array}{r} 021 \\ 12 \overline{) 2544} \\ \underline{24} \\ 14 \\ \underline{12} \\ 2 \end{array}$$

1000s	100s	10s	1s
	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●	●●●●●●●●	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●

After exchanging the 2 tens, we have 24 ones. We can group 24 ones into 2 group of 12, which leaves no remainder.

$$\begin{array}{r} 0212 \\ 12 \overline{) 2544} \\ \underline{24} \\ 14 \\ \underline{12} \\ 24 \\ \underline{24} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

1000s	100s	10s	1s
			

After exchanging the 2 tens, we have 24 ones. We can group 24 ones into 2 group of 12, which leaves no remainder.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0212 \\
 12 \overline{) 2544} \\
 \underline{24} \\
 14 \\
 \underline{12} \\
 24 \\
 \underline{24} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$