



Maths Calculation Policy

This policy contains the key steps involved, that all children progress through, to become confident, competent mathematicians. For each number operation (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) they must progress from concrete to pictorial to abstract:

- Concrete: children represent a number with objects and carry out calculations by physically moving them.
- Pictorial: children represent the concrete objects used with drawings and carry out calculations by drawing additional objects, crossing out or grouping, dependent upon the operation.
- Abstract: children use numbers to represent the objects and use formal methods to calculate.

Children can then move on to developing their conceptual understanding of number, by recognising different ways to be asked and different methods that can be used, to work out the same calculation (see examples on the accompanying document from White Rose Maths Hub).

It is also important to recognise that the ability to calculate mentally lies at the heart of the New Curriculum. In every written method, there is an element of mental processing. Sharing written methods with the teacher encourages children to think about the mental strategies that underpin them and to develop new ideas. Therefore written recording both helps children to clarify their thinking and supports and extends the development of more fluent and sophisticated mental strategies.

During their time in school, children will be encouraged to see maths as both a written and spoken language. As teachers, we will support and guide children through the following important processes:

- Developing the use of pictures and a mixture of words and symbols to represent number activities.
- Using standard symbols and conventions
- Use of jottings to aid mental and written strategies
- Use of pencil and paper procedures

Our long term aim is for our children to be able to select the most efficient method of their choice, for the task given.

Newlands Junior School staff collectively, have agreed the following, to ensure consistency and progression across the school:

- When setting out column addition and subtraction and long multiplication:
 - **The sign (+, -, x)** is to be located to the left of the column, 2 squares away from the highest place value column.
 - A double line underneath the working out shows where the final answer is (=)
 - For **addition**, carrying is shown below the answer line or above the calculation, in the relevant place value column.
 - For **subtraction**, exchanging is shown in the relevant place value column.
 - For **short multiplication** carrying is shown below the answer line.
 - For **long multiplication** carrying is shown above the addition step, as shown in Y5/6 examples.
- During the summer term, children should be introduced to methods for the next year group, appropriate to their ability, to aid transition.
- Place value column labels & the decimal point
Capital letters will be used for whole numbers and lower case letters for decimal numbers. The **decimal point** will be located in the middle of the vertical line on squared paper and **WILL NOT** take up a square.

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The following information is guidance found in the National Curriculum 2014.

National Curriculum guidance 2014

Mathematics Appendix 1: Examples of formal written methods for multiplication and division

This appendix sets out some examples of formal written methods for all four operations to illustrate the range of methods that could be taught. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list, nor is it intended to show progression in formal written methods.

For multiplication, some pupils may include an addition symbol when adding partial products. For division, some pupils may include a subtraction symbol when subtracting multiples of the divisor.

Addition and subtraction

789 + 642 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 789 \\ + 642 \\ \hline 1431 \\ \hline 11 \end{array}$$

Answer: 1 431

874 - 523 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 874 \\ - 523 \\ \hline 351 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Answer: 351

932 - 457 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \quad 12 \quad 1 \\ 932 \\ - 457 \\ \hline 475 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Answer: 475

951 - 427 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 951 \\ - 427 \\ \hline 524 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Answer: 524

Short multiplication

24 × 6 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 24 \\ \times 6 \\ \hline 144 \\ \hline 2 \end{array}$$

Answer: 144

24 × 12 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 24 \\ \times 12 \\ \hline 288 \\ \hline 4 \end{array}$$

Answer: 288

124 × 12 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 24 \\ 124 \\ \times 12 \\ \hline 1488 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Answer: 1 488

Long multiplication

24 × 16 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 24 \\ \times 16 \\ \hline 144 \\ 240 \\ \hline 384 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Answer: 384

24 × 32 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 24 \\ \times 32 \\ \hline 48 \\ 720 \\ \hline 768 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Answer: 768

124 × 26 becomes

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

Answer: 3 224

Short division

432 ÷ 5 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 86 \\ 5 \overline{) 432} \\ \underline{40} \\ 32 \\ \underline{30} \\ 2 \end{array}$$

Answer: 86 remainder 2

574 ÷ 15 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 38 \\ 15 \overline{) 574} \\ \underline{45} \\ 124 \\ \underline{120} \\ 4 \end{array}$$

Answer: $38 \frac{4}{15}$

511 ÷ 35 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 14.6 \\ 35 \overline{) 511.0} \\ \underline{35} \\ 161 \\ \underline{140} \\ 210 \\ \underline{210} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

Answer: 14.6

Long division

432 ÷ 15 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 28 \\ 15 \overline{) 432} \\ \underline{30} \\ 132 \\ \underline{120} \\ 12 \end{array}$$

Answer: 28 remainder 12

432 ÷ 15 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 28 \\ 15 \overline{) 432} \\ \underline{30} \\ 132 \\ \underline{120} \\ 12 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 15 \times 20 \\ 15 \times 8 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{12}{15} = \frac{4}{5}$$

Answer: $28 \frac{4}{5}$

432 ÷ 15 becomes

$$\begin{array}{r} 28.8 \\ 15 \overline{) 432.0} \\ \underline{30} \\ 132 \\ \underline{120} \\ 120 \\ \underline{120} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

Answer: 28.8

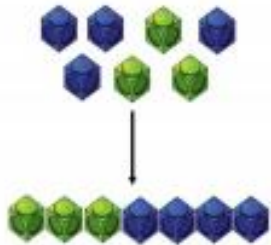
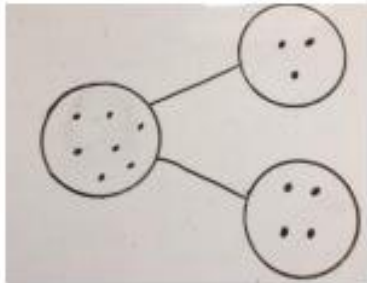
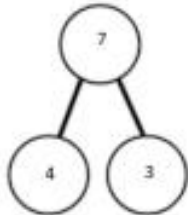
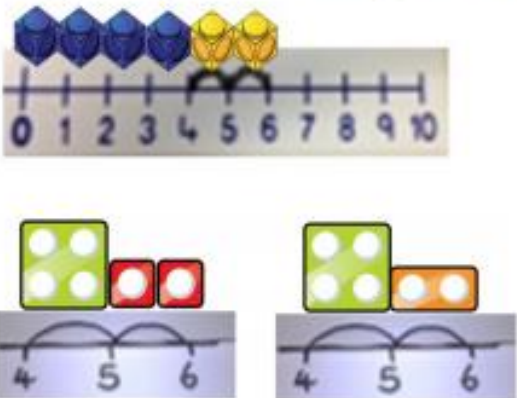
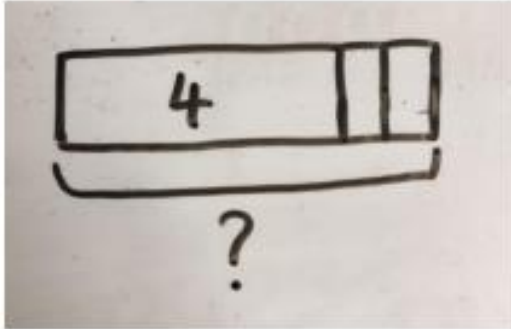
Calculation policy: Guidance

	EYFS/Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Addition	Combining two parts to make a whole: part whole model. Starting at the bigger number and counting on- using cubes. Regrouping to make 10 using ten frame.	Adding three single digits. Use of base 10 to combine two numbers.	Column method- regrouping. Using place value counters (up to 3 digits).	Column method- regrouping. (up to 4 digits)	Column method- regrouping. Use of place value counters for adding decimals.	Column method- regrouping. Abstract methods. Place value counters to be used for adding decimal numbers.
Subtraction	Taking away ones Counting back Find the difference Part whole model Make 10 using the ten frame	Counting back Find the difference Part whole model Make 10 Use of base 10	Column method with regrouping. (up to 3 digits using place value counters)	Column method with regrouping. (up to 4 digits)	Column method with regrouping. Abstract for whole numbers. Start with place value counters for decimals- with the same amount of decimal places.	Column method with regrouping. Abstract methods. Place value counters for decimals- with different amounts of decimal places.

Multiplication	Recognising and making equal groups. Doubling Counting in multiples Use cubes, Numicon and other objects in the classroom	Arrays- showing commutative multiplication	Arrays 2d x 1d using base 10	Column multiplication- introduced with place value counters. (2 and 3 digit multiplied by 1 digit)	Column multiplication Abstract only but might need a repeat of year 4 first (up to 4 digit numbers multiplied by 1 or 2 digits)	Column multiplication Abstract methods (multi-digit up to 4 digits by a 2 digit number)
Division	Sharing objects into groups Division as grouping e.g. I have 12 sweets and put them in groups of 3, how many groups? Use cubes and draw round 3 cubes at a time.	Division as grouping Division within arrays- linking to multiplication Repeated subtraction	Division with a remainder- using lollipop sticks, times tables facts and repeated subtraction. 2d divided by 1d using base 10 or place value counters	Division with a remainder Short division (up to 3 digits by 1 digit- concrete and pictorial)	Short division (up to 4 digits by a 1 digit number including remainders)	Short division Long division with place value counters (up to 4 digits by a 2 digit number) Children should exchange into the tenths and hundredths column too

Calculation policy: Addition

Key language: sum, total, parts and wholes, plus, add, altogether, more, 'is equal to' 'is the same as'.

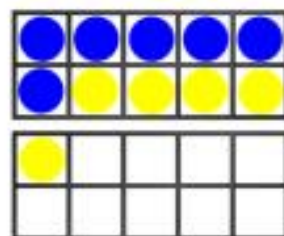
Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Combining two parts to make a whole (use other resources too e.g. eggs, shells, teddy bears, cars). 	Children to represent the cubes using dots or crosses. They could put each part on a part whole model too. 	$4 + 3 = 7$ Four is a part, 3 is a part and the whole is seven. 
Counting on using number lines using cubes or Numicon. 	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? $4 + 2$ 

Regrouping to make 10; using ten frames and counters/cubes or using Numicon.

$$6 + 5$$



Children to draw the ten frame and counters/cubes.



Children to develop an understanding of equality e.g.

$$6 + \square = 11$$

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

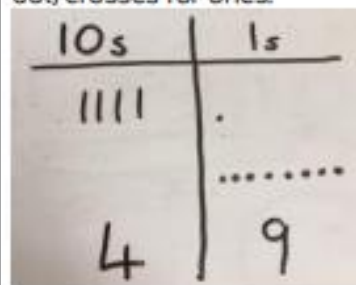
$$6 + 5 = \square + 4$$

TO + O using base 10. Continue to develop understanding of partitioning and place value.

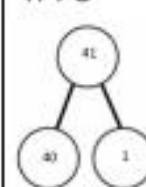
$$41 + 8$$



Children to represent the base 10 e.g. lines for tens and dot/crosses for ones.

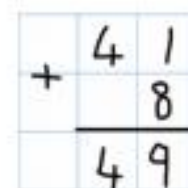


$$41 + 8$$



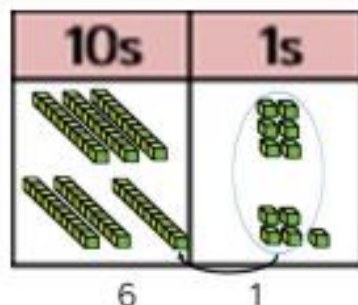
$$1 + 8 = 9$$

$$40 + 9 = 49$$

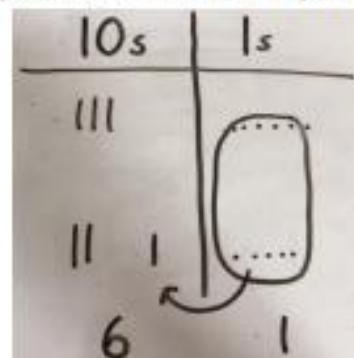


TO + TO using base 10. Continue to develop understanding of partitioning and place value.

$$36 + 25$$



Children to represent the base 10 in a place value chart.



Looking for ways to make 10.

$$36 + 25 =$$

$$1 \quad 5$$

Formal method:

$$30 + 20 = 50$$

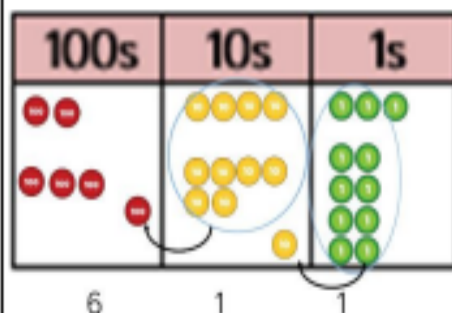
$$5 + 5 = 10$$

$$50 + 10 + 1 = 61$$

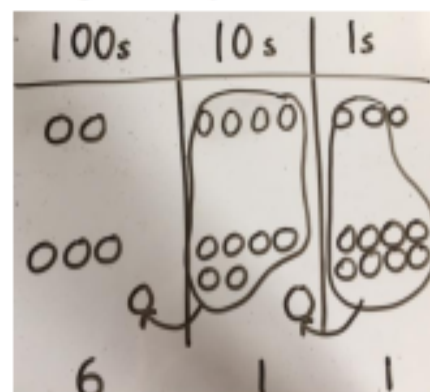
$$36$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +25 \\ 36 \\ \hline 61 \\ 1 \end{array}$$

Use of place value counters to add HTO + TO, HTO + HTO etc. When there are 10 ones in the 1s column- we exchange for 1 ten, when there are 10 tens in the 10s column- we exchange for 1 hundred.



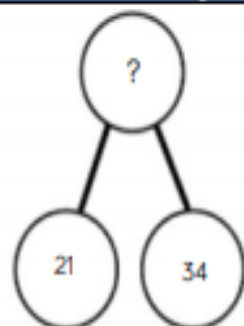
Children to represent the counters in a place value chart, circling when they make an exchange.



243

$$\begin{array}{r} 243 \\ +368 \\ \hline 611 \\ 1 \quad 1 \end{array}$$

Conceptual variation; different ways to ask children to solve $21 + 34$



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21	34

Word problems:

In year 3, there are 21 children and in year 4, there are 34 children. How many children in total?

$$21 + 34 = 55. \text{ Prove it}$$

21

+34

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$$21 + 34 =$$



$$= 21 + 34$$

Calculate the sum of twenty-one and thirty-four.

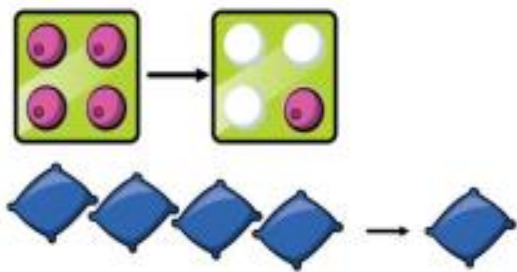
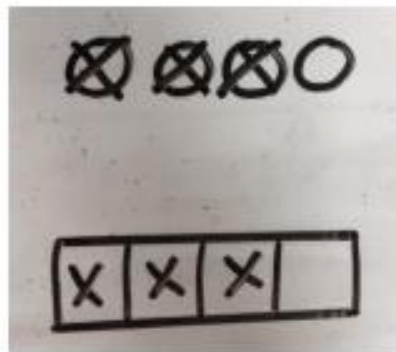
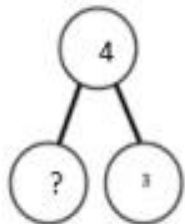
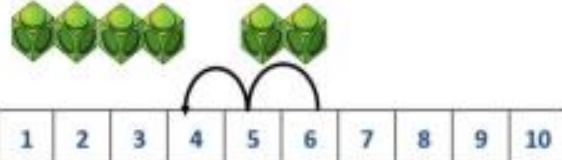
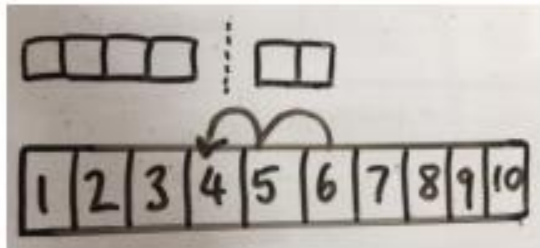
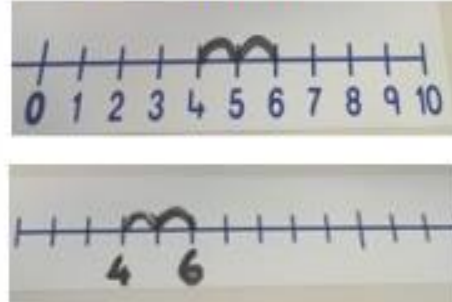


Missing digit problems:

10s	1s
2	1
3	?
?	5

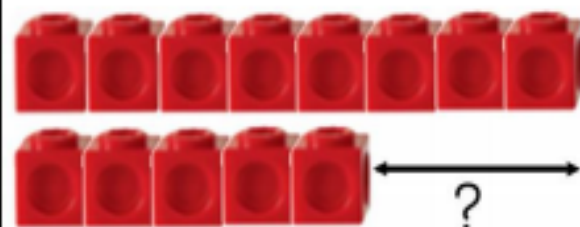
Calculation policy: Subtraction

Key language: take away, less than, the difference, subtract, minus, fewer, decrease.

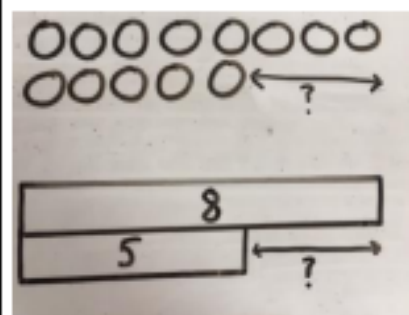
Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract				
Physically taking away and removing objects from a whole (ten frames, Numicon, cubes and other items such as beanbags could be used). $4 - 3 = 1$ 	Children to draw the concrete resources they are using and cross out the correct amount. The bar model can also be used. 	4 - 3 =  = 4 - 3 <table border="1" data-bbox="1606 596 1901 676"><tr><td colspan="2">4</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>?</td></tr></table> 	4		3	?
4						
3	?					
Counting back (using number lines or number tracks) children start with 6 and count back 2. $6 - 2 = 4$ 	Children to represent what they see pictorially e.g. 	Children to represent the calculation on a number line or number track and show their jumps. Encourage children to use an empty number line 				

Finding the difference (using cubes, Numicon or Cuisenaire rods, other objects can also be used).

Calculate the difference between 8 and 5.



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



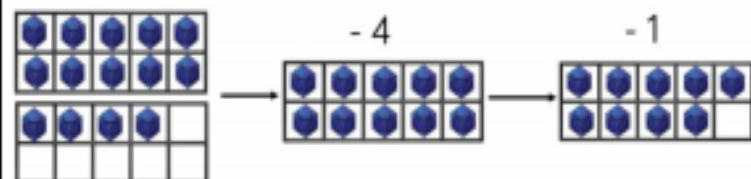
Find the difference between 8 and 5.

8 - 5, the difference is

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

Making 10 using ten frames.

14 - 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.

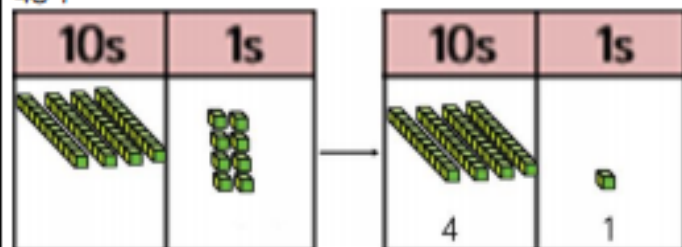
$$\begin{array}{r} 14 - 5 = 9 \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ 4 \quad \quad 1 \end{array}$$

$$14 - 4 = 10$$

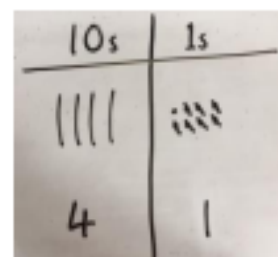
$$10 - 1 = 9$$

Column method using base 10.

48-7



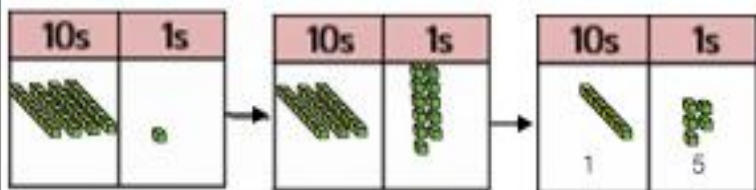
Children to represent the base 10 pictorially.



Column method or children could count back 7.

	4	8
-		7
	4	1

Column method using base 10 and having to exchange.
41 - 26



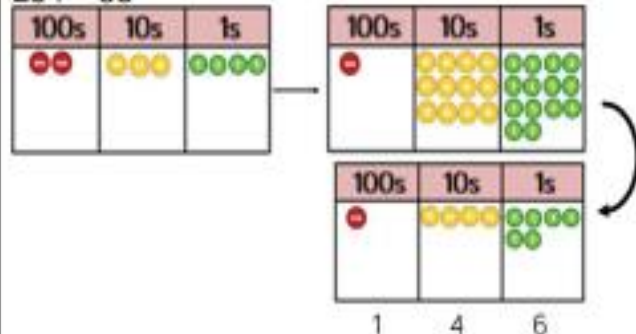
Represent the base 10 pictorially, remembering to show the exchange.



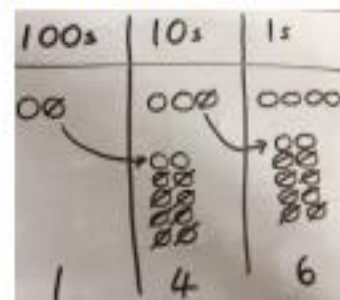
Formal column method. Children must understand that when they have exchanged the 10 they still have 41 because $41 = 30 + 11$.



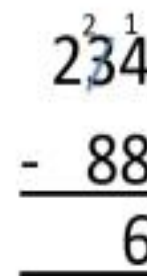
Column method using place value counters.
234 - 88



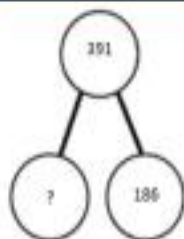
Represent the place value counters pictorially; remembering to show what has been exchanged.



Formal column method. Children must understand what has happened when they have crossed out digits.



Conceptual variation; different ways to ask children to solve 391 - 186



391	
186	?

Raj spent £391, Timmy spent £186.
How much more did Raj spend?

Calculate the difference between 391 and 186.

$$\square = 391 - 186$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 391 \\ -186 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

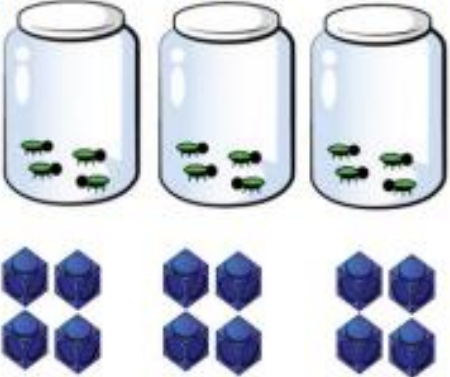
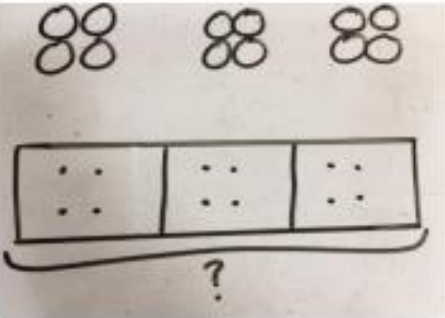
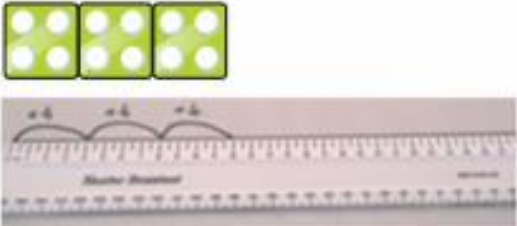
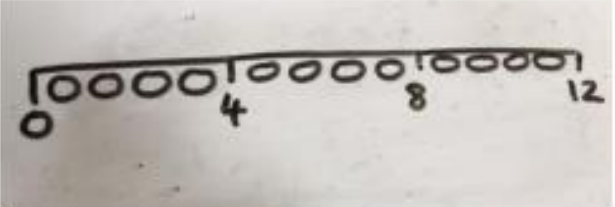
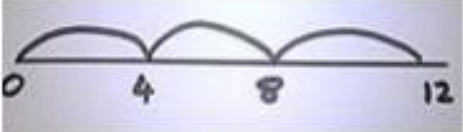
What is 186 less than 391?

Missing digit calculations

$$\begin{array}{r} 39\square \\ -\square\square6 \\ \hline \square05 \end{array}$$

Calculation policy: Multiplication

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

Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Repeated grouping/repeated addition 3×4 $4 + 4 + 4$ There are 3 equal groups, with 4 in each group.  The concrete representation shows three identical jars, each containing four green beads. Below the jars, there are three groups of four blue blocks, each group arranged in a 2x2 square.	Children to represent the practical resources in a picture and use a bar model.  The pictorial representation shows three groups of four circles arranged in a 2x2 grid. Below this, a bar model is drawn with three equal sections, each containing four dots. A bracket underneath the entire bar is followed by a question mark.	$3 \times 4 = 12$ $4 + 4 + 4 = 12$
Number lines to show repeated groups- 3×4  The concrete representation shows three green Cuisenaire rods, each with four white dots. Below them is a number line with three jumps of four units each, starting from 0 and ending at 12. The number line is labeled with 0, 4, 8, and 12. Cuisenaire rods can be used too.	Represent this pictorially alongside a number line e.g.:  The pictorial representation shows a number line with three jumps of four units each, starting from 0 and ending at 12. The number line is labeled with 0, 4, 8, and 12.	Abstract number line showing three jumps of four. $3 \times 4 = 12$  The abstract representation shows a number line with three jumps of four units each, starting from 0 and ending at 12. The number line is labeled with 0, 4, 8, and 12.

Use arrays to illustrate commutativity counters and other objects can also be used.

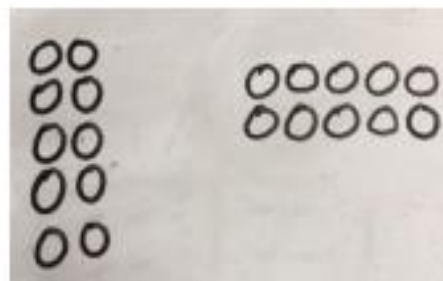
$$2 \times 5 = 5 \times 2$$



2 lots of 5

5 lots of 2

Children to represent the arrays pictorially.



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

$$10 = 2 \times 5$$

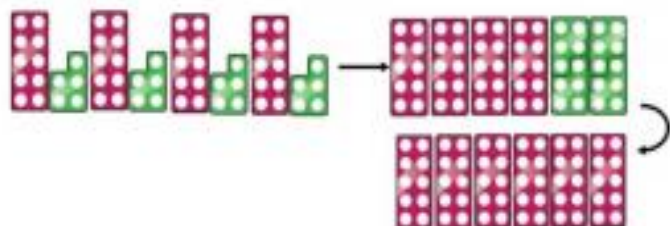
$$5 \times 2 = 10$$

$$2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 10$$

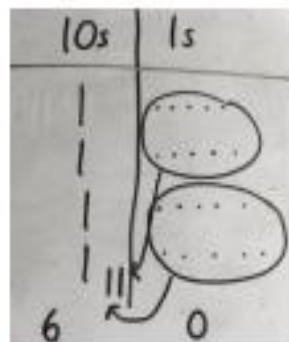
$$10 = 5 + 5$$

Partition to multiply using Numicon, base 10 or Cuisenaire rods.

$$4 \times 15$$



Children to represent the concrete manipulatives pictorially.



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

$$4 \times 15$$

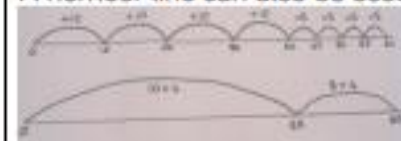
$$10 \quad 5$$

$$10 \times 4 = 40$$

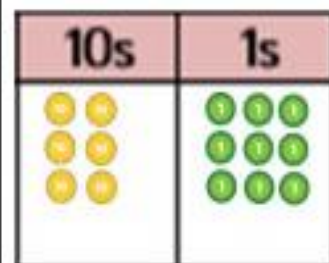
$$5 \times 4 = 20$$

$$40 + 20 = 60$$

A number line can also be used



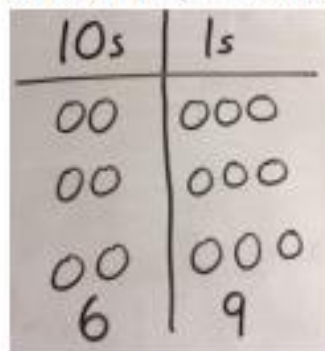
Formal column method with place value counters (base 10 can also be used.) 3×23



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Children to represent the counters pictorially.



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

$$3 \times 23$$

$$3 \times 20 = 60$$

$$3 \times 3 = 9$$

$$60 + 9 = 69$$

23

$$\begin{array}{r} 23 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 69 \end{array}$$

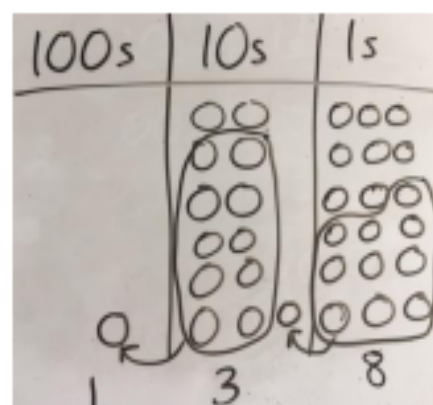
Formal column method with place value counters.

$$6 \times 23$$

100s	10s	1s

100s	10s	1s

Children to represent the counters/base 10, pictorially e.g. the image below.



Formal written method

$$6 \times 23 =$$

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

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

Answer: 3224

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

To get 744 children have solved 6×124 .

To get 2480 they have solved 20×124 .

Conceptual variation; different ways to ask children to solve 6×23

23	23	23	23	23	23
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Mai had to swim 23 lengths, 6 times a week.
How many lengths did she swim in one week?

With the counters, prove that $6 \times 23 = 138$

Find the product of 6 and 23

$$6 \times 23 =$$

$$\square = 6 \times 23$$

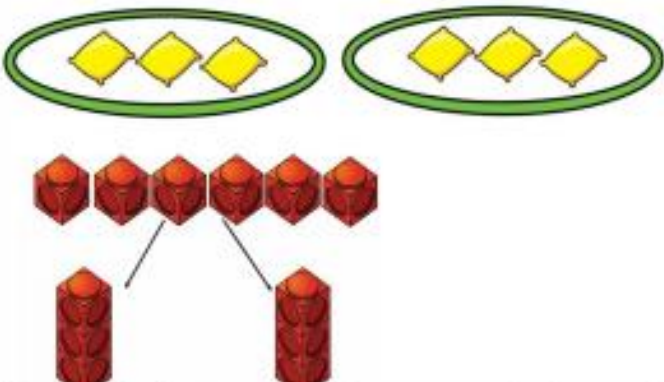
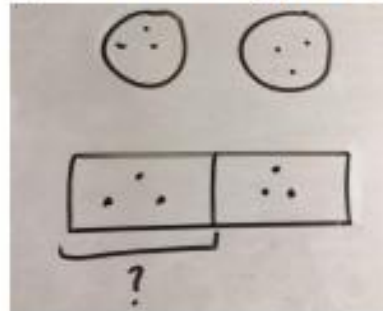
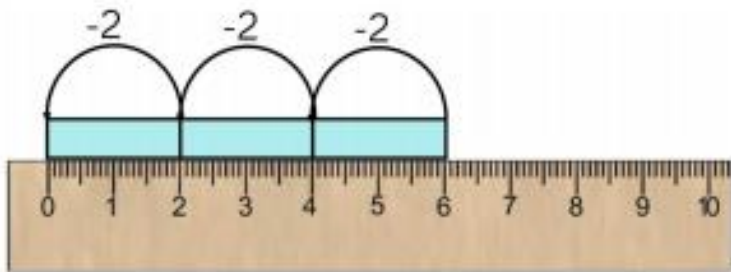
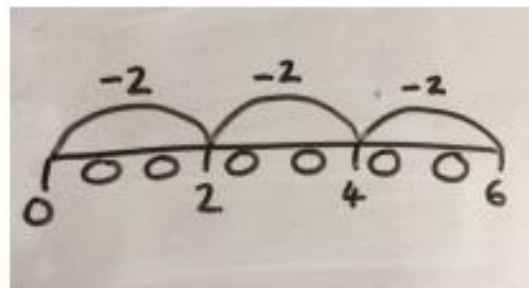
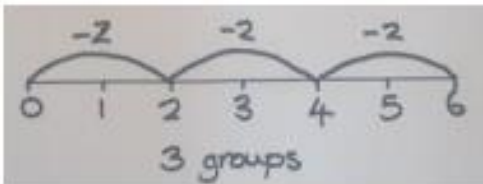
$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \quad 23 \\ \times 23 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 6 \quad 23 \\ \times 6 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

What is the calculation?
What is the product?

100s	10s	1s

Calculation policy: Division

Key language: share, group, divide, divided by, half.

Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract		
Sharing using a range of objects. $6 \div 2$ 	Represent the sharing pictorially. 	$6 \div 2 = 3$ <table border="1" data-bbox="1541 501 1980 564"><tr><td>3</td><td>3</td></tr></table> Children should also be encouraged to use their 2 times tables facts.	3	3
3	3			
Repeated subtraction using Cuisenaire rods above a ruler. $6 \div 2$  3 groups of 2	Children to represent repeated subtraction pictorially. 	Abstract number line to represent the equal groups that have been subtracted. 		

2d + 1d with remainders using lollipop sticks. Cuisenaire rods, above a ruler can also be used.

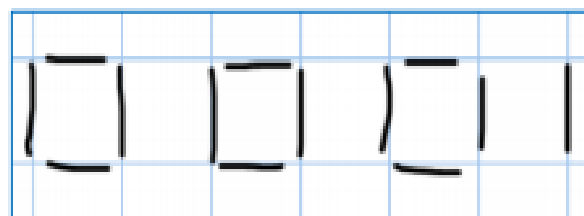
$$13 \div 4$$

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.

Children to represent the lollipop sticks pictorially.

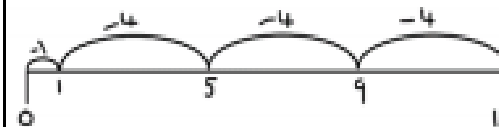


There are 3 whole squares, with 1 left over.

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

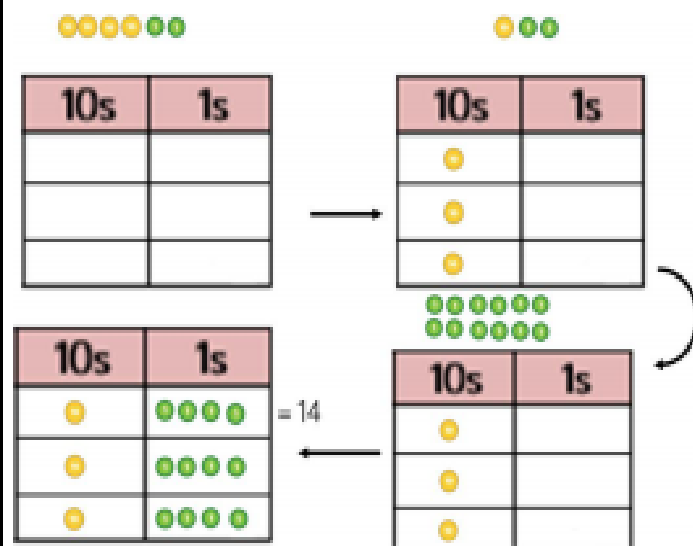
Children should be encouraged to use their times table facts; they could also represent repeated addition on a number line.

'3 groups of 4, with 1 left over'

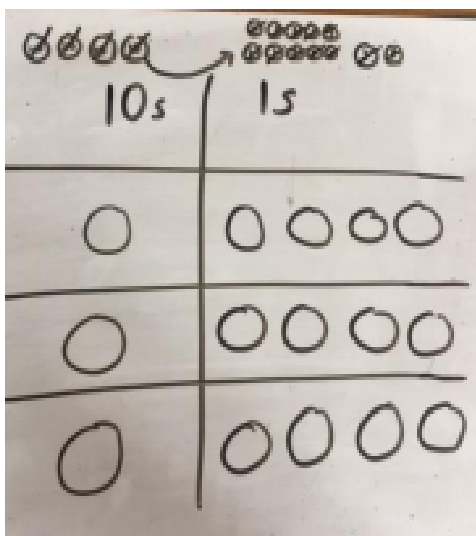


Sharing using place value counters.

$$42 \div 3 = 14$$



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.

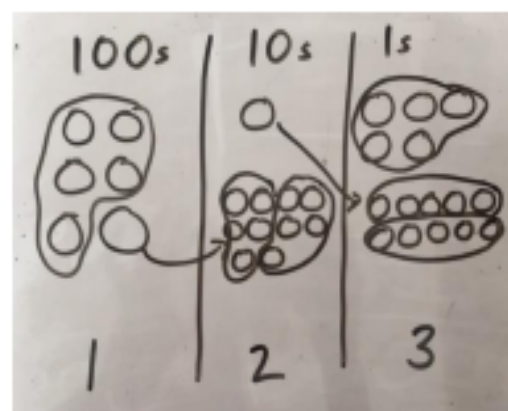
$$\begin{aligned} 42 &\div 3 \\ 42 &= 30 + 12 \\ 30 &\div 3 = 10 \\ 12 &\div 3 = 4 \\ 10 &+ 4 = 14 \end{aligned}$$

Short division using place value counters to group.
 $615 \div 5$

100s	10s	1s
1	2	3

1. Make 615 with place value counters.
2. How many groups of 5 hundreds can you make with 6 hundred counters?
3. Exchange 1 hundred for 10 tens.
4. How many groups of 5 tens can you make with 11 ten counters?
5. Exchange 1 ten for 10 ones.
6. How many groups of 5 ones can you make with 15 ones?

Represent the place value counters pictorially.



Children to the calculation using the short division scaffold.

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

Long division using place value counters
 $2544 \div 12$

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.

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

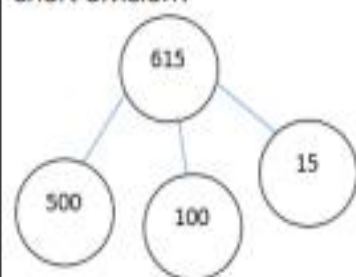
1000s	100s	10s	1s
			

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

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

Conceptual variation; different ways to ask children to solve $615 \div 5$

Using the part whole model below, how can you divide 615 by 5 without using short division?



I have £615 and share it equally between 5 bank accounts. How much will be in each account?

615 pupils need to be put into 5 groups. How many will be in each group?

$$5 \overline{) 615}$$

$$615 \div 5 =$$

$$\boxed{} = 615 \div 5$$

What is the calculation?
What is the answer?

100s	10s	1s
		

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