Calculation Policy
Dorchester Primary School

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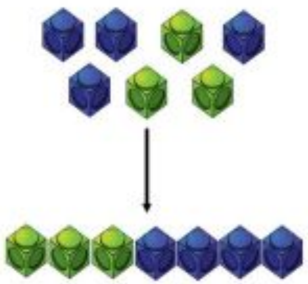
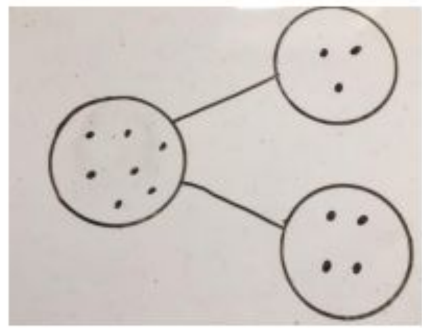
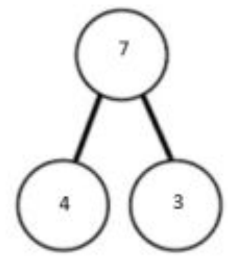
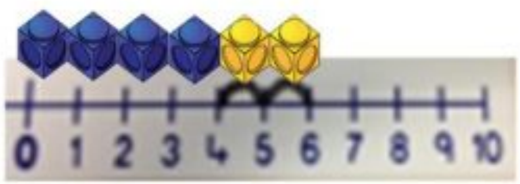
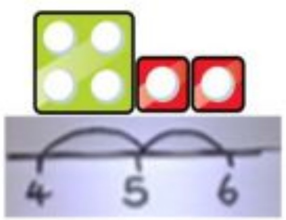
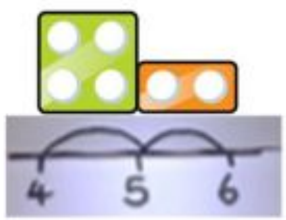
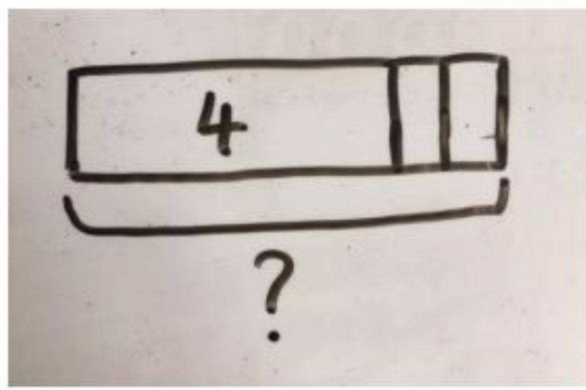
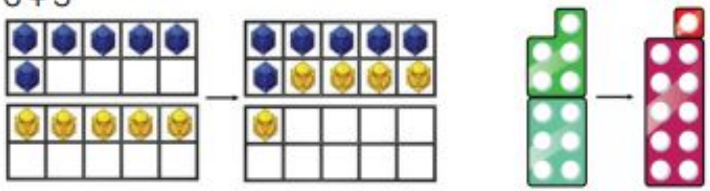
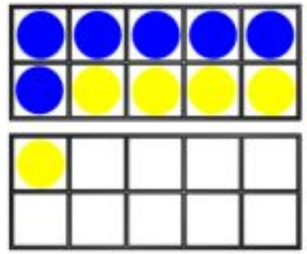
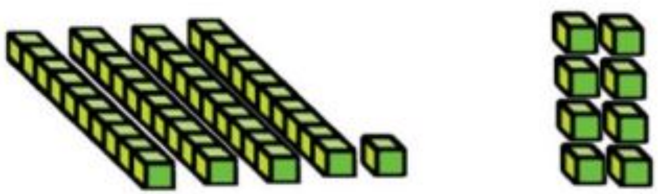
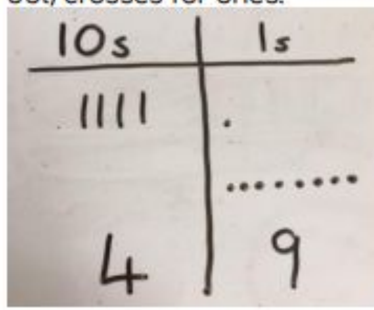
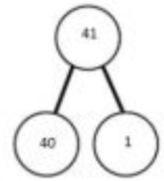
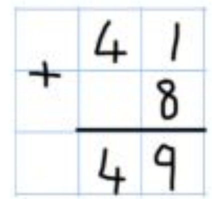
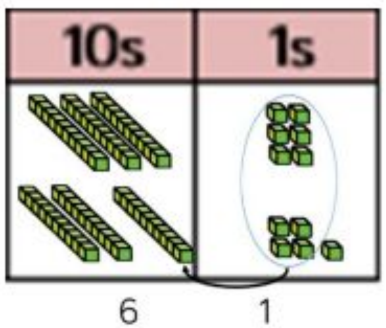
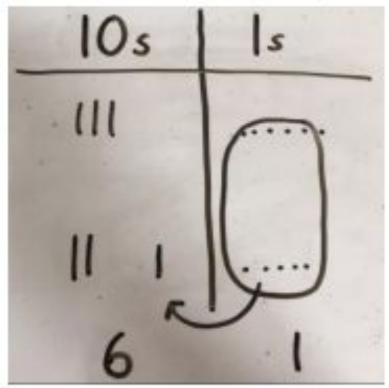
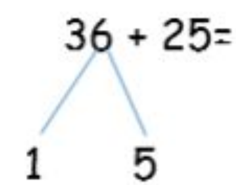
	Year 1	**Year 2**	**Year 3**	**Year 4**	**Year 5**	**Year 6**
Addition	Combining two parts to make a whole (part-part-whole model). Starting at the bigger number and counting on. Regrouping to make 10.	Adding three single digits. Expanded column method (no regrouping).	Column method with regrouping (up to 3 digits).	Column method with regrouping (up to 4 digits).	Column method with regrouping (with more that 4 digits including decimals).	Column method with regrouping (with more than 4 digits including decimals).
Subtraction	Taking away ones. Counting back. Finding the difference. Making 10.	Counting back. Finding the difference. Making 10. Partitioning smallest number to subtract.	Column method with regrouping (up to 3 digits).	Column method with regrouping (up to 4 digits)	Column method with regrouping (with more than 4 digits including decimals)	Column method with regrouping (with more than 4 digits including decimals)
Multiplication	Doubling. Counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. Arrays (with support.)	Doubling. Counting in multiples of 2, 3, 5 and 10. Repeated addition. Arrays showing commutative law.	Counting in multiples of 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10. Repeated addition. Arrays. Grid method.	Column multiplication (2 and 3 digit x 1 digit)	Column multiplication (up to 4 digit x 1 or 2 digits)	Column multiplication (multi-digit up to 4 digits by 2 digits)
Division	Sharing objects into groups. Division as grouping.	Division as grouping. Division as arrays.	Division with arrays. Division with a remainder. Short division (using concrete and pictorial).	Division with arrays Division with a remainder. Short division (up to 3 digits by 1).	Short division (up to 4 digits by 1 digit – use remainders in context).	Short Division Long division (up to 4 digits by 2 digits – interpret remainders as number, fraction, decimals or rounding).

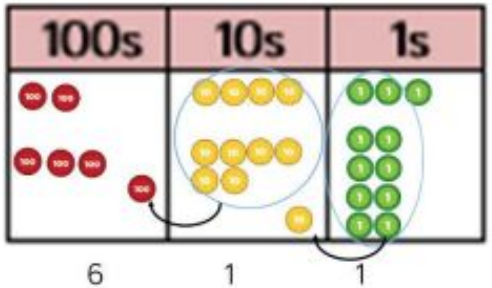
Calculation policy: Addition

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

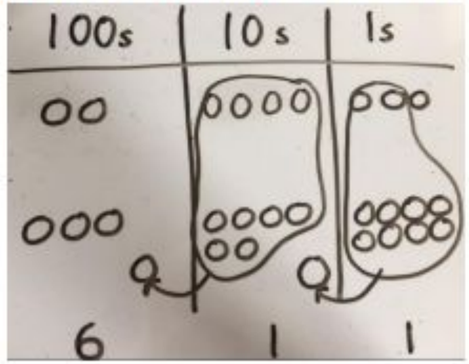
Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Combining two parts to make a whole (use other resources too e.g. eggs, shells, teddy bears, cars). 	Children to represent the cubes using dots or crosses. They could put each part on a part whole model too. 	4 + 3 = 7 Four is a part, 3 is a part and the whole is seven. 
Counting 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 + □ = 11 6 + 5 = 5 + □ 6 + 5 = □ + 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  	Chidlren to represent the base 10 in a place value chart.  	Looking for ways to make 10.  30 + 20 = 50 5 + 5 = 10 50 + 10 + 1 = 61 Formal method: 36 +25 61 1

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.



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

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  243
 +368
  611
  1 1
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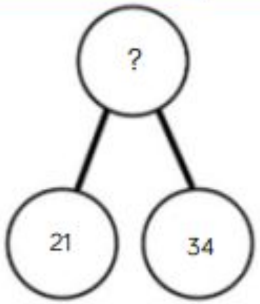
Conceptual variation; different ways to ask children to solve 21 + 34



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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. Prove it

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  21
 +34
 ___
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21 + 34 =

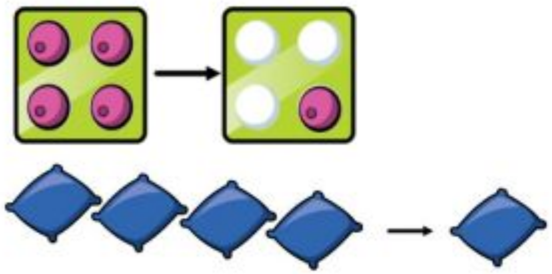
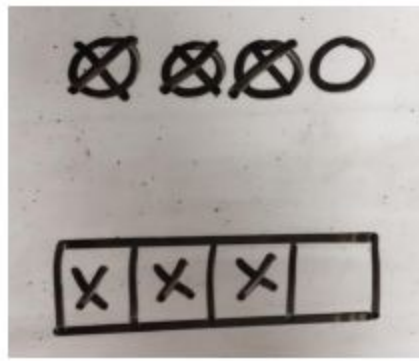
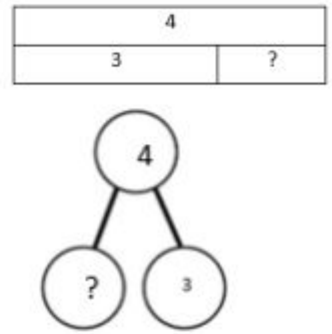
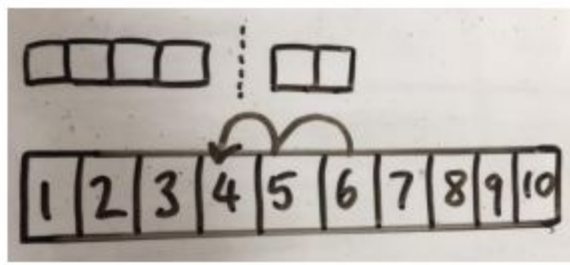
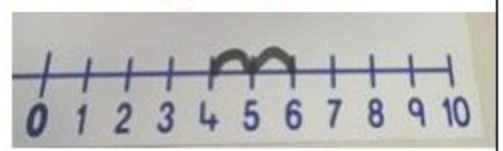
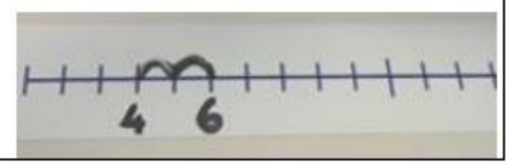
☐ = 21 + 34

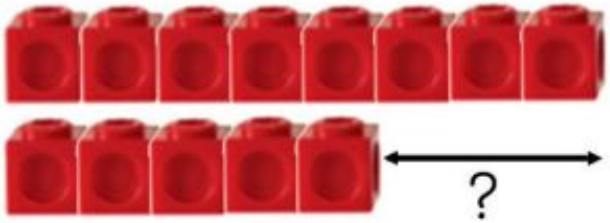
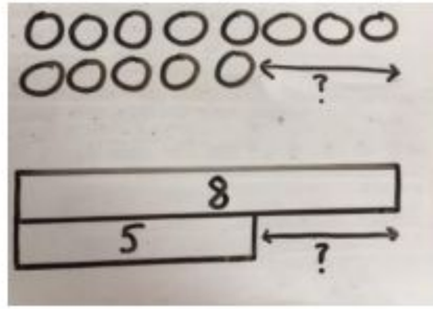
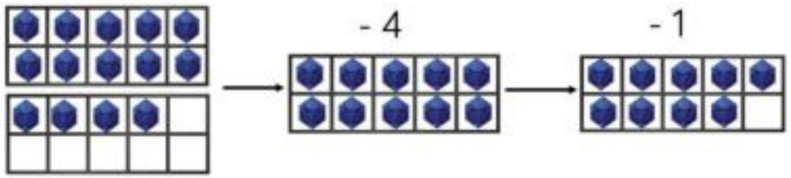
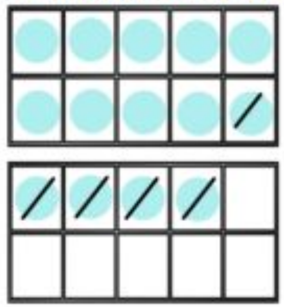
Calculate the sum of twenty-one and thirty-four.

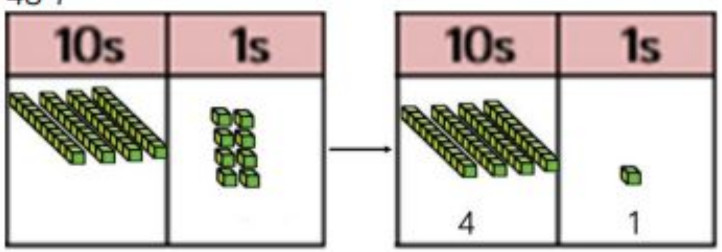
Missing digit problems:

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** 
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. 14 - 5 = 9 4 1 14 – 4 = 10 10 – 1 = 9

Column method using base 10.
48-7

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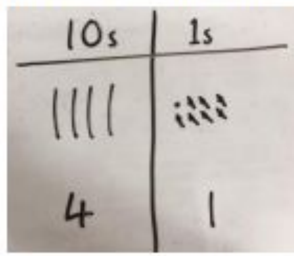
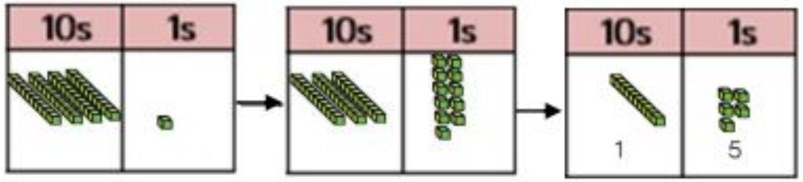
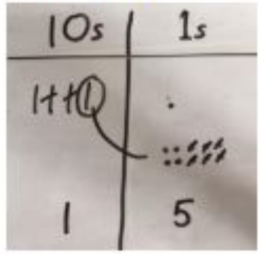
	
		Column method or children could count back 7.
		  4 8
		– 7
		  4 1

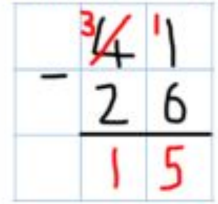
Column method using base 10 and having to exchange.
41 - 26



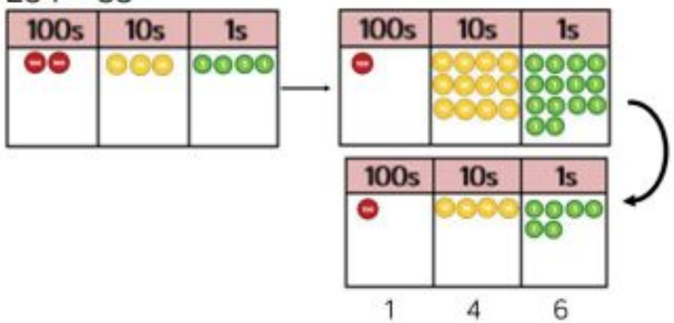
Represent the base 10 pictorially, remembering to show the exchange.



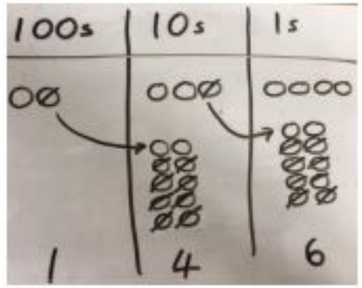
Formal column method. Children must understand that when they have exchanged the 10 they still have 41 because 41 = 30 + 11.



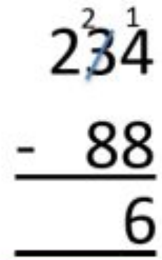
Column method using place value counters.
234 - 88



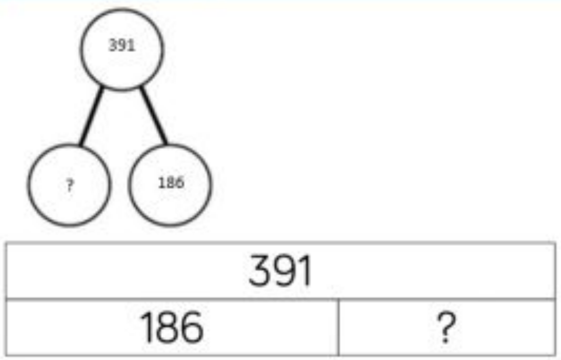
Represent the place value counters pictorially; remembering to show what has been exchanged.



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



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



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

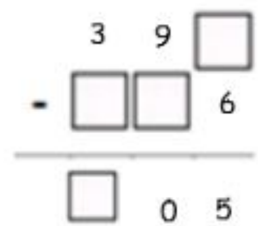
Calculate the difference between 391 and 186.

 = 391 - 186

391
-186

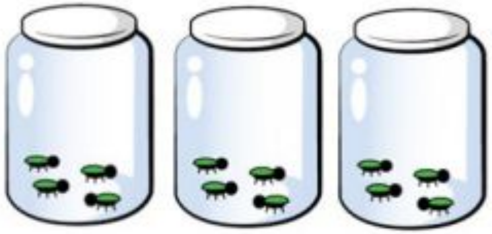
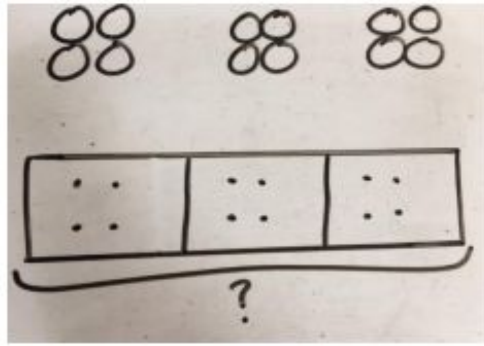
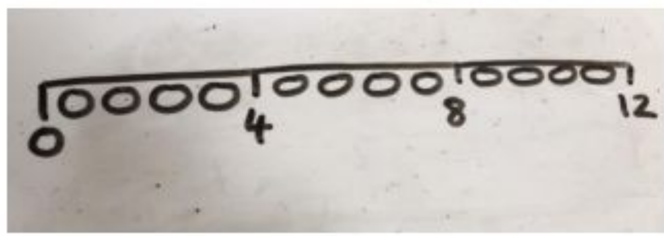
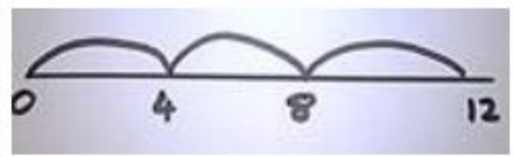
What is 186 less than 391?

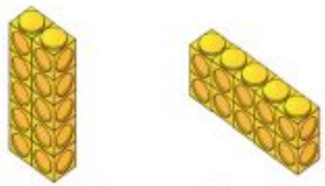
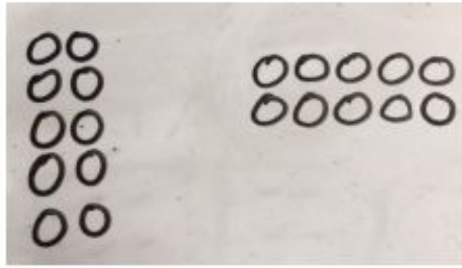
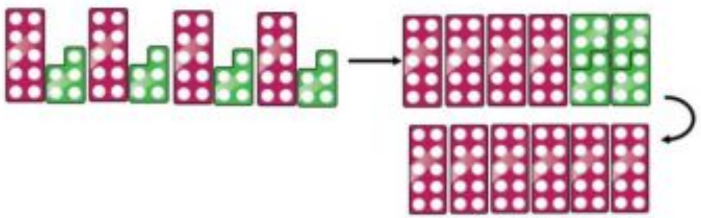
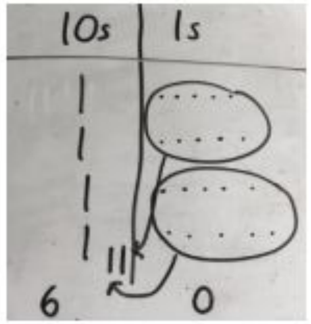
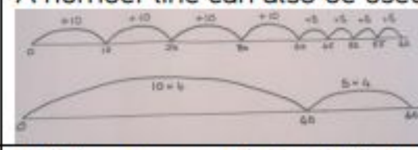
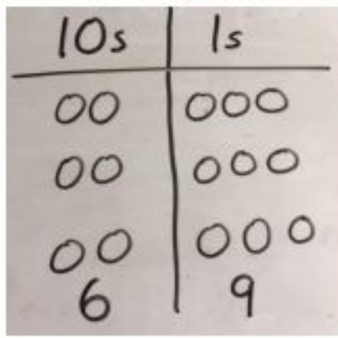
Missing digit calculations



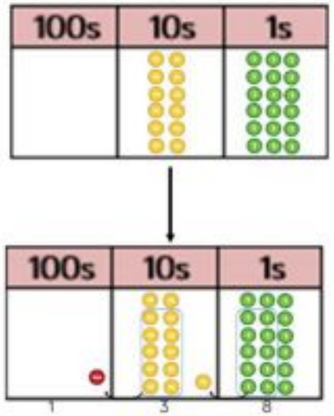
Calculation policy: Multiplication

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

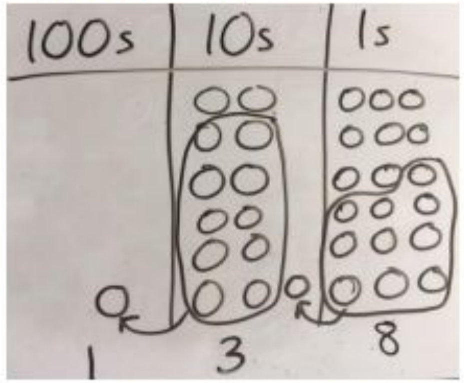
Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Repeated grouping/repeated addition 3 × 4 4 + 4 + 4 There are 3 equal groups, with 4 in each group.  	Children to represent the practical resources in a picture and use a bar model.  	3 × 4 = 12 4 + 4 + 4 = 12
Number lines to show repeated groups- 3 × 4   Cuisenaire rods can be used too.	Represent this pictorially alongside a number line e.g.:  	Abstract number line showing three jumps of four. 3 × 4 = 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. 4×15 	Children to represent the concrete manipulatives pictorially. 	Children to be encouraged to show the steps they have taken. 4×15 10 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  6 9	Children to represent the counters pictorially. 	Children to record what it is they are doing to show understanding. 3×23 $3 \times 20 = 60$ 20 3 $3 \times 3 = 9$ $60 + 9 = 69$ $\begin{array}{r} 23 \\ \times\ 3 \\ \hline 69 \\ \hline \end{array}$

Formal column method with place value counters.
6 x 23



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



Formal written method

$6 \times 23 =$

$$\begin{array}{r} 23 \\ \times \quad 6 \\ \hline 138 \\ \hline {\scriptstyle 1\ 1} \end{array}$$

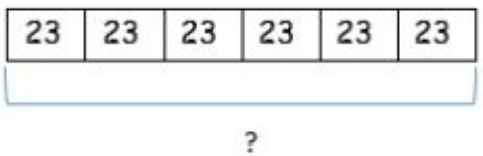
When children start to multiply 3d × 3d and 4d × 2d etc., they should be confident with the abstract:

To get 744 children have solved 6 × 124.
To get 2480 they have solved 20 × 124.

$$\begin{array}{r} 1\ 2\ 4 \\ \times \quad 2\ 6 \\ \hline 7\ 4\ 4 \\ 2\ 4\ 8\ 0 \\ \hline 3\ 2\ 2\ 4 \\ \hline {\scriptstyle 1\ 1\ \ \ \ } \end{array}$$

Answer: 3224

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



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 x 23 = 138

Find the product of 6 and 23

6 × 23 =

☐ = 6 × 23

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

What is the calculation?
What is the product?

Calculation policy: Division

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

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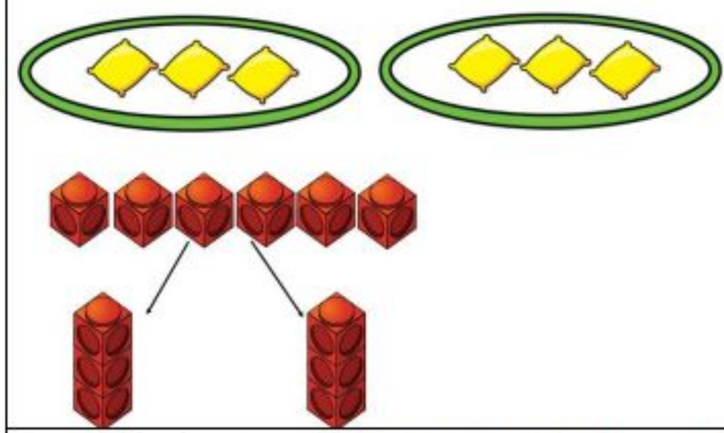
Sharing using a range of objects.
6 ÷ 2



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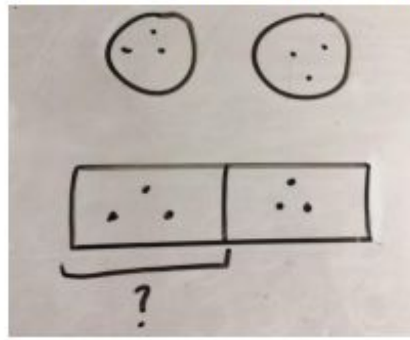
Represent the sharing pictorially.



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6 ÷ 2 = 3

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Children should also be encouraged to use their 2 times tables facts.

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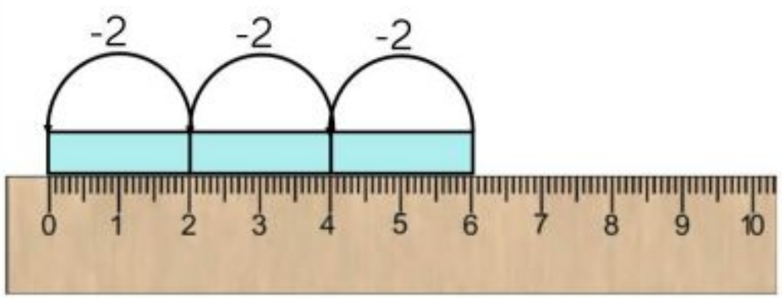
Repeated subtraction using Cuisenaire rods above a ruler.
6 ÷ 2



3 groups of 2

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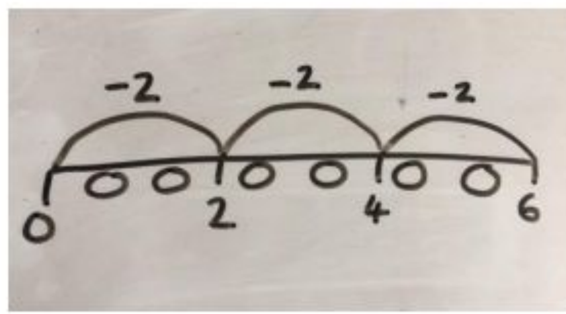
Children to represent repeated subtraction pictorially.



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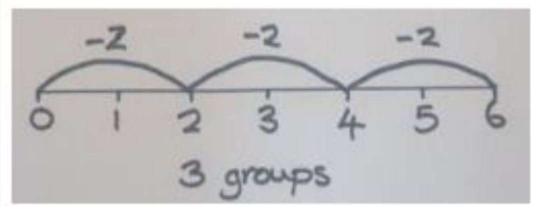
Abstract number line to represent the equal groups that have been subtracted.



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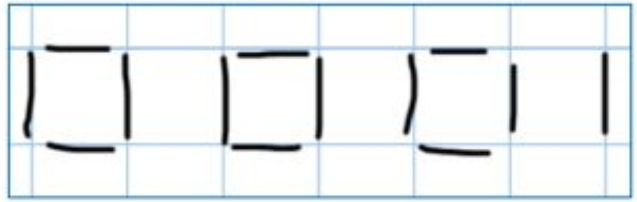
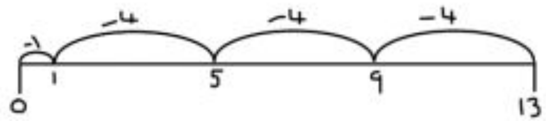
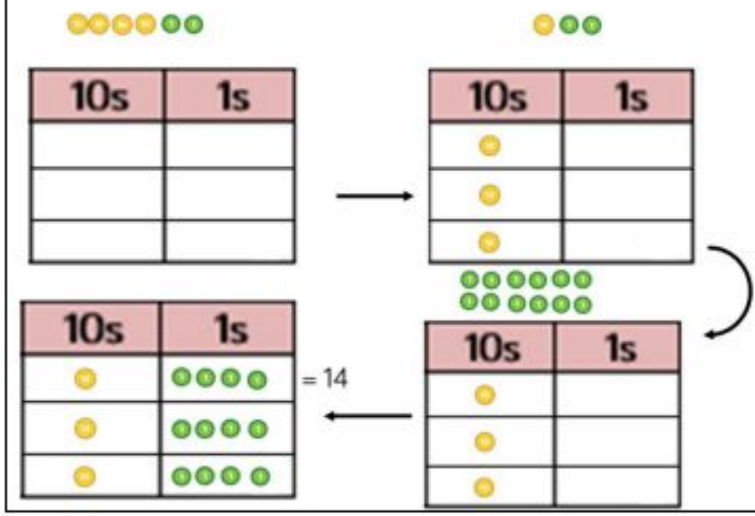
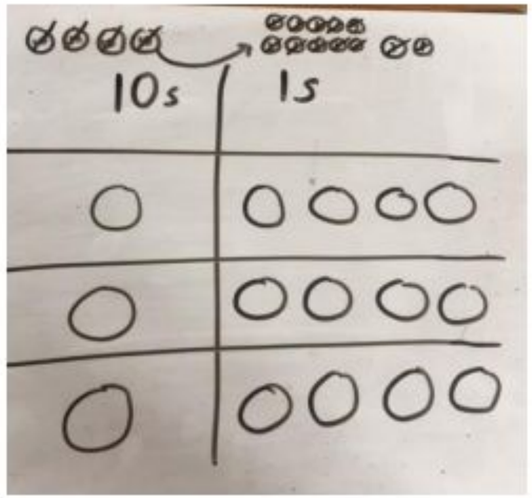
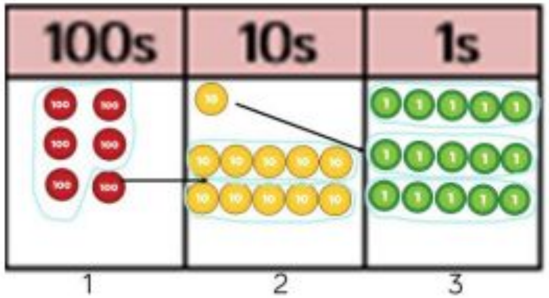
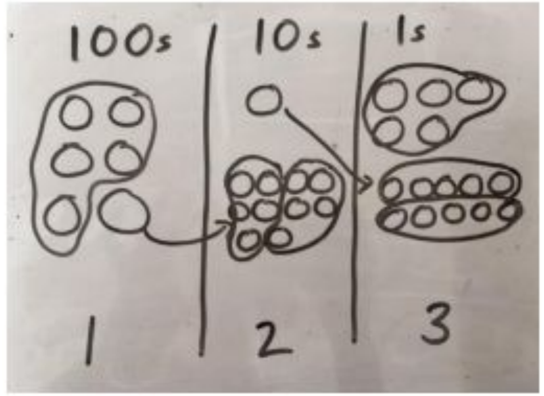
2d ÷ 1d with remainders using lollipop sticks. Cuisenaire rods, above a ruler can also be used. 13 ÷ 4 Use of lollipop sticks to form wholes- squares are made because we are dividing by 4.  There are 3 whole squares, with 1 left over.	Children to represent the lollipop sticks pictorially.  There are 3 whole squares, with 1 left over.	13 ÷ 4 – 3 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 ÷ 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. 42 ÷ 3 42 = 30 + 12 30 ÷ 3 = 10 12 ÷ 3 = 4 10 + 4 = 14

Short division using place value counters to group.
615 ÷ 5



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.

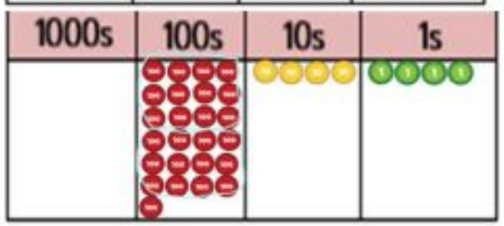


Children to the calculation using the short division scaffold.

$$\begin{array}{r} 123 \\ 5\overline{)6^{1}1^{1}5} \end{array}$$

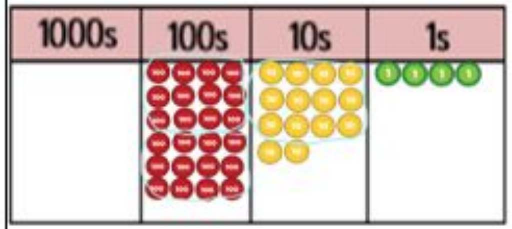
Long division using place value counters
2544 ÷ 12

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



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

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



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

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   021
12|2544
   24
    14
    12
     2
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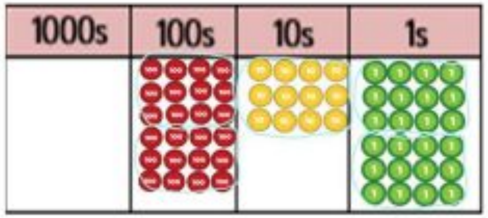

After exchanging the 2 tens, we have 24 ones. We can group 24 ones into 2 group of 12, which leaves no remainder.

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   0212
12|2544
   24
    14
    12
     24
     24
      0
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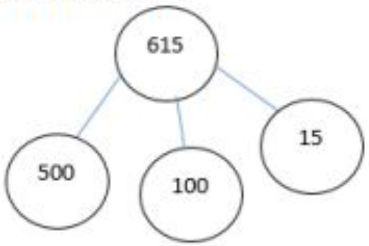
Conceptual variation; different ways to ask children to solve 615 ÷ 5

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 |615

615 ÷ 5 =

☐ = 615 ÷ 5

What is the calculation?
What is the answer?