Maths Calculation Policy

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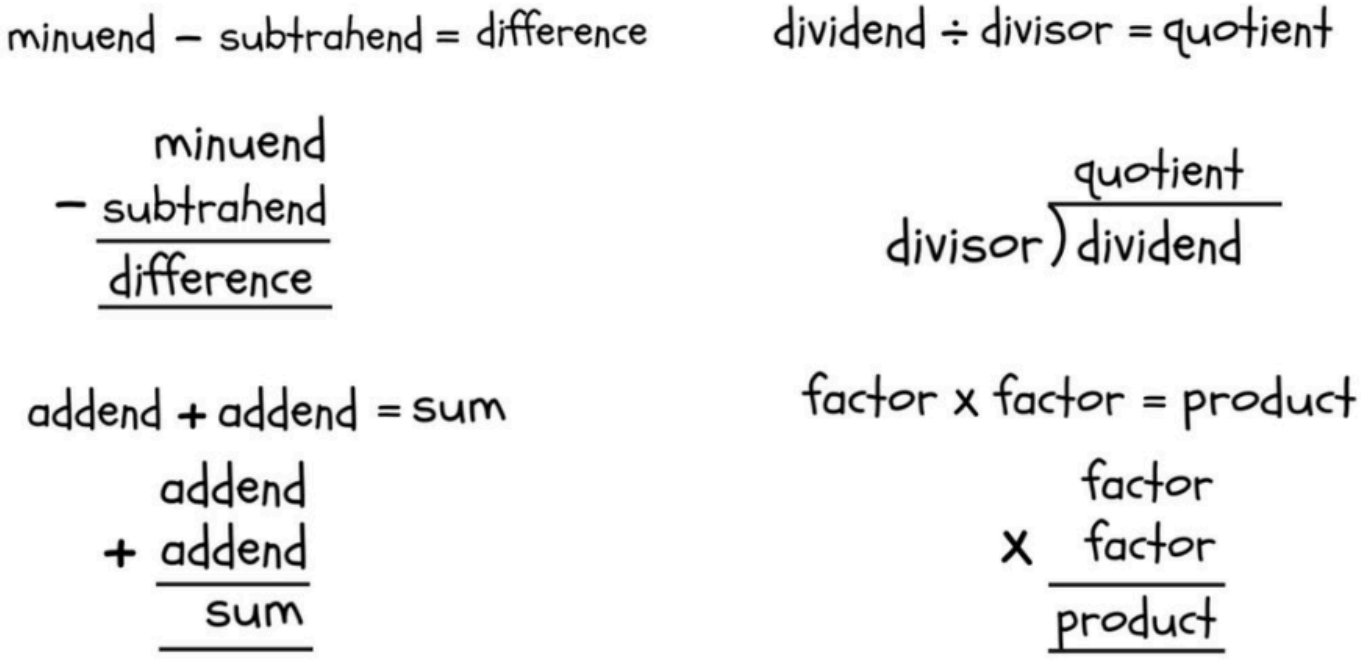
Glossary of Terms

+ Addition: sum (**ONLY** for addition), total, parts of wholes, plus, add, altogether, more than
- Subtraction: take away, less than, the difference, subtract, minus, fewer, decrease
x Multiplication:double times, multiplied by, the product of, groups of, lots of
÷ Division: share, group, divide, divided by, half
= Equals: 'is equal to' 'is the same as', 'is equivalent to'
Integer: any whole number
Th H T O: Thousands Hundreds Tens Ones (not 'units')
Commutativity: in simple terms, the calculation can be done in any order. Specific to addition and multiplication (addend+addend=sum and factor x factor=product).
Inverse: pairs of mathematical manipulations in which one operation undoes the action of the other. For example, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division.



Addition-

Key language which should be used: sum (use ONLY for addition), total, parts and wholes, plus, add, altogether, more than

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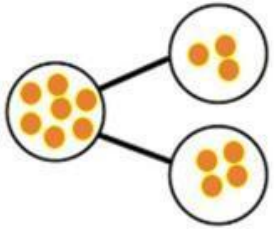
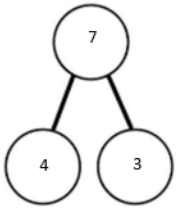
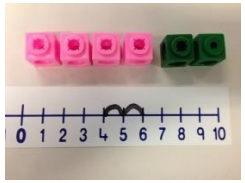
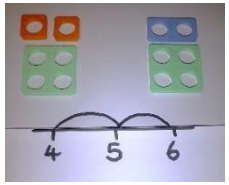
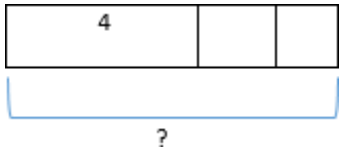
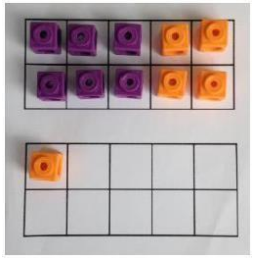
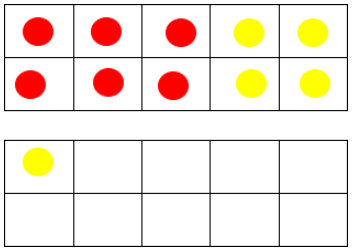
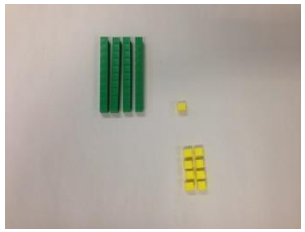
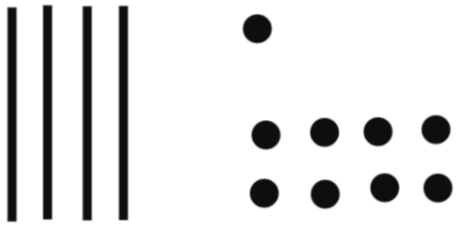
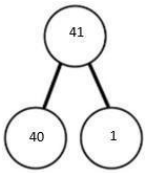
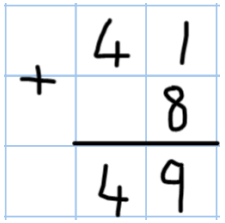
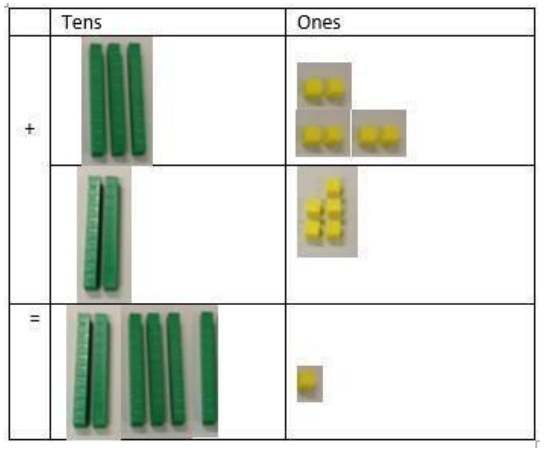
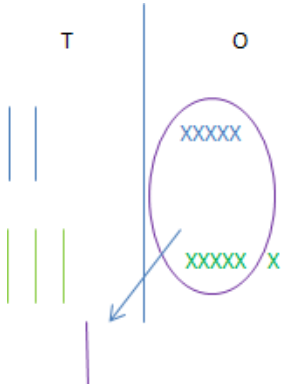
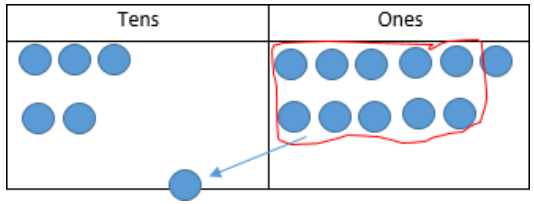
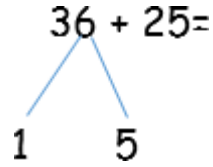
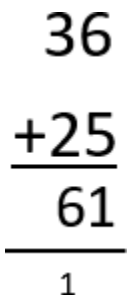
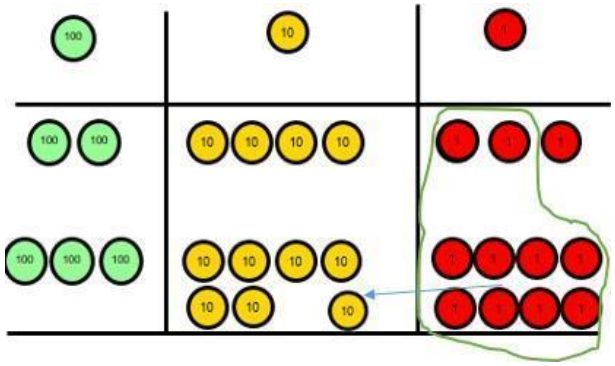
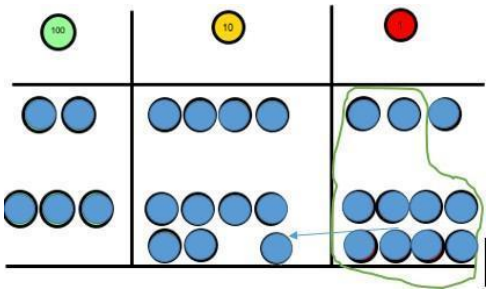
Combining two parts to make a whole (e.g. blocks, eggs, shells, teddy bears etc)  		4 + 3 = 7 (four is a part, 3 is a part and the whole is seven) 
Counting on using number lines by using cubes or numicon  	A bar model which encourages the children to count on 	The abstract number line: What is 2 more than 4? What is the sum of 4 and 2? What's the total of 4 and 2? 4 + 2 
Regrouping to make 10 by 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 and 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 concrete using a particular symbol e.g. lines for tens and dot/crosses for ones. T O 	41 + 8  1 + 8 = 9 40 + 9 = 49 or 40+1+8=49 
TO + TO using base 10. Continue to develop understanding of partitioning and place value and use this to support addition. Begin with no exchanging. 36 + 25  	This could be done one of two ways:   	Looking for ways to make 10  30 + 20 = 50 5 + 5 = 10 50 + 10 + 1 = 61 Formal method: 

Use of place value counters to add HTO + TO, HTO + HTO etc. once the children have had practice with this, they should be able to apply it to larger numbers and the abstract



Children represent the counters e.g. the image below

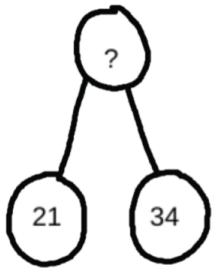


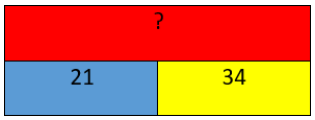
If the children are completing a word problem, draw a bar model to represent what it's asking them to do

?	
243	368

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

Fluency variation, different ways to ask children to solve 21+34:





Sam saved £21 one week and £34 another. How much did he save in total?

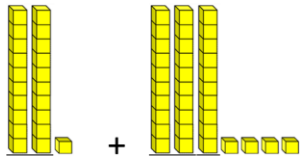
21+34=55. Prove it! (This is reasoning but the children need to be fluent in representing this)

$$\begin{array}{r} 21 \\ +34 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

21 + 34 =

$\square$ = 21 + 34

What's the sum of twenty one and thirty four?

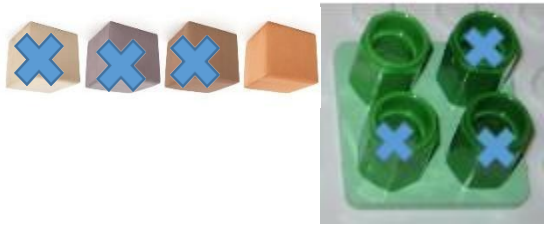
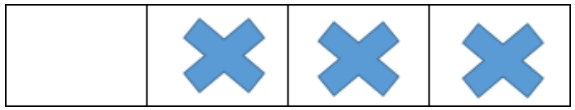
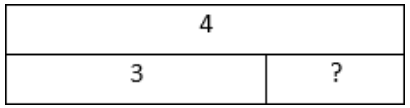
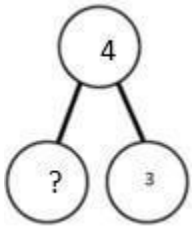
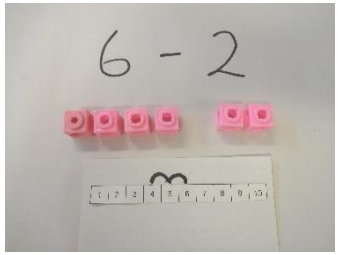
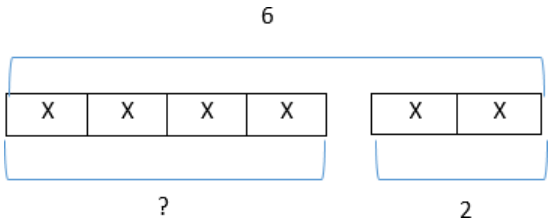
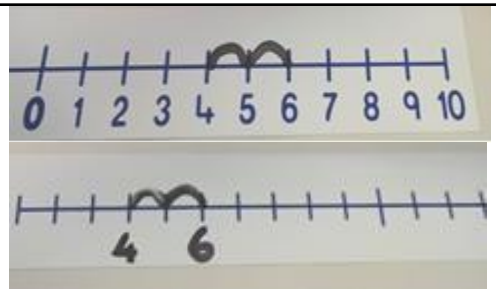


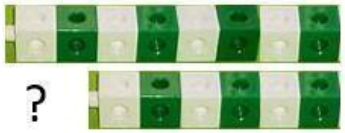
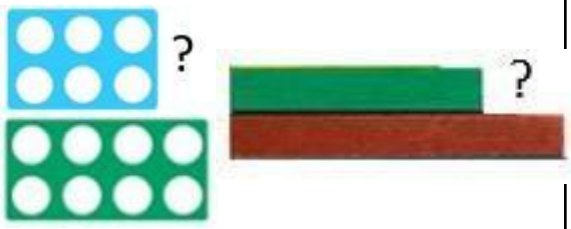
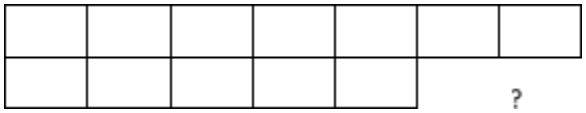
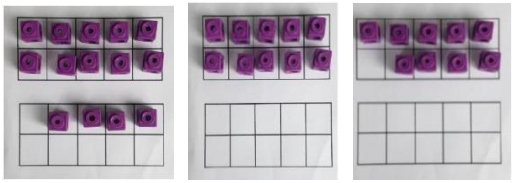
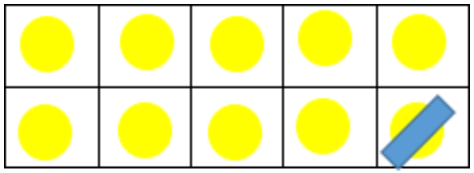
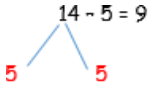
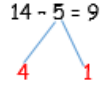
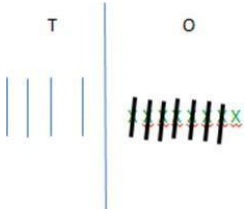
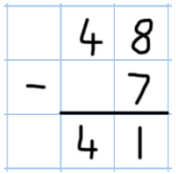
Always use missing digit problems too:

Tens	Ones
10 10	1
10 10 10	?
?	4

Subtraction-

Key language which should be used: take away, less than, the difference, subtract, minus, fewer, decrease

Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Physically taking away and removing objects from a whole (use various objects too) rather than crossing out- children will physically remove the objects 4 – 3 = 1 	Children draw the concrete resources they are using and cross out.  Use of the bar model: 	**4- 3 =** **= 4 – 3**  
Counting back (using number lines or number tracks)  	Children to represent what they see pictorially e.g.  	

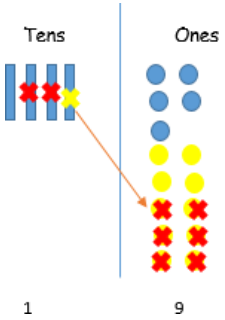
Finding the difference (using cubes, numicon or Cuisenaire rods, other objects can also be used)   	Children to draw the cubes/other concrete objects which they have used XXXXXXXX XXXXXX Use of the bar model  	Find the difference between 8 and 6. 8 – 6, the difference is ? Children to also explore why 9 - 7 = 8 – 6 (the difference, of each digit, has changed by 1 do the difference is the same- this will help when solving 10000-9987)
Making 10 (using numicon or ten frames) 14 – 5  Children could also do this by subtracting a 5 from the 10. 	Children to present the ten frame pictorially  	14 – 5 = 9 You also want children to see related facts e.g. 14 – 9 = 5 Children to represent how they have solved it e.g.  14 is made up of 5, 5 and 4 so I can subtract one 5 to be left with 4 and 5  5 is made up of 4 and 1 so I can subtract 4 to make 10 and then 1 to get to 9
Column method (using base 10) 48-7 	 	48 – 7 = 

Column method (using base 10 and having to exchange)

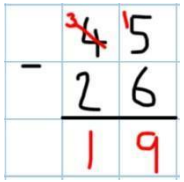
45-26

1) Start by partitioning 45
2) Exchange one ten for ten more ones
3) Subtract the ones, then the tens.

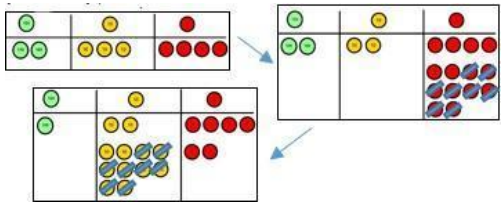
Represent the base 10 pictorially



It's crucial that the children understand that when they have exchanged the 10 they still have 45. 45 = 30 + 15

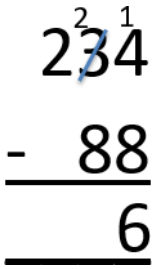


Column method (using place value counters) 234-88

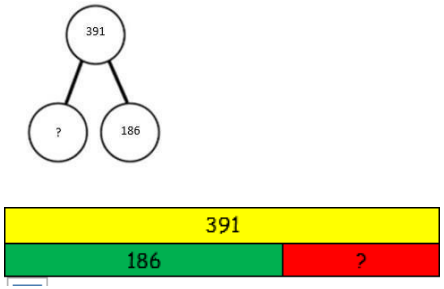


Once the children have had practice with the concrete, they should be able to apply it to any subtraction.

Like the other pictorial representations, children represent the counters.



Fluency variation, different ways to ask children to solve 391-186:



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

I had 391 metres to run. After 186 I stopped. How many metres do I have left to run?

= 391 – 186

391 – 186 =

391
-186
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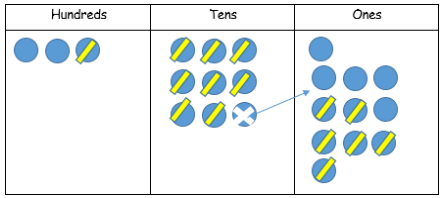
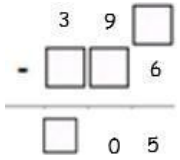
Find the difference between 391 and 186

Subtract 186 from 391.

What is 186 less than 391?

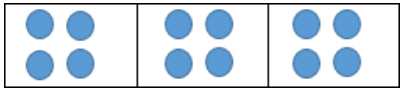
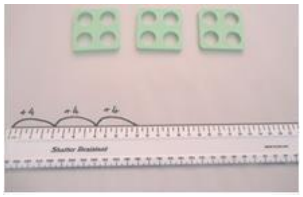
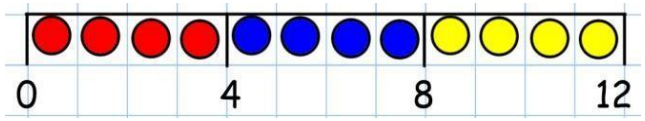
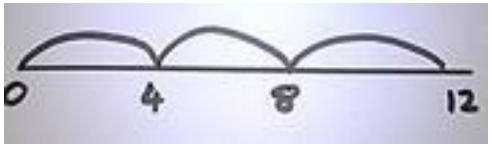
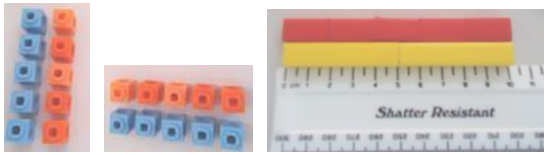
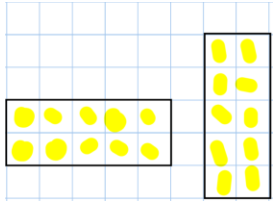
What's the calculation? What's the answer?

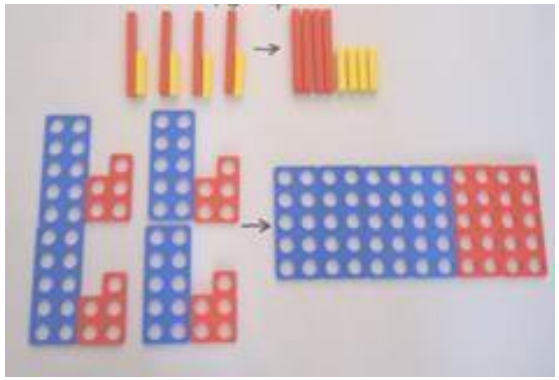
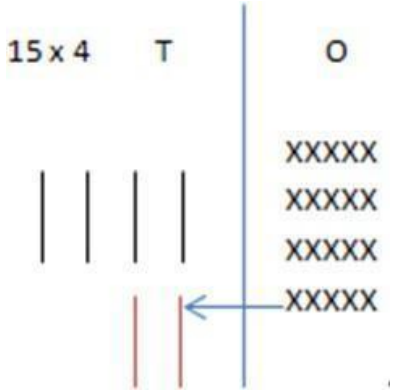
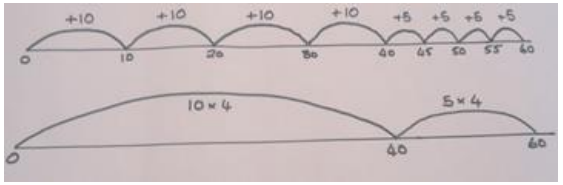
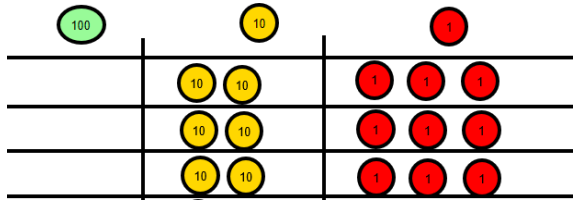
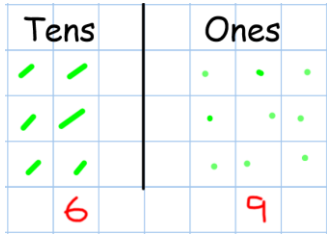




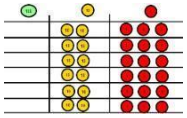
Multiplication-

Key language which should be used: double times, multiplied by, the product of, groups of, lots of

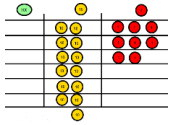
Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Repeated grouping/repeated addition (does not have to be restricted to cubes) 3 x 4 or 3 lots of 4 	Children to represent the practical resources in a picture e.g. XX XX XX XX XX XX Use of a bar model for a more structured method 	3 x 4 4 + 4 + 4
Use number lines to show repeated groups- 3 x 4  	Represent this pictorially alongside a number line e.g: 	Abstract number line **3 x 4 = 12** 
Use arrays to illustrate commutativity (counters and other objects can also be used) **2 x 5 = 5 x 2** 	Children to draw the arrays 	Children to be able to use an array to write a range of calculations e.g. 2 x 5 = 10 5 x 2 = 10 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 10 5 + 5 =10

Partition to multiply (use numicon, base 10, Cuisenaire rods) 4 x 15 	Children to represent the concrete manipulatives in a picture e.g. base 10 can be represented like:  	Children to be encouraged to show the steps they have taken 4 x 15 10 5 10 x 4 = 40 5 x 4 = 20 40 + 20 = 60 A number line can also be used 
Formal column method with place value counters or base 10 (at the first stage- no exchanging) 3 x 23 Make 23, 3 times. See how many ones, then how many tens  	**Children to represent the counters in a pictorial way**  	Children to record what it is they are doing to show understanding 3 x 23 3 x 20 = 60 3 x 3 = 9 20 3 60 + 9= 69 23 x 3 69
Formal column method with place value counters (children need this stage, initially, to understand how the column method works)	Children to represent the counters/base 10, pictorially e.g. the image below.	**6 x 23** 6 x 3 = 18 6 x 20 = 120 120 + 18 = 138

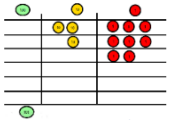
6 x 23



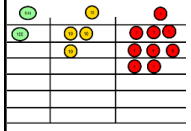
Step 1: get 6 lots of 23



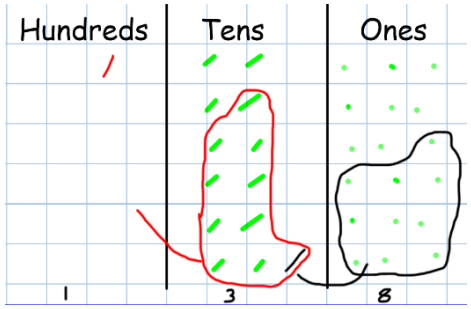
Step 2: 6 x 3 is 18. Can I make an exchange? Yes! Ten ones for one ten….



Step 3: 6 x 2 tens and my extra ten is 13 tens. Can I make an exchange? Yes! Ten tens for one hundred…



Step 4- what do I have I each column?



The aim is to get to the formal method but the children need to understand how it works.

6 x 23 =

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

When children start to multiply 3d x 3d and 4d x 2d etc, they should be confident with the abstract. They write their calculations in this format:

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

x 6

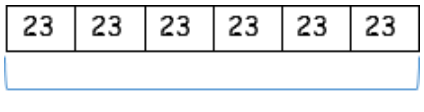
x10x2

To get 744 children have solved 6 x 124

To get 2480 they have solved 20 x 124
They know x 20 is the same as x10x2
They know to x10 they put a place value marker in the ones column to adjust all products in this part of the calculation.

Answer: 3224

Fluency variation, different ways to ask children to solve 6 x 23:



With the counters, prove that 6 x 23 = 138

Why is 6 x 23 = 32 x 6?

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

Tom saved 23p three days a week. How much did he save in 2 weeks?

Find the product of 6 and 23

6 x 23 =

= 6 x 23

6	23
× 23	× 6
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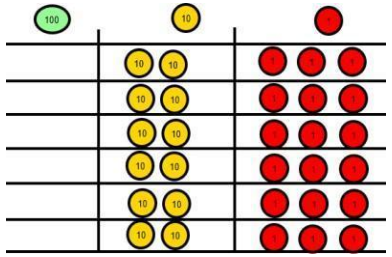
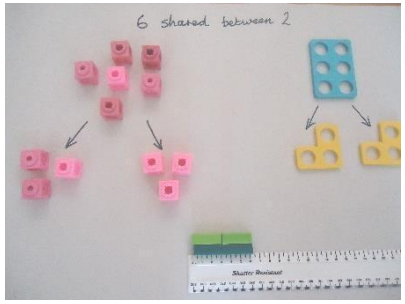
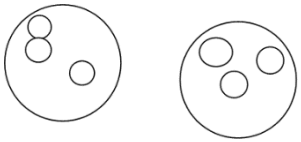
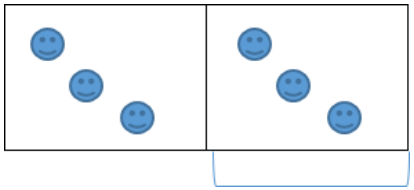
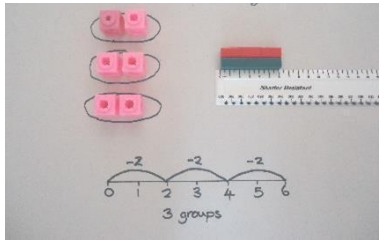
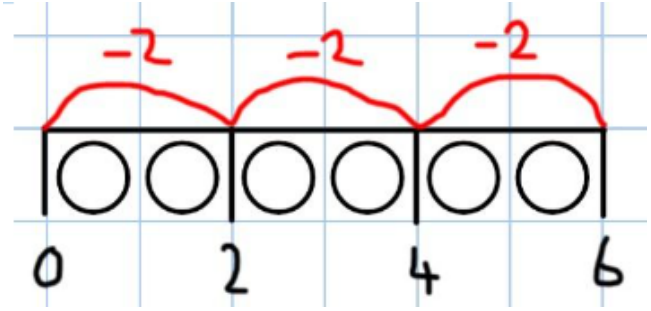
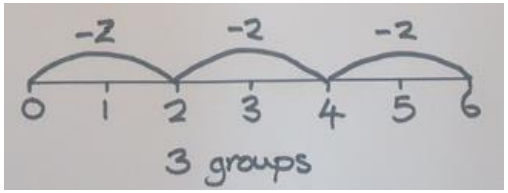
What's the calculation? What's the answer?

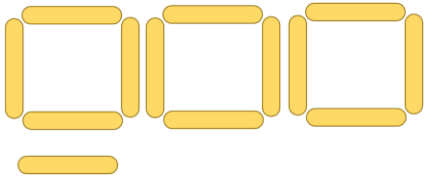


Division-

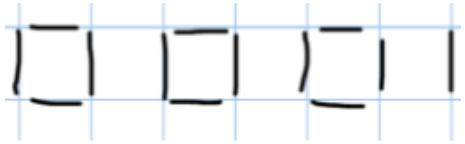
Key language which should be used: share, group, divide, divided by, half, 'is equal to' 'is the same as'

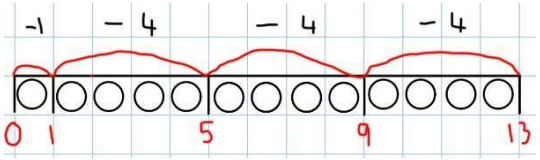
Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
6 shared between 2 (other concrete objects can also be used e.g. children and hoops, teddy bears, cakes and plates) 	 This can also be done in a bar so all 4 operations have a similar structure: 	6 ÷ 2 = 3 What's the calculation? 3 | 3
Understand division as repeated grouping and subtracting 6 ÷ 2  6 split or divided into 2s. How many groups of 2?		Abstract number line 
2d ÷ 1d with remainders 13 ÷ 4 = 3 remainder 1	Children to have chance to represent the resources they use in a pictorial way e.g:	13 ÷ 4 – 3 remainder 1 Children to count their times tables facts in their heads

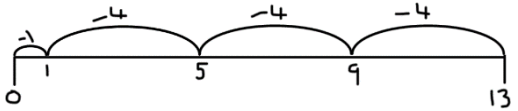
Use of lollipop sticks to form wholes



Use of Cuisenaire rods and rulers (using repeated subtraction)

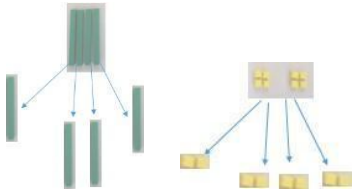






2d divided by 1d using base 10 (no remainders) SHARING

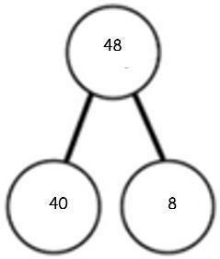
48 ÷ 4 = 12



Start with the tens.

Children to represent the base 10 and sharing pictorially.

48 ÷ 4

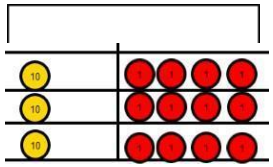


4 tens ÷ 4 = 1 ten

8 ones ÷ 4 = 2 ones

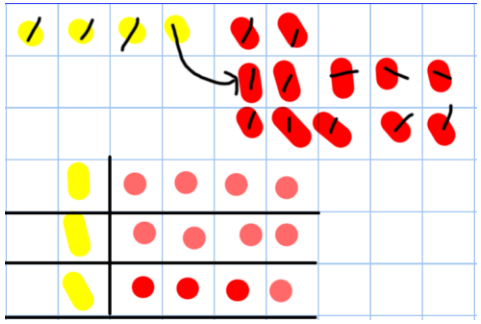
10 + 2 = 12

Sharing using place value counters.



42 ÷ 3= 14

Make 42. Use 10 Ones to make the fourth Ten. Now we can share out the Tens and Ones between 3.



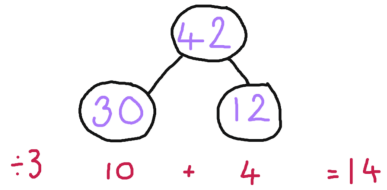
42 ÷ 3

42 = 30 + 12

30 ÷ 3 = 10

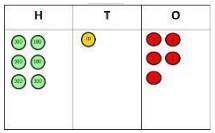
12 ÷ 3 = 4

10 + 4 = 14

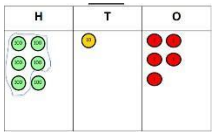


Use of the 'bus stop method' using grouping and counters. Key language for grouping- how many groups of X can we make with X hundreds'- ***this can also be done using sharing.***

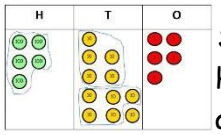
615 ÷ 5



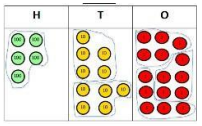
Step 1: make 615



Step 2: Circle your groups of 5 in the Hundreds



Step 3: Exchange 1 Hundred for 10 Tens and circle groups of 5



Step 4: exchange 1 Ten for 10 Ones and circle groups of 5

This can easily be represented pictorially, until the children no longer need to do it. We sometimes talk about bundles of ten sticks and wheelbarrows with ten bundles in each and extend this as necessary to help with visualisation.

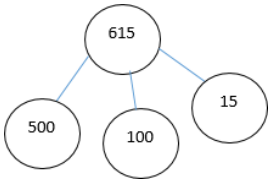
It can also be solved to decimal places if you have a remainder by extending the dividend using .00 and continuing the calculation into the tenths, hundredths etc.

Remainders can also be expressed as fractions, where the numerator is the remainder and the denominator is the divisor.

$$5\overline{)615}\quad 123$$

Fluency 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 the 'bus stop' method?



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?

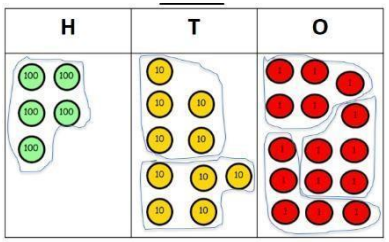
$$5\overline{)615}$$

615 ÷ 5 =

= 615 ÷ 5

How many 5's go into 615?

What's the calculation? What's the answer?



Long Division

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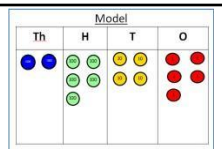
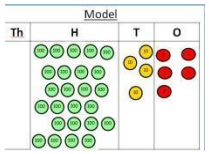
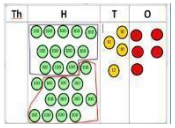
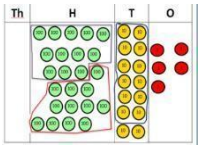
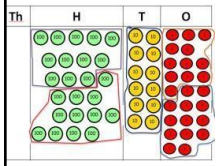
 0 2 1 2 / 12 | 2544 / 24 / 14 / 12 / 24 / 24 / 0 2544 ÷ 12 How many groups of 12 thousands do we have? None	Children to represent the counters, pictorially and record the subtractions beneath.	0 / 12 | 2544 Step one- exchange 2 thousand for 20 hundreds so we now have 25 hundreds.
 Exchange 2 thousand for 20 hundreds.	**Abstract (ii)**	0 2 / 12 | 2544 / 24 / 1 Step two- How many groups of 12 can I make with 25 hundreds? The 24 shows the hundreds we have grouped. The one is how many hundreds we have left.
 0 2 / 12 | 2544 / 24 / 1 How many groups of 12 are in 25 hundreds? 2 groups. Circle them. We have grouped 24 hundreds so we can take them off and we are left with one.	Abstract procedural method used once understanding is established: ÷ × − ↓ 2 4 8 r 1 / 3) 7 4 5 / − 6 / 1 4 / − 1 2 / 2 5 / − 2 4 / 1 7÷3=2 / 3×2=6 / 7−6=1 / ↓next / 14÷3=4 / 3×4=12 / 14−12=2 / ↓next / 25÷3=8 / 3×8=24 / 25−24=1	0 2 1 / 12 | 2544 / 24 / 14 / 12 / 2 Exchange the one hundred for ten tens so now we have 14 tens. How many groups of 12 are in 14? 1 remainder 2.
 0 2 1 / 12 | 2544 / 24 / 14 / 12 / 2 Exchange the one hundred for ten tens so now we have 14 tens. How many groups of 12 are in 14? 1 remainder 2.		Exchange the one hundred for 10 tens. How many groups of 12 can I make with 14 tens? The 14 shows how many tens I have, the 12 is how many I grouped and the 2 is how many tens I have left.
 Exchange the two tens for twenty ones so now we have 24 ones. How many groups of 12 are in 24? 2		0 2 1 2 / 12 | 2544 / 24 / 14 / 12 / 24 / 24 / 0 Exchange the 2 tens for 20 ones. The 24 is how many ones I have grouped and the 0 is what I have left.