Concrete / Pictorial / Abstract Maths Calculation Policy

This policy has been largely adapted from the White Rose Maths Hub Calculation Policy with further material added. It is a working document and will be revised and amended as necessary. Many variations have been included to provide teachers with a range of tools to support pupils in their grasp of number and calculation. To ensure consistency for pupils, it is important that the mathematical language used in maths lessons reflects the vocabulary used throughout this policy.



Recommended practice delivering a mastery approach

True mastery aims to develop all children's mathematical understanding at the same pace. As much as possible, children should be accessing the same learning. Differentiation should primarily be through support, scaffolding and deepening, not through task.

Consistency in language is essential for pupils to understand the concepts presented in mathematics. If other, 'child-friendly' terminology is used, this must be alongside the current terminology recommended by maths specialists. Using this will support children with their examinations and throughout secondary school.

Evidence repeatedly shows that mixed ability seating increases less confident pupils' perception of mathematical capability, which impacts positively upon outcomes. While not a school policy, it is recommended to avoid ability groups. This presents a challenge in ensuring the more confident mathematicians are being extended. An extension tasks to deepen understanding is the most simplistic way around this.

Concrete, pictorial, abstract (CPA) concepts should not be confused as differentiation for lower, middle, higher attaining children. CPA is an approach to be used with the whole class and teachers should promote each area as equally valid. Manipulatives in particular must not be presented as a resource to support the less confident or lower attaining pupils.

Used well, manipulatives can enable pupils to inquire themselves- becoming independent learners and thinkers. They can also provide a common language

with which to communicate cognitive models for abstract ideas. Drury, H. (2015)

Children aged seven to ten years old work in primarily concrete ways and that the abstract notions of mathematics may only be accessible to them through embodiment in practical resources. Jean Piaget's (1951)

Real things and structured images enables children to understand the abstract. The concrete and the images are a means for children to understand the symbolic so it's important to move between all modes to allow children to make connections.

Morgan, D.

(2016)

The abstract should run alongside the concrete and pictorial stage as this enables pupils to better understand mathematical statements and concept

YEAR 1 Addition

Objective / Strategy	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Combining two parts to make a whole: part- whole model	Use part, part whole model. Use cubes to add two numbers together as a group or in a bar.	yhole 2	8 = 5 + 3 5 + 3 = 8 Use the part, part whole diagram as shown above to move into the abstract. Include missing number questions to support varied fluency: 8 = ? + 3 5 + ? = 8
Starting at the bigger number and counting on	Start with the larger number on the bead string and then count on to the smaller number 1 by 1 to find the answer.	12 + 5 = 17 Start at the larger number on the number line and count on in ones or in one jump to find the answer.	5 + 12 = 17 Place the larger number in your head and count on the smaller number to find your answer.

Regrouping to make 10. This is an essential skill for column	6+5=11	Use pictures or a number line. Regroup or	7 + 4 = ? 7 + 4= 11
addition later.	Start with the bigger number and use the smaller number to make 10. Use ten frames.	partition the smaller number using the part, part whole model to make 10. 9 + 5 = 14 Children to draw the ten frame and use images of Numicon, counters or cubes to help. X X X X X X X X X	If I am at seven, how many more do I need to make 10? How many more do I have left to add on now?
Represent & use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20	2 more than 5.	Draw 2 more hats.	Include missing number questions: 8 = ? + 3 5 + ? = 8 Emphasis should be on the language '1 more than 5 is equal to 6.' '2 more than 5 is 7.' '8 is 3 more than 5.'
Children to begin to develop an understanding of equality	+?=	6 ? 11	6 + = 11

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Objective /Strategy	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract	
Adding multiples of	50= 30 = 20		20 + 30 = 50	
ten			70 = 50 + 20	
		3 tens + 5 tens = tens 30 + 50 =	40 + □ = 60	
	Model using dienes and bead strings	Use representations for base ten.		
Use known number facts Part, part whole	Children explore ways of making numbers within 20	20	Explore commutativity of addition by swapping the addends to build a fact family. Explore the concept of the inverse relationship of addition and subtractions and use this to check calculations.	
Using known facts		$\begin{array}{cccc} \vdots & + & \vdots & = & \vdots \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & &$	3 + 4 = 7 leads to 30 + 40 = 70 leads to 300 + 400 = 700	

Bar model		Also, use in a place value chart, using Diennes or place value counters.	23 25 ? 23 + 25 = 48
Add a two digit number and ones	3 + 4 = 7 $17 + 5 = 22$ Use ten frame $Children explore the pattern. 17 + 5 = 22$ $27 + 5 = 32$	7 + 3 = 10 Use part part whole and number line to model. $3 = 22$ $3 = 3$ $46 + 7$ $43 = 10$ $3 = 16 + 7$ $46 + 7$ $43 = 10$	17 + 5 = 22 Explore related facts 17 + 5 = 22 5 + 17 = 22 22-17 = 5 22-5 = 17 17 5
Add a 2 digit number and tens	25 + 10 = 35 Explore that the ones digit does not change	27 + 30 +10 +10 +10 27 37 47 57	27 + 10 = 37 27 + 20 = 47 27 + \(\sigma\) = 57

Add two 2-digit numbers	Model using dienes , place value counters and	+20 +5 Or +20 +3 +2 47 67 72 47 67 70 72	25 + 47 $20 + 5$ $40 + 7$ $20 + 40 = 60$ $5 + 7 = 12$ $60 + 12 = 72$ Lead into recording in column format, to reinforce place value and prepare children
	Numicon	part whole if necessary.	for formal written methods with larger values.
Add three 1-digit numbers	Combine to make 10 first if possible, or bridge 10 then add third digit	Regroup and draw representation.	4 + 7 + 6 = 10 + 7 $= 17$ Combine the two numbers that make/ bridge ten then add on the third.
Children to begin to develop an understanding of equality			6 + 5 = 5 + 6 + 5 = + 4

YEAR 3 Addition

Objective /Strategy	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Column Addition—no regrouping (friendly numbers) Add two or three 2 or 3digit numbers.	Dienes or Numicon Add together the ones first, then the tens. Tens Units July 19 Jul	Children move to drawing the counters in a place value chart. tens ones	$\begin{array}{c} 223+\\ \phantom{00000000000000000000000000000000000$
Column Addition with regrouping.	Exchange ten ones for a ten. Model using Numicon and place value counters.	34 +17 5 1 Children can draw a representation of a grid to further support their understanding.	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

	46 + 27 = 73		
Estimate the answers to questions and use inverse operations to	- OCCOCCCCOO)	Use number lines to illustrate estimation.	Building up known facts and using them to illustrate the inverse and to check answers:
check answers	Estimating 98 + 17 = ? 100 + 20 = 120	80° 100° 100° 100° 100° 100° 100° 100° 1	98 + 18 = 116

		YEARS 4 – 6 Addition	
Objective /Strategy	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Years 4 – 6 Estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation		As per Year 3	
Y4—add numbers with up to 4 digits	Children continue to use Dienes or place value counters to add, exchanging ten ones for a ten and ten tens for a hundred and ten hundreds for a thousand. Hundreds Tens Ones	7 1 5 1	3517 + 396 3913 Continue from previous work to carry hundreds as well as tens.
		Draw representations using place value grid.	Relate to money and measures.
Y5—add numbers with more than 4 digits. Add decimals with 2 decimal places, including money.	As year 4 Tens ones tenths hundredths Introduce decimal place value counters and model exchange for addition.	2.37 + 81.79 tens ones tenths hundredits 00000000000000000000000000000000000	72.8 +54.6 127.4 1 1
Y6—add several numbers of increasing complexity, including adding money, measure and decimals with different numbers of decimal points.	As Y5	As Y5	Insert zeros for place holders. 2 3 · 3 6 1 9 · 0 8 0 5 9 · 7 7 0 + 1 · 3 0 0 + 2 0 5 5 1 1 2 0 5 7 9

YEAR 1 SUBTRACTION

Objective /Strategy	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Subtracting ones	8	Cross out drawn objects to show what has been removed.	7—4 = 3
	Use physical objects, counters, cubes etc to show how objects can be taken away.	∆	16—9 = 7
	6-2 = 4 4-2 = 2	15 - 5 - [12]	
Counting back		5-3=2	Put 13 in your head, count back 4. What number are you at?
	Move objects away from the group, counting backwards.		
	Move the beads along the		
	bead string as you count backwards.	Count back in ones using a number line.	

Find the Difference	Compare objects and amounts 7 'Seven is 3 more than four' 4 'I am 2 years older than my sister' 5 Pencils Lay objects to represent bar model.	Count on using a number line to find the difference.	Hannah has12 sweets and her sister has 5. How many more does Hannah have than her sister.? Children to explore why 9 – 6, 8 – 5, 7 – 4 have the same difference.
Represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20 Include subtracting zero Part, Part Whole model	Link to addition. Use PPW model to model the inverse. If 10 is the whole and 6 is one of the arts, what s the other part? $10-6=4$		Move to using numbers within the part whole model. 5 Include missing number problems: 12 - ? = 5 7 = 12 - ?

Objective/Strategy	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Make 10	Make 14 on the ten frame. Take 4 away to make ten, then take one more away so that you have taken 5.	13—7 Jump back 3 first, then another 4. Use ten as the stopping point.	$16-8$ How many do we take off first to get to 10? How many left to take off? Children to show how they can make 10 by partitioning then subtracting $14-5=$ /\ 4\ 1 $14-4=10$ $10-1=9$
Bar model Including the inverse operations.	5-2 = 3		8 2 10 = 8 + 2 10 = 2 + 8

10-2 = 8 10-8 = 2

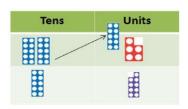
YEAR 2 - SUBTRACTION

Objective & Strategy	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Regroup a ten into ten ones	Use a PV chart to show how to change a ten into ten ones, use the term 'take and make'	20 — 4 =	20—4 = 16
Partitioning to subtract without regrouping. 'Friendly numbers'	Use Dienes to show how to partition the number when subtracting without regrouping.	Children draw representations of Dienes and cross off. 43—21 = 22	43—21 = 22 Formal method?
Make ten strategy Progression should be crossing one ten, crossing more than one ten, crossing the hundreds.	34—28 Use a bead bar or bead strings to model counting to next ten and the rest.	76 80 90 93 'counting on' to find 'difference' Use a number line to count on to next ten and then the rest.	93—76 = 17

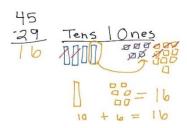
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Objective/ Strategy	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Subtract numbers mentally, including: three digit number + ones three digit number + tens	- 0000000000 0	90 92 93 94 95 95 97 98 99	Vary the position of the answer and question. Expose children to missing number questions and vary the missing part of the calculation.
three digit number + hundreds		Calculations 54 -22 -32	678 = ? - 1 688 - 10 = ? 678 = ? - 100
Column subtraction without regrouping (friendly numbers)			$47 - 24 = 23$ $-\frac{40 + 7}{20 + 4}$ $20 + 3$
	47—32 Use base 10 or Numicon to model	Draw representations to support understanding, e.g. 34 – 12 = 22 T I Ones 000 0000	Intermediate step be needed to lead clear subtraction understanding.

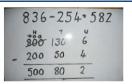
Column subtraction with regrouping



Begin with base 10 or Numicon. Move to pv counters, modelling the exchange of a ten into ten ones. Use the phrase 'take and make' for exchange.



Children may draw base ten or pv counters and cross off.



Begin by partitioning into pv columns.



Then move to formal method.

YEARS 4 – 6 SUBTRACTION

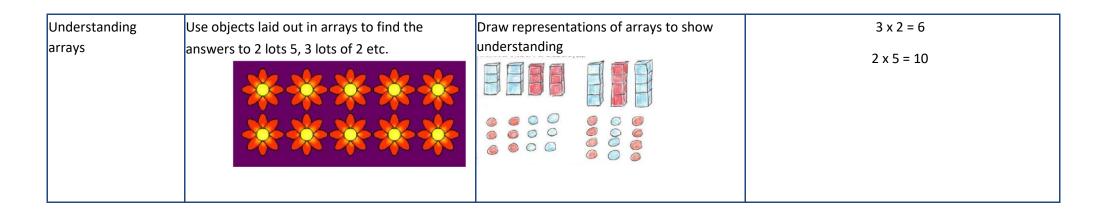
Objective /Strategy	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Subtracting tens and ones Year 4 subtract with up to 4 digits. Introduce decimal subtraction through context of money		Children to draw pv counters and show their exchange—see Y3	2 × 5 4 - 1 5 6 2 1 1 9 2 Use the phrase 'take and make' for exchange
Year 5- Subtract with at least 4 digits, including money and measures. Subtract with decimal values, including mixtures of integers and decimals and aligning the decimal Up to 3 decimal places	As Year 4	Children to draw pv counters and show their exchange—see Y3	** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** **
Year 6—Subtract with increasingly large and more complex numbers and decimal values (up to 3 decimal place).	As Year 4	Children to draw pv counters and show their exchange—see Y3	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "

YEAR 1 MULTIPLICATION

Programme of Study specifies the following objectives, however it does not require the explicit teaching of the mathematical symbol of multiplication

Objective / Strategy	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
	Use practical activities using manipultives including cubes and Numicon to demonstrate doubling + = = + + = = + + + = = + + + + + + +	Draw pictures to show how to double numbers Double 4 is 8	Partition a number and then double each part before recombining it back together. $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Counting in multiples (2s, 5s, 10s)	Count the groups as children are skip counting, children may use their fingers as they are skip counting.	Children make representations to show counting in multiples.	Count in multiples of a number aloud. Write sequences with multiples of numbers. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30

Making equal groups and counting the total		Draw to show 2 x 3 = 6	2 x 4 = 8
		Draw and make representations	
	*** *** *** *** x = 8		
	Use manipulatives to create equal groups.		
Repeated addition	Use different objects to add equal groups		Write addition sentences to describe objects and 2+2+2+2+2=10 pictures.
	ose amerent objects to add equal groups		



YEAR 2 MULTIPLICATION

Children should be able to recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times times tables.

Objective / Strategy	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Doubling	Model doubling using dienes and PV	Draw pictures and representations to show how to double numbers	Partition a number and then double each part before recombining it back together.
	40 + 12 = 52		$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

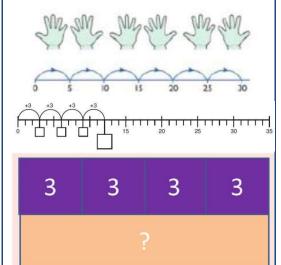
(repeated addition)

Counting in multiples Count the groups as children are skip of 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 from 0 counting, children may use their fingers as they are skip counting. Use bar models.





Number lines, counting sticks and bar models should be used to show representation of counting in multiples.



Count in multiples of a number aloud.

Write sequences with multiples of numbers.

0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15

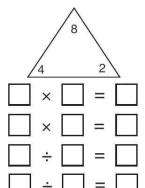
0, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 , 30

Objective / Strategy	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Multiplication is commutative	Create arrays using counters and cubes and Numicon. Pupils should understand that an array can represent different equations and that, as multiplication is commutative, the order of the multiplication does not affect the answer.	Use representations of arrays to show different calculations and explore commutativity.	Use an array to write multiplication sentences and reinforce repeated addition. $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

Using the Inverse

This should be taught alongside division, so pupils learn how they work alongside each other.





$2 \times 4 = 8$
$4 \times 2 = 8$
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$4=8\div 2$
Show all 8 related fact family sentences.

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Children should be able to recall and use multiplication facts for the 3,4, and 8 times tables

Objective /Strateg	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
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Progress to the formal method	Formal column method with place value counters (base 10 can also be used.) 3 × 23	Children to represent the counters pictorially. 10s Is 00 000 000 000	Children to record what it is they are doing to show understanding. 3×23 $3 \times 20 = 60$ $3 \times 3 = 9$ $60 + 9 = 69$
Multiply 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers	6 9	00 000	× 3 69

Solve problems, including missing number problems, integer scaling problems,			Three times as high, eight times as long ? x 5 = 20 20 ÷ ? = 5
			3 hats and 4 coats, how many different outfits?
Conceptual variation; different ways to	Conceptual variation	; different ways to ask ch	ldren to solve 6 × 23
ask children to solve	23 23 23 23 23 23 An one we	to swim 23 lengths, 6 times Find the product of 6 and any lengths did she swim in $6 \times 23 =$	

Objective /Strategy Concrete **Pictorial** Abstract Formal column method with place value counters. Children to represent the counters/base 10, pictorially Formal written method 6 x 23 e.g. the image below. $6 \times 23 =$ 100s 10s 15 1005 000 000 10s 100s 1 1 When children start to multiply 3d × 3d and 4d × 2d etc., they should be confident with the abstract: 2 6 To get 744 children have solved 6×124 . To get 2480 they have solved 20 x 124. 2 4 8 0 3 2 2 4 Answer: 3224

YEARS 4 – 6 Multiplication

Objective/Strategy	Concrete	Abstract							
Multiplying decimals up to 2 decimal places by a single digit.			Remind ch in the units points in th	colui	nn. Lir	ne up 1	the dec	imal	

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Objective /Strategy	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract

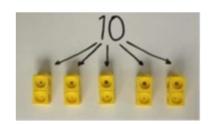
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Objective/ Strategy	Concrete ^l	Pictorial	Abstract [;]
Division as sharing		Children use pictures or shapes to share quantities. 8 shared between 2 is 4 Sharing: 12 shared between 3 is 4	12 shared between 3 is 4
	I have 10 cubes, can you share them equally in 2 groups?		

Objective/Strategy	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Division as sharing	I have 10 cubes, can you share them equally in 2 groups?	Children use pictures or shapes to share quantities. 8 + 2 = 4 Children use bar modelling to show and support understanding. 12 ÷ 4 = 3	12 ÷ 3 = 4

Division as grouping

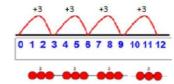
Divide quantities into equal groups.

Use cubes, counters, objects or place value counters to aid understanding.



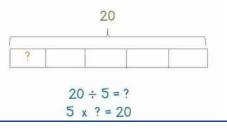


Use number lines for grouping



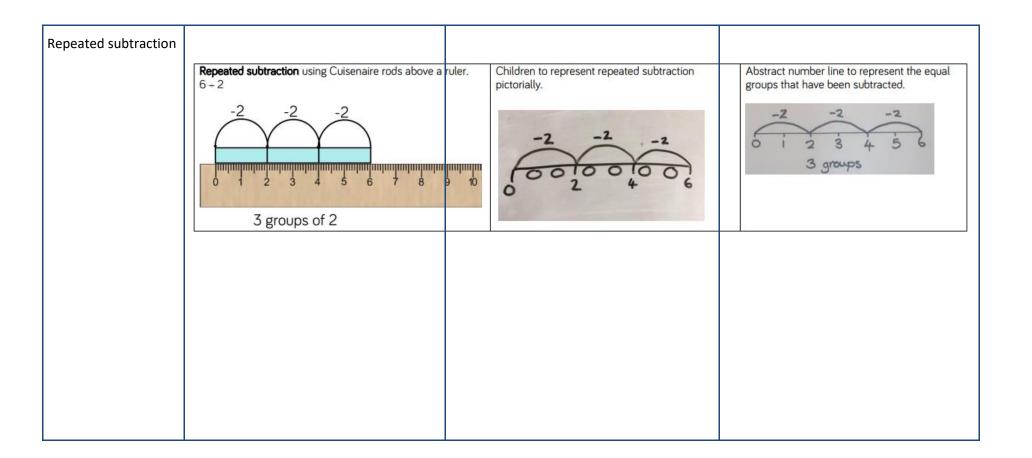
 $12 \div 3 = 4$

Think of the bar as a whole. Split it into the number of groups you are dividing by and work out how many would be within each group.



28 ÷ 7 = 4

Divide 28 into 7 groups. How many are in each group?



YEAR 2

Objective/Strategy	Concrete	Pictorial Abstract	
Division as grouping	Use cubes, counters, objects or place value counters to aid understanding. 24 divided into groups of $6 = 4$ 96 ÷ 3 = 32	Continue to use bar modelling to aid solving division problems. 20 20 20 $20 \div 5 = ?$ $5 \times ? = 20$	
Division with arrays	Link division to multiplication by creating an array and thinking about the number sentences that can be created. Eg $15 \div 3 = 5$ $5 \times 3 = 15$ $15 \div 5 = 3$ $3 \times 5 = 15$	Draw an array and use lines to split the array into groups to make multiplication and division sentences Find the inverse of multiplication sentences by creating number sentences. 7 x 4 = 28 4 x 7 = 28 28 ÷ 7 = 4 28 ÷ 4 = 7 28 = 7 x 4 28 ÷ 7 7 = 28 ÷ 4	g eight linking

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Objective/Strategy	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract

Division with remainders.

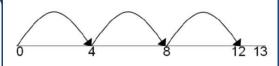
14 ÷ 3 =

Divide objects between groups and see how much is left over





Jump forward in equal jumps on a number line then see how many more you need to jump to find a remainder.



Draw dots and group them to divide an amount and clearly show a remainder.



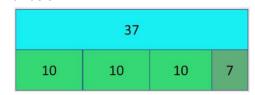






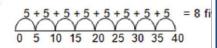


Use bar models to show division with remainders.



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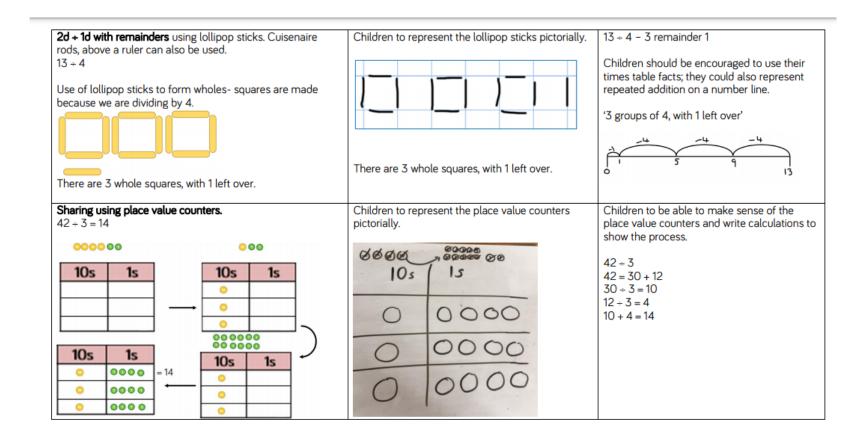


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$$6+6+6+6+6+6+2$$
 = 6 sixes with $0 + 6 + 12 + 18 + 24 + 30 + 36 + 38$

rs, when it becomes inefficient to count in single mu orded using known facts.

Complete written divisions and show the remainder using r.





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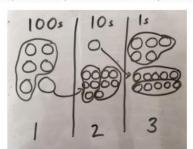
Short Division

Divide at least 3 digit Short division using place value counters to group. 615 ÷ 5

10s	1s
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500000	00000
	10s

- 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?

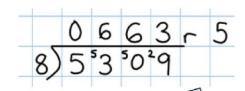
Represent the place value counters pictorially.



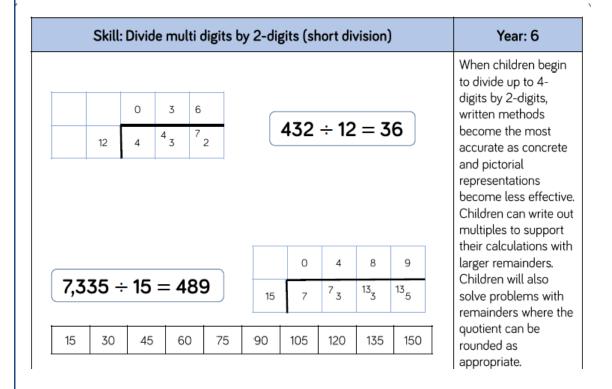
Begin with divisions that divide equally with no remainder.

Move onto divisions with a remainder.

Finally move into decimal places to divide the total accurately.



Long Division



Skill: Divide multi digits by 2-digits (long division)											Year: 6				
372 ÷	15	i =	= 2	24	r12	1	5 -	3	2 7 0 7 6	4 2 0 2 0	r	1	2	$1 \times 15 = 15$ $2 \times 15 = 30$ $3 \times 15 = 45$ $4 \times 15 = 60$ $5 \times 15 = 75$ $10 \times 15 = 150$	When a remainder is left at the end of a calculation, children can either leave it as remainder or convert it to a fraction. This will depend on
			2	4	4 5				1	2					the context of the question.
1	5	3	7	2	- 5										Children can also answer questions
	-	3	0	0	_		7	7	,	. 1	5		2	$4\frac{4}{5}$	where the quotient
			7	2			3	1 2		- 1	3	_	24	* 5	needs to be rounded
	-		6	0											according to the context.
			1	2											CONTEXT.