Ridgeway Primary School

Maths Calculation & Expectation Policy

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The National Curriculum 2014 outlines that:

"Mathematics is a creative and highly interconnected discipline that has been developed over centuries, providing the solution to some of history's most intriguing problems. It is essential to everyday life, critical to science, technology and engineering, and necessary for financial literacy and most forms of employment. A high-quality mathematics education therefore provides a foundation for understanding the world, the ability to reason mathematically, an appreciation of the beauty and power of mathematics, and a sense of enjoyment and curiosity about the subject."

Maths at Ridgeway

Our Maths Curriculum will nurture enquiring and confident mathematicians who have a fluent grasp of number and mathematical concepts; appreciate the myriad of ways Maths can be found in the world around them; relish opportunities to solve complex problems, finding increasingly elegant solutions for them; apply logical reasoning to challenges; and accurately communicate their mathematical thinking.

In line with this, one of the National Curriculum aims is that all pupils:

• become fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics, including through varied and frequent practice with increasingly complex problems over time, so that pupils develop conceptual understanding and the ability to recall and apply knowledge rapidly and accurately

The expectation is that:

"The majority of pupils will move through the programmes of study at broadly the same pace. However, decisions about when to progress should always be based on the security of pupils' understanding and their readiness to progress to the next stage. Pupils who grasp concepts rapidly should be challenged through being offered rich and sophisticated problems before any acceleration through new content. Those who are not sufficiently fluent with earlier material should consolidate their understanding, including through additional practice, before moving on."

Progression through the Key Stages

Key Stage 1

Principal focus:

- Pupils develop confidence and mental fluency with whole numbers, counting and place value
- Pupils should work with numerals, words and the 4 operations
- Teaching and Learning should include practical resources (for example, concrete objects and measuring tools)

By the end of Year 2 pupils should:

- Know the number bonds to 20
- Be precise in using and understanding place value

An emphasis on **practise** at this early stage will aid fluency.

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)

Principal focus:

- Pupils become increasingly fluent with whole numbers and the 4 operations, including number facts and place value
- Ensure that pupils develop efficient written and mental methods
- Ensure that pupils perform calculations accurately with increasingly large whole numbers

Pupils should:

• Develop their ability to solve a range of problems, including with simple fractions and decimal place value

By the end of Year 4 pupils should:

- Have memorised their multiplication tables up to and including the 12 times table
- Show precision and fluency in their learning

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6)

Principal focus:

- Ensure that pupils extend their understanding of the number system and place value to include larger integers
- Develop the connections between multiplication and division with fractions, decimals, percentages and ratio
- Pupils are introduced to the language of algebra as a means for solving a variety of problems

Pupils should:

- Develop their ability to solve a wider range of problems, including increasingly complex properties of numbers and arithmetic
- Solve problems demanding efficient written and mental methods of calculation

By the end of Year 6 pupils should:

- Be fluent in written methods for all 4 operations (including long multiplication and division)
- Be fluent in working with fractions, decimals and percentages

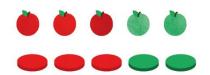
Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract (CPA)

The Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract approach (CPA) is a highly effective approach to teaching that develops a deep and sustainable understanding of mathematical concepts. Children (and adults!) can find maths difficult because it is abstract. The CPA approach builds on children's existing knowledge by introducing abstract concepts in a concrete and tangible way. It involves concrete, pictorial and abstract representations being used alongside each other to teach mathematical concepts.

Concrete

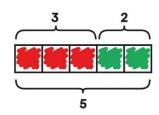
The "doing" stage - pupils use concrete objects to model problems.





Pictorial

The "seeing" stage — pupils use visual representations of concrete objects (alongside concrete resources) to model problems. This stage encourages children to make a mental connection between the physical object they just handled and the abstract pictures, diagrams or models that represent the objects from the problem.



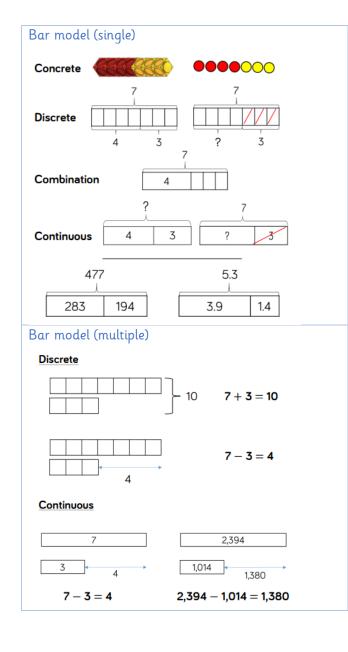
Building or drawing a model makes it easier for children to grasp difficult abstract concepts (for example, fractions). It helps students visualise abstract problems and make them more accessible. It is important that the pictorial representation is linked to or resembles the concrete resource as close as possible.

Abstract

The "symbolic" stage – pupils use abstract symbols to model problems, using only numbers, notation, and mathematical symbols to indicate addition (+), subtraction (-), multiplication (x) or division (÷).

Models to support teaching

<u>Model</u>	Why?
Part-whole model	Supports children with their understanding of partitioning.
7 7	When the parts are complete, children add these together to make the whole.
7=4+3 7=3+4 7=4+3 7-4=3	When the whole is complete, children take away the given part from the whole to find the other missing part.
3 5 7 20 6	Part-whole models can be used to partition a number into two or more parts, or to help children to partition a number into tens and ones or other place value columns.
$\frac{4}{7}$ $\frac{1}{7}$	In KS2, children can apply their understanding of the part-whole model to add and subtract fractions, decimals and percentages.



A type of a part-whole model that can <u>support children in representing calculations to help them unpick the structure.</u>

Cubes and double-sided counters can be used in a line as a concrete representation of the bar model.

Discrete bar models are a good starting point with smaller numbers. Each box represents one whole.

The **combination** bar model can <u>support children to calculate by counting on from the larger number</u>. It is a good stepping stone towards the continuous bar model.

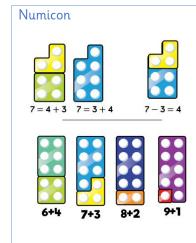
Continuous bar models are useful for a range of values. Each rectangle represents a number. The question mark indicates the value to be found.

In KS2, children can use bar models to represent larger numbers, decimals and fractions.

Two or more bars can be drawn, with a bracket labelling the whole positioned on the right hand side of the bars. Smaller numbers can be represented with a **discrete** bar model whilst **continuous** bar models are more effective for larger numbers.

Multiple bar models can also be used to represent the difference in subtraction. An arrow can be used to model the difference.

When working with smaller numbers, children can use cubes and a discrete model to find the difference. This supports children to see how counting on can help when finding the difference.



To support children to subitise numbers as well as explore number sense, partitioning and number bonds.

When adding numbers, children can see how the parts come together making a whole. As children use Numicon more often, they can start to subitise the total due to their familiarity with the shape of each number.

When subtracting numbers, children can start with the whole and then place one of the parts on top of the whole to see what part is missing. Again, children will start to be able to subitise the part that is missing due to their familiarity with the shapes.

Children can also work systematically to find number bonds. As they increase one number by 1, they can see that the other number decreases by 1 to find all the possible number bonds for a number.

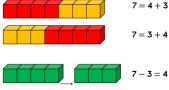
When adding numbers, children can see how the parts come together to make a whole. Children could use two different colours of cubes to represent the numbers before putting them together to create the whole.

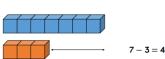
When subtracting numbers, children can start with the whole and then remove the number of cubes that they are subtracting in order to find the answer.

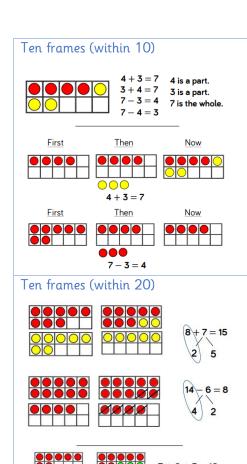
Cubes can also be useful to look at subtraction as difference.

Cubes are useful when working with smaller numbers but are less efficient with larger numbers as they are difficult to subitise and children may miscount them.

Cubes







Supports children to understand the different structures of addition and subtraction.

Using the language of parts and wholes represented by objects on the ten frame introduces children to aggregation and partitioning. Aggregation is a form of addition where parts are combined together to make a whole. Partitioning is a form of subtraction where the whole is split into parts. Using these structures, the ten frame can enable children to find all the number bonds for a number.

Children can also use ten frames to look at augmentation (increasing a number) and take-away (decreasing a number). This can be introduced through a first, then, now structure which shows the change in the number in the 'then' stage. This can be put into a story structure to help children understand the change e.g. First, there were 7 cars. Then, 3 cars left. Now, there are 4 cars.

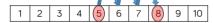
When adding two single digits, children can make each number on separate ten frames before moving part of one number to make 10 on one of the ten frames. This supports children to see how they have partitioned one of the numbers to make 10, and makes links to effective mental methods of addition.

When subtracting a one-digit number from a two-digit number, firstly make the larger number on 2 ten frames. Remove the smaller number, thinking carefully about how you have partitioned the number to make 10, this supports mental methods of subtraction.

When adding three single-digit numbers, children can make each number on 3 separate 10 frames before considering which order to add the numbers in. They may be able to find a number bond to 10 which makes the calculation easier. Once again, the ten frames support the link to effective mental methods of addition as well as the importance of commutativity.

Number tracks

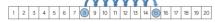




10 - 4 = 6



8 + 7 = 15



Supports children in their understanding of addition and subtraction.

When adding, children count on to find the total of the numbers. On a number track, children can place a counter on the starting number and then count on to find the total.

When subtracting, children count back to find their answer.

Number tracks can work well alongside ten frames.

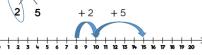
Playing board games can help children to become familiar with the idea of counting on using a number track before they move on to number lines.

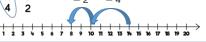
Labelled number lines











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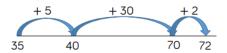
Children can start by counting on or back in ones, up or down the number line. This skill links directly to the use of the number track.

Children can add numbers by jumping to the nearest 10 and then jumping to the total. This links to the making 10 method which can also be supported by ten frames. The smaller number is partitioned to support children to make a number bond to 10 and to then add on the remaining part.

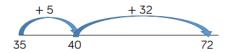
Children can subtract numbers by firstly jumping to the nearest 10. Again, this can be supported by ten frames so children can see how they partition the smaller number into the two separate jumps.

Blank number lines

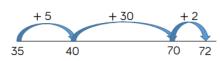
$$35 + 37 = 72$$



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$$72 - 35 = 37$$



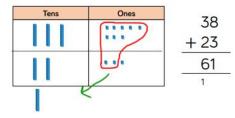
Blank number lines provide children with a structure to add and subtract numbers in smaller parts.

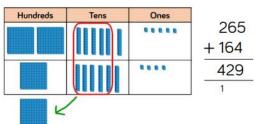
Developing from labelled number lines, children can add by jumping to the nearest 10 and then adding the rest of the number either as a whole or by adding the tens and ones separately.

Children may also count back on a number line to subtract, again by jumping to the nearest 10 and then subtracting the rest of the number.

Blank number lines <u>can also be used effectively to help children subtract by finding the difference between numbers</u>. This can be done by starting with the smaller number and then counting on to the larger number. They then add up the parts they have counted on to find the difference between the numbers.

Base 10 (addition)



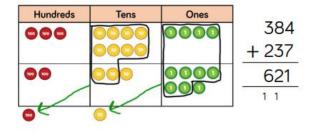


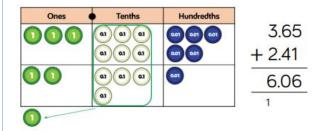
An effective way to support children's understanding of column addition. It is important that children write out their calculations alongside using or drawing Base 10 so they can see the clear links between the written method and the model. When drawing out ones and tens, children should do so in a systematic way that mirrors the layout of the frames e.g. in the image on the left, the 8 ones are drawn as a line of 5, equally spaced, with 3 more ones directly underneath, so it is easy to visually see why the 2 from the second number has been included to make the 10.

Children should first add without an exchange before moving on to addition with exchange. The representation becomes less efficient with larger numbers due to the size of Base 10. In this case, place value counters may be the better model to use.

When adding, always start with the smallest place value column.



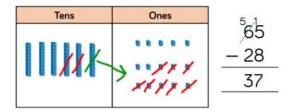


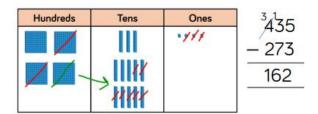


<u>Using place value counters is an effective way to support children's understanding of column addition</u>. It is important that children write out their calculations alongside using or drawing counters so they can see the clear links between the written method and the model. When drawing place value counters, children should do so in a systematic way like with base 10 (see above).

If you do not have place value counters, use normal counters on a place value grid to enable children to experience the exchange between columns.

Base 10 (subtraction)





An effective way to support children's understanding of column subtraction. It is important that children write out their calculations alongside using or drawing Base 10 so they can see the clear links between the written method and the model.

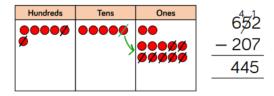
Children should first subtract without an exchange before moving on to subtraction with exchange.

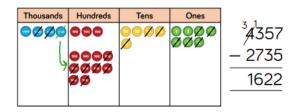
When building the model, children should only make the whole using Base 10, and then subtract the part. Highlight this difference to addition to avoid errors by making both numbers.

Children start with the smallest place value column. When there are not enough ones/tens/hundreds to subtract in a column, children need to move to the column to the left and exchange e.g. exchange 1 ten for 10 ones. They can then subtract efficiently.

This model is efficient with up to 4-digit numbers. Place value counters are more efficient with larger numbers and decimals.

Place value counters (subtraction)





It is important that children write out their calculations alongside using or drawing counters so they can see the clear links between the written method and the model.

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When building the model, children should only make the whole using counters, and then subtract the part. Children start with the smallest place value column. When there are not enough ones/tens/hundreds to subtract in a column, children need to move to the column to the left and exchange e.g. exchange 1 ten for 10 ones. They can then subtract efficiently.

Planning Expectations

Maths objectives should be clear on weekly plans, starting with 'To know…' or 'To know how to…'. Objectives covered should be highlighted on your curriculum document in your curriculum folders.

Medium term plans should be accessible on the system, or on MyUSO.

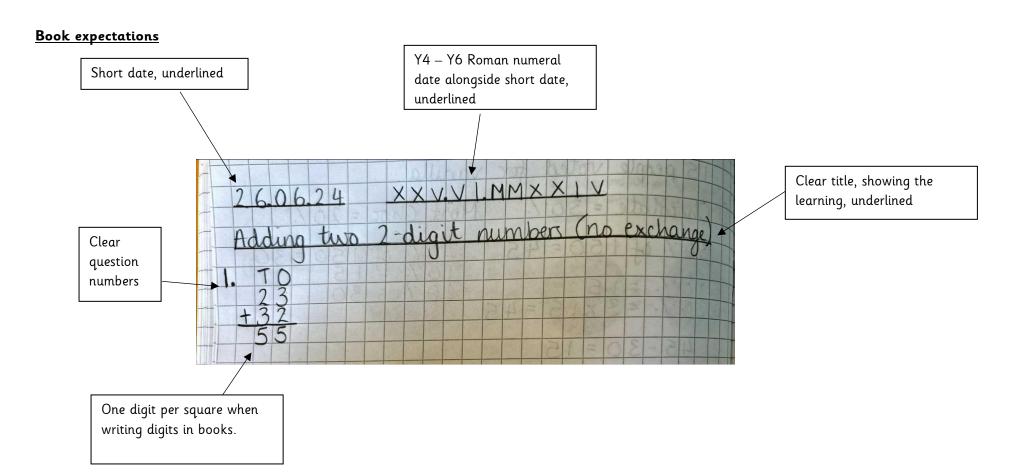
Planning conversations should involve discussing the following questions:

- What is the learning? NC objective broken down to what you want the children to achieve that lesson and worded as 'to know... or to know how to...'
- What learning have they covered already that might act as a useful bridge into this new learning? Could we use a retrieval task? What about children that are working out of band?
- What resources do we need? Why are we using these resources? Do we know how to use them? How are we going to model to the children? CPA what representations are we using? Why? What value do they add?
- What mathematical language are we going to use? What language do we expect the children to use? Do we understand what the language means? How will we ensure that all children access and use this language?
- What stem sentences will we use to support the children's verbal and written reasoning?
- What are our key questions? How and when will these key questions be used?
- What misconceptions might arise? How are we going to address them?
- How is learning being recorded? Does it need recording? Is there enough fluency being completed?
- How can we extend and challenge?

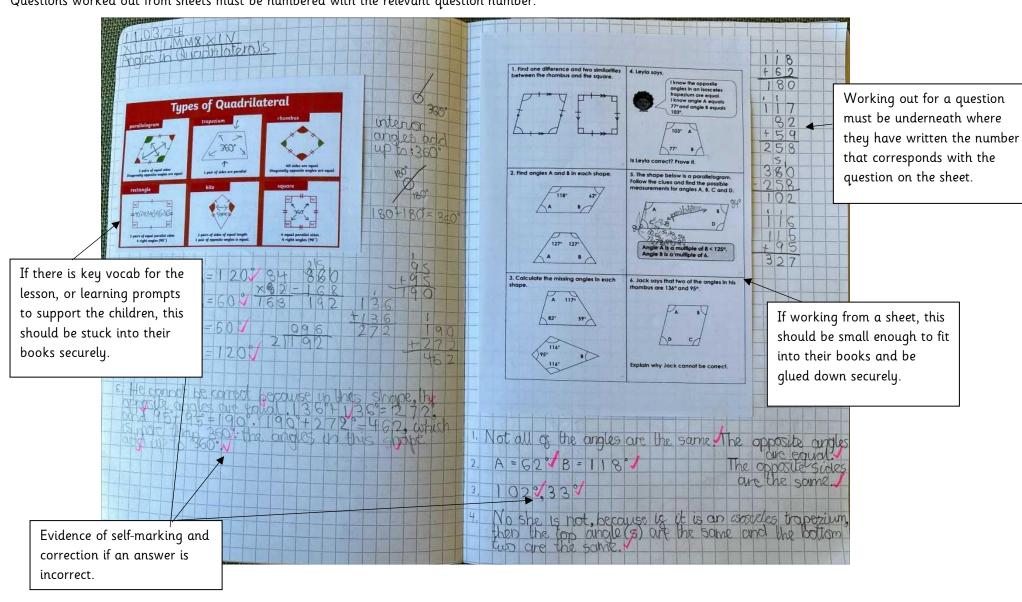
Teaching Expectations

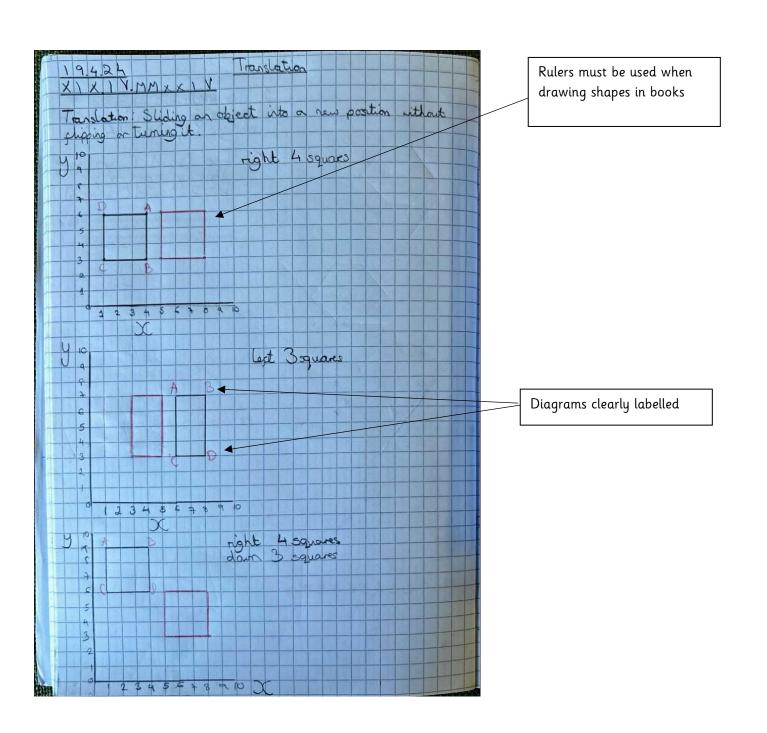
- Minimum 2 pieces of learning recorded in books per week. Children must only use pencil in their books when writing; they may use a colour pencil or pen (not felt tip) to mark their work. There should be a clear short date, underlined; for years 4 6, the Roman numeral date should also be present and underlined; title should be clear and relate to the learning and maths skill of the lesson (e.g. adding two 2-digit numbers, no exchange); pupils should be writing one digit per square; when explaining thinking, pupils should write as they would in their Writing books
- If sheets with questions are being used, they must be printed with the learning clear at the top
- Evidence of children marking a minimum of 5 questions (e.g. using answer sheets) and correcting any mistakes in a different colour pencil

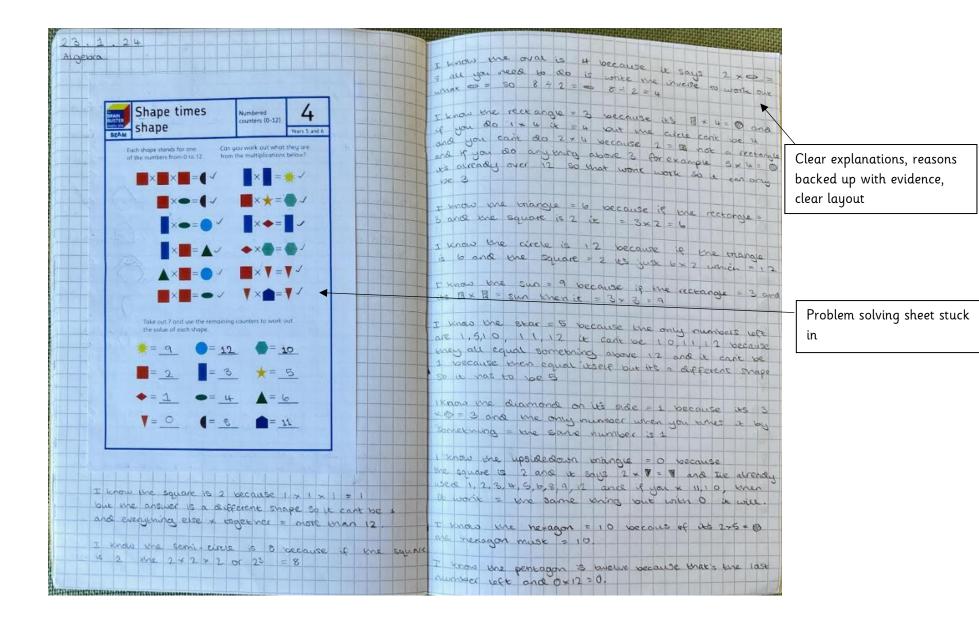
- If a pupil has been supported, this should be evident by the adult's initials next to where the support was given (e.g. KS). Where initial support has been given to a pupil, 'IS' should be used; where a child has continued to work independently after adult support, an 'I' should be used; where support was given for all the learning, an 'S' should be used
- Mixed Maths should happen once per week and should be <u>completed in Maths books</u> with the sheet stuck on one page and space for workings on the next page. Mixed Maths should not be differentiated with various different sheets. Where children are not accessing the year group curriculum, they should be supported to address their gaps or consolidate concepts, either with the class teacher or a teaching assistant

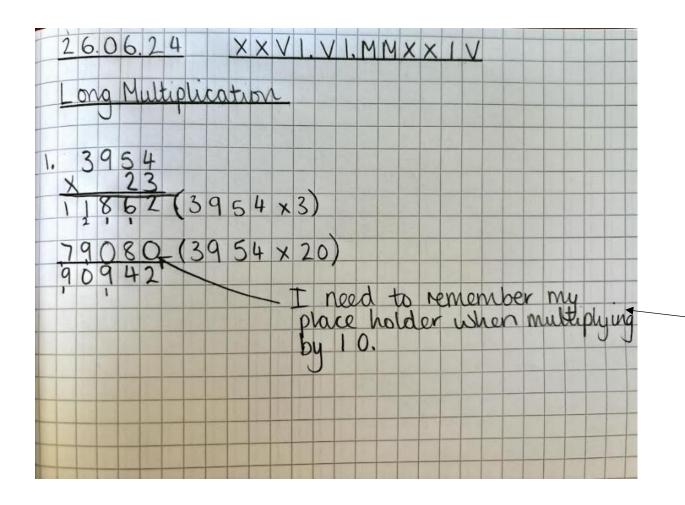


Questions worked out from sheets must be numbered with the relevant question number.

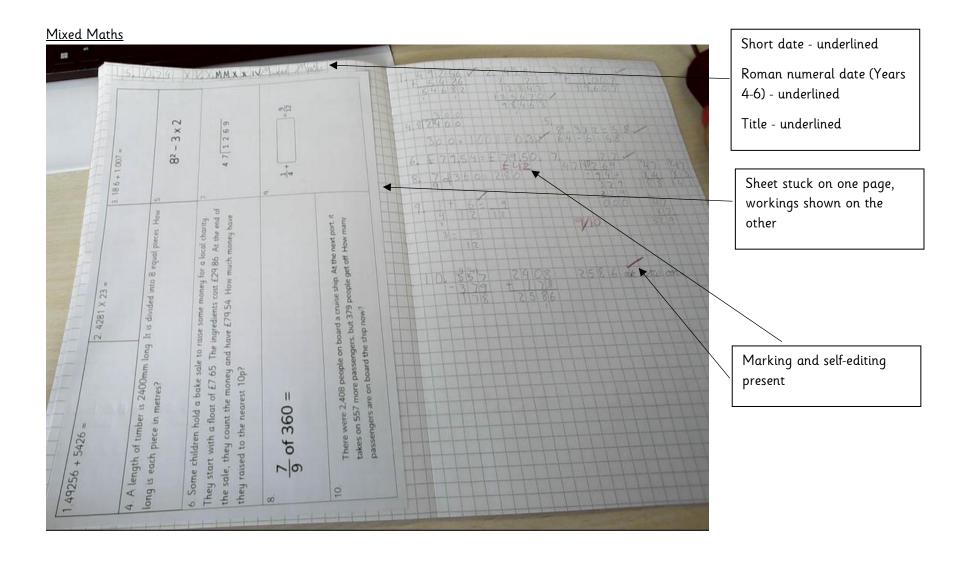




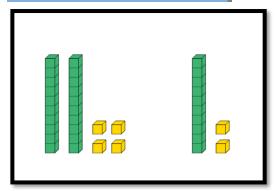


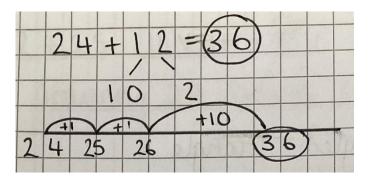


When practising fluency, children can write 'in the moment' reflections about what they have noticed or need to remember. This will support their retrieval and consolidation of mathematical topics.



Addition on a blank number line:





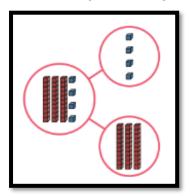
Initially children will be adding in steps of 1.

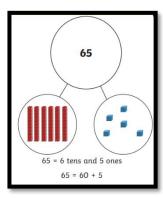
Then progress to ones being added first, followed by tens. This step will ensure that when children are ready to move onto column addition, they already have the knowledge of adding ones before tens.

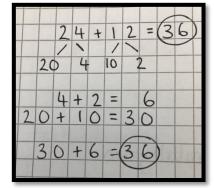
Encourage children to use knowledge of number facts to support this.

When using concrete resources, like a ten frame, children are encouraged to go to their next multiple of 10.

Addition as partitioning:

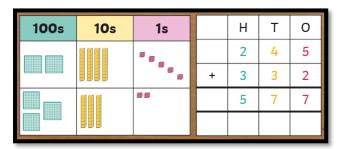






- 1. Partition the two numbers being added into tens and ones.
- 2. Add the ones.
- 3. Add the tens.
- 4. Add both totals.

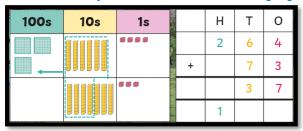
Addition: compact column without exchanging

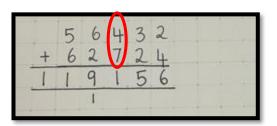


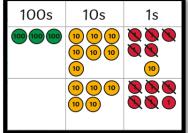


Add each column starting with the ones. Children may need support with remembering the place value columns — these can be labelled above to support them.

Addition: compact column with exchanging







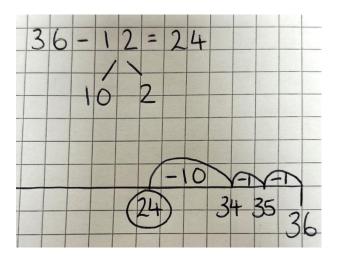


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Start with the ones, moving to the left to add each digit in each place value column. Label place value columns if support is needed.

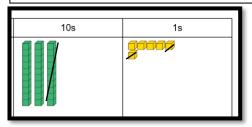
If a calculation adds to more than 9, the 'tens' digit is exchanged into the next column and added when calculating that column. In this example, 4 hundreds + 7 hundreds - 11 hundreds. The additional 10 hundreds are exchanged for an additional one thousand. This additional thousand is placed underneath the thousands column, underneath the calculation.

Subtraction on a blank number line

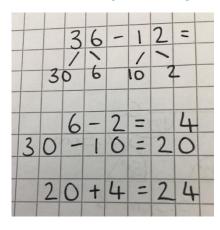


Children should have the greatest number on the right-hand side of the number line because on a number line, numbers with the greatest value appear on the right.

They should then count back in ones first, followed by tens. This supports the process of column subtraction later on.



Subtraction as partitioning



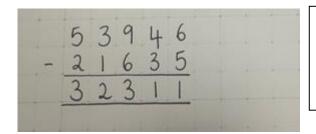
Children should partition each number into its tens and ones.

They should then take away the ones, followed by taking away the tens.

Finally, they need to add their answers together to get their final answer.

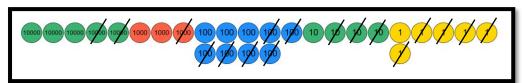
^{**}only works with numbers where the ones being taken away are not greater than the starting number.

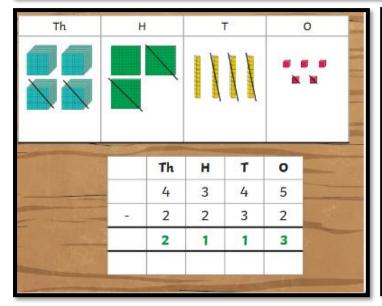
Subtraction: compact column with no exchanges



Children should start by taking away the ones, then working their way to the left, subtracting each place value column until no more remain.

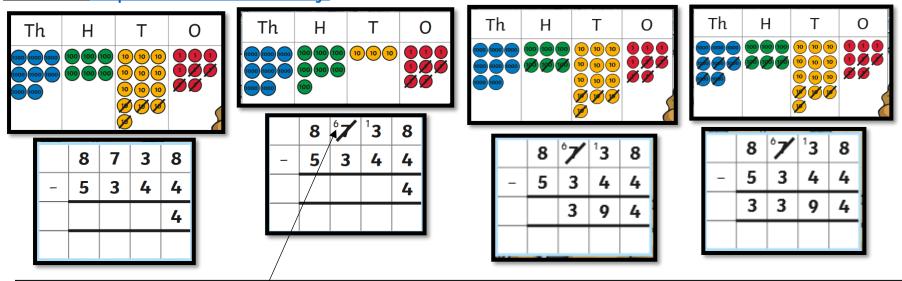
As with addition, if children need support remembering the place value columns, these can be labelled above.





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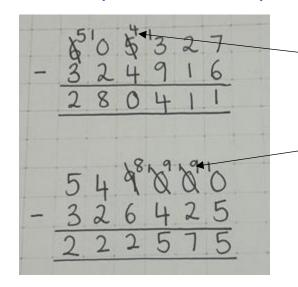
Subtraction: compact column with one exchange



When a digit that is being subtracted is greater than the digit it is being subtracted from, children need to exchange.

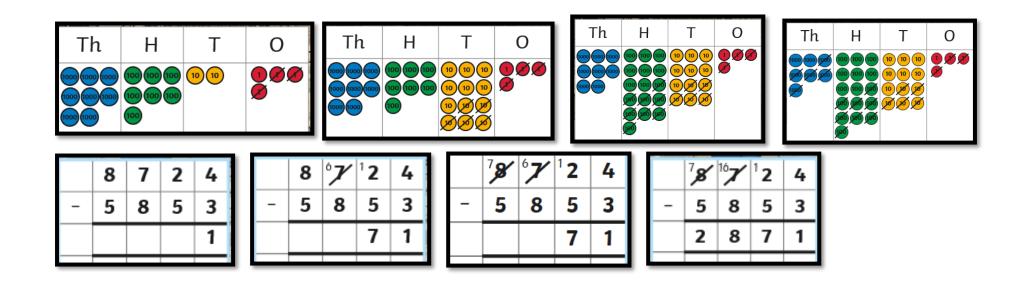
Exchange from the next column on the left.

Subtraction: compact column with multiple exchanges

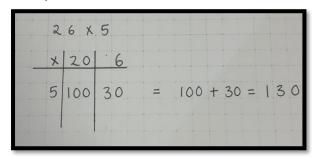


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If the column closest is still less than the number being subtracted multiple exchanges will need to take place.



Multiplication: Grid Method



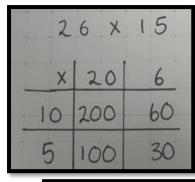
- 1. Partition the 2-digit number into tens and ones.
- 2. Multiply the ones number by the ones
- 3. Multiply the tens number by the ones
- 4. Add the totals

32	32 × 3 =					
	Tens	Ones				
10	10 10	1 1				
10	10 10	10				
<u></u>	10 10	00				

	T	0
	3	2
×		3
		6

Tens	Ones
10 10 10	1 1
10 10 10	1 1
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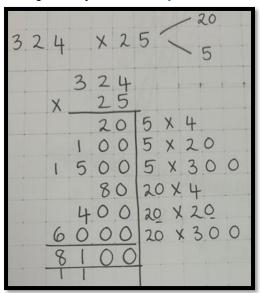
	T	0
	3	2
×		3
	9	6



- 1. Partition the 2-digit number into tens and ones.
- 2. Multiply the ones number by the ones number
- 3. Multiply the ones number by the tens number
- 4. Multiply the ones number by the tens number
- 5. Multiply the tens number by the tens number
- 6. Add the totals

= 300 + 90, =, 3,90

Long Multiplication: expanded method



- 1. Multiply ones by ones
- 2. Multiply ones by tens
- 3. Multiply ones by hundreds
- 4. Multiply tens by ones
- 5. Multiply tens by tens
- 6. Multiply tens by hundreds
- 7. Add totals together to get final answer

<u>Misconception</u>: children sometimes forget their place holder when multiplying by ten.

Children may need place value columns labelled.

For a 3 digit by a 2 digit there should be 5 calculations.

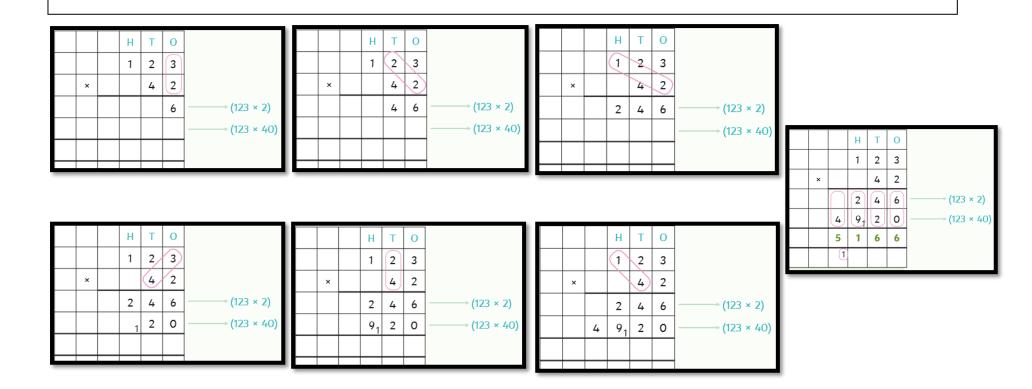
		4	3	5	2							
		×		5	3							
					6	(2	×	3)				
			1	5	0	(5	0	×	3)			
			9	0	0	(3	0	0	×	3)		
	1	2	0	0	0	(4	0	0	0	×	3)	
			1	0	0	(2	×	5	0)			
		2	5	0	0	(5	0	×	4	0)		
	1	5	0	0	0	(3	0	0	×	5	0)	
2	0	0	0	0	0	(4	0	0	0	×	5	0)
2	3	0	6	5	6							
	1	1										

			3	6	2	7							
			×		5	8							
					5	6	(7	×	8)				
				1	6	0	(2	0	×	8)			
			4	8	0	0	(6	0	0	×	8)		
		2	4	0	0	0	(3	0	0	0	×	8)	
I				3	5	0	(7	×	5	O)			
			1	0	0	0	(2	0	×	5	0)		
		3	0	0	0	0	(6	0	0	×	5	0)	
	1	5	0	0	0	0	(3	0	0	0	×	5	0)
	2	1	0	3	6	6							
	1	1	1	1									

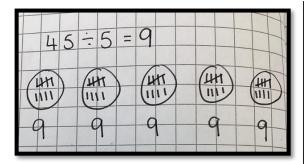
Long Multiplication: compact method

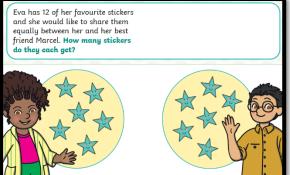
- 1. Multiply the 3-digit number by the ones
- 2. Multiply the 3-digit number by the tens (remember the place holder)
- 3. Add both answers together to get final answer

It is important to note that children should start with calculations where only one exchange is needed, before moving on to multiple exchanges.



Division as sharing

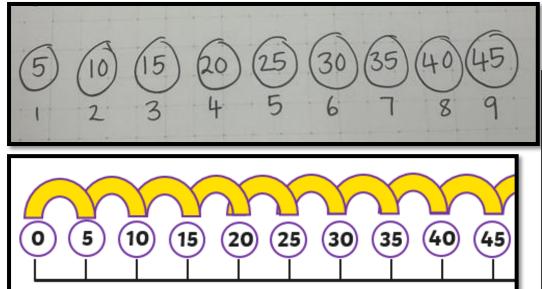




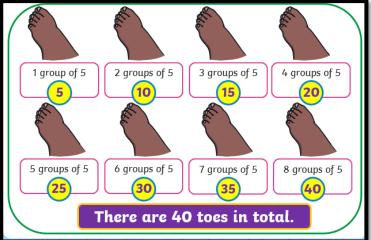
Children should be introduced to the concept of division as sharing systematically (one at a time) until there is no more left.

The use of 'dots' should be avoided as these can sometimes be miscounted.

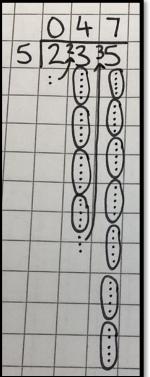
Division by counting multiples



Children can count or write the multiples of the divisor to support with dividing.



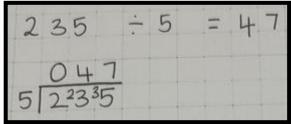
Short Division: no remainders

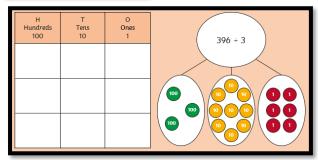


Start with seeing how many times the divisor goes into the greatest value column. In this example, 5 does not go into 2, so this is written as zero above, and exchanged for 2 tens.

If there is a remainder, this should be exchanged (for example, two hundreds left over need to be exchanged for twenty tens), and written small, in front of the number in the next place value column.

Continue doing this until the calculation is completed.

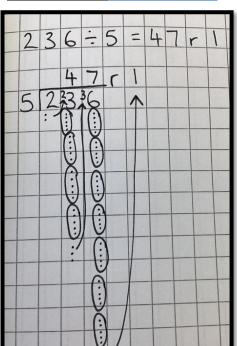




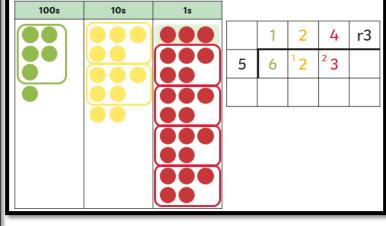
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			300 ÷ 3 90 ÷ 3 6 ÷ 3
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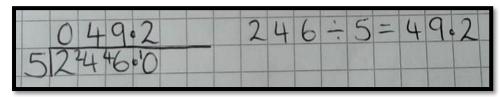
Short Division with remainders



If there is a remainder at the end of a short division calculation, children can express this using written notation of 'R', followed by the number that is remaining.

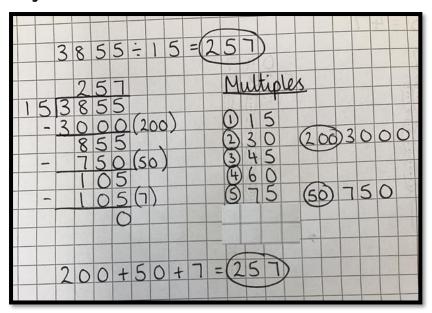


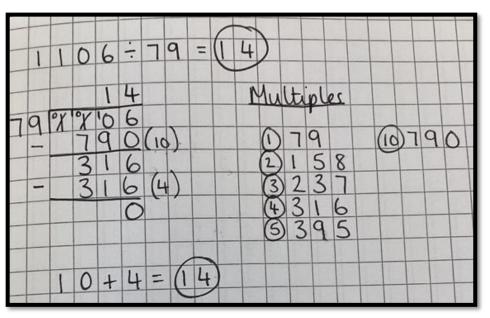
Short Division with remainders as decimals (to 2 decimals places)



Use this method, ensuring children align the decimal places. When expressing remainders as decimals, children should do so up to 2 dp.

Long Division without remainders





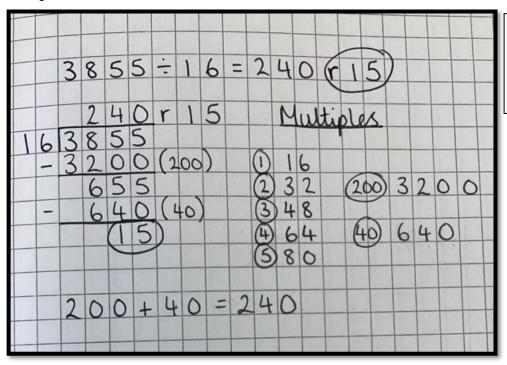
Children should start by writing the multiples of the divisor, up to 5 times.

They can then use derived facts to calculate larger multiples.

Children take away the greatest amount possible in chunks until there is nothing left.

Children then add together the 'chunks' they have taken away to get their answer.

Long Division with remainders:



As with long division without remainders, children use the same method, but if they are taking away the 'final chunk' and there is a remainder, express this as 'r' followed by the number remaining.

<u>Glossary</u>

Aggregation: combining two or more parts to make a whole

Augmentation: a type of addition where a quantity is increased by adding more

Conceptual understanding: the ability to understand how maths works and how to apply it to new situations

Exchange: a technique used to regroup digits into higher or lower place values

Partitioning: the process of breaking a number into smaller parts to make it easier to work with

Subitise: the ability to recognise the number in a group without having to count them

Systematically: using a logical, organised, and methodical approach to solve problems