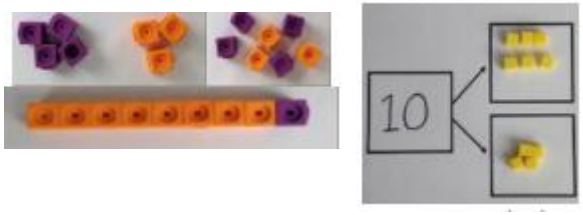
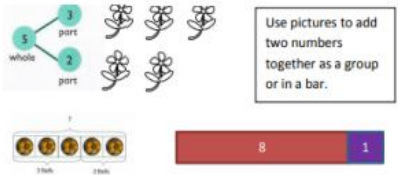
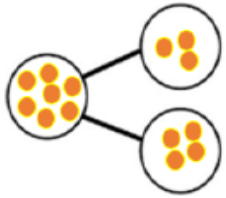
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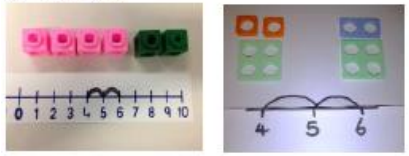
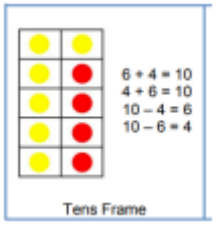
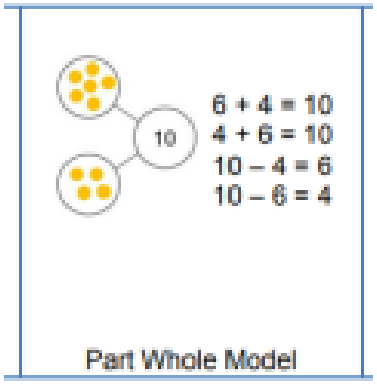
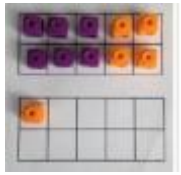
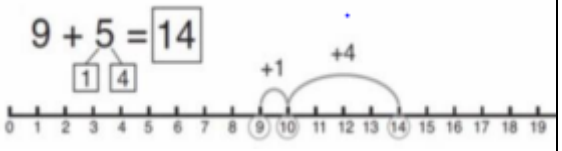
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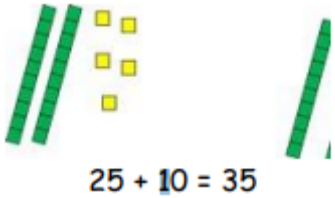
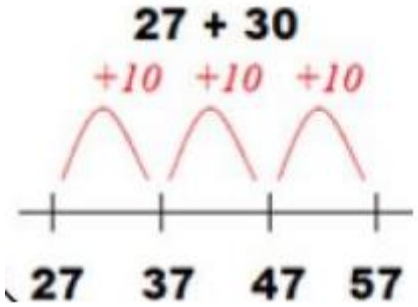
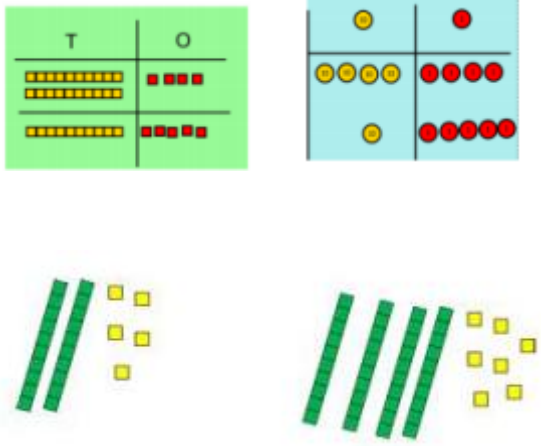
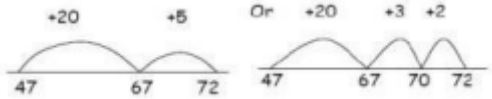
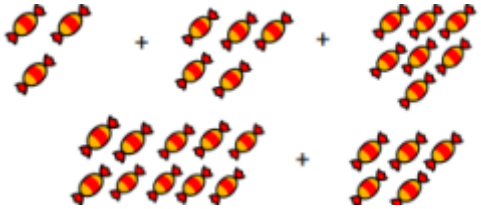
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Addition			
	Concrete	**Pictorial**	**Abstract**
Combining two parts to make whole: part-whole model	Use part part-whole model. Use cubes to add two numbers together as a group. 	Use pictures to add two numbers together as a group or in a bar.  	Use the part part-whole diagram. 
Starting at the bigger number and counting on, including adding a 2-digit	Start with the larger number on the bead string and then count on to the smaller number. 	Start at the larger number on the number line and count on in ones or in one jump to find the answer. 	Place the larger number in your head and count on the small number to find your answer.

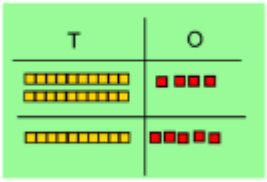
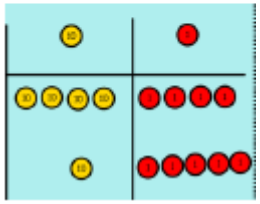
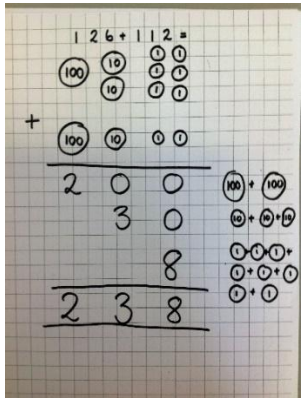
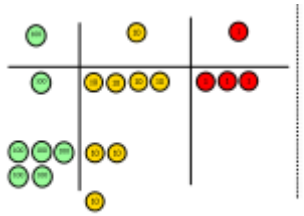
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number and ones	**Counting on using number lines** by using cubes or numicon 		
Represent and use number bonds and us related subtraction facts within 20	Some children may need to initially use real objects before moving onto the representations  .		Part-whole model to be used alongside abstract.
Regrouping to make 10 *This is an essential skill for column addition later on*	Start with the bigger number and use the smaller number to make 10. Use ten frames. 6 + 5 = 	Use pictures or a number line. Regroup or partition the smaller number using the part part-whole model to make 10. 	Part-whole model to be used alongside abstract.

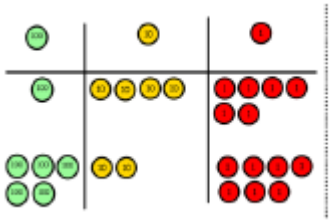
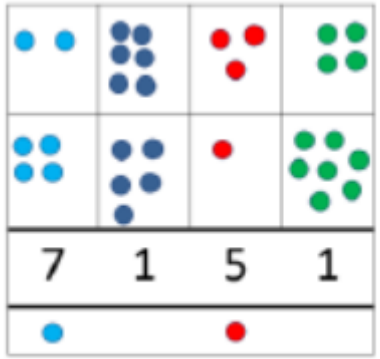
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Add a 2 digit number and tens	Explore that the ones digit does not change.  	Dienes may be used, as well as a number line.  	Focusing on the place value column, children add that amount of tens. Children should be able to mentally add a ten to a number.
Add two 2 digit numbers	Model using dienes and place value counters.  	Use a number line and bridge ten using part-whole if necessary.  	Partition the number into columns to support the place value in preparation for formal written methods. Children should be able to mentally add each part in their head. 47 + 35 40 + 7 30 + 5 70 + 12
Add three 1 digit numbers	Combine to make 10 first if possible, or if possible then add third digit. 	Regroup and draw representations. 	Combine the two numbers that make/ bridge ten, then add on the third.

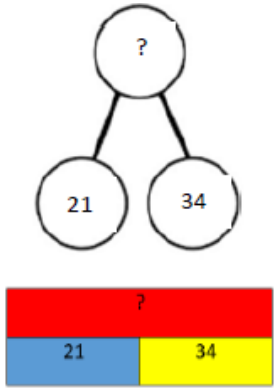
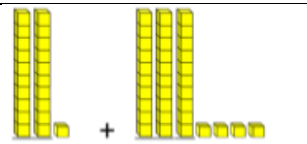
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			4 + 7 + 6 = 10 + 7 10 = 17
Column addition, formal method – no exchanging	Model using dienes or place value counters. 24 + 15= Add together the ones first then add the tens. Use the Base 10 blocks first before moving onto place value counters.  	Children move onto drawing the counters. 	Calculations 21 + 42 = 21 + 42
Column addition, formal method - exchanging	Make both numbers on a place value grid.  146 + 527	Children can draw a pictorial representations of the columns and place value counts to further support their learning and understanding.	223 + 114 337

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	Add up the units and exchange 10 ones for one 10.  146 + 527 Add up the rest of the columns, exchanging the 10 counters from one column for the next place value column until every column has been added.		

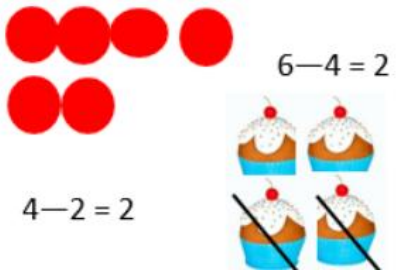
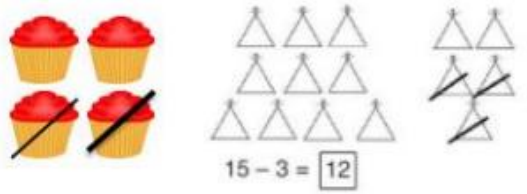
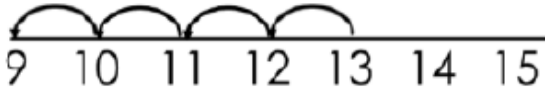
Fluency variations, different ways to ask the children to solve 21 + 34

	Sam saved £21 one week and £34 another. How much did he save in total? 21+34=55. Prove it! (reasoning but the children need to be fluent in representing this)	21 +34 ___ 21 + 34 = ☐ = 21 + 34 What's the sum of twenty one and thirty four?	 Always use missing digit problems too: 

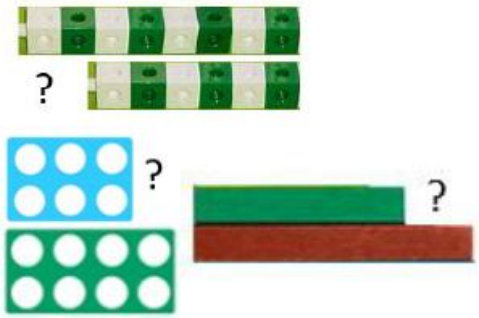
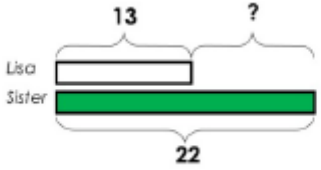
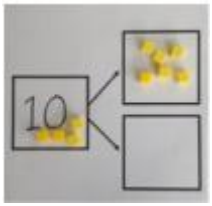
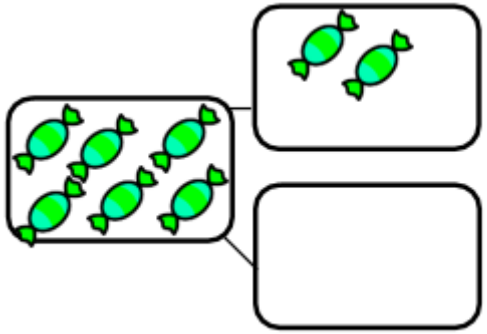
Subtraction

	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Taking away ones	Use physical objects, counters, cubes etc to show how objects can be taken away.	Cross out objects to show what has been taken away.	

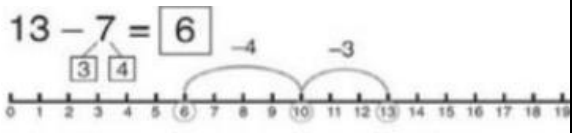
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Subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including 0			
Counting back, including subtracting a one-digit number from a two-digit number	Move objects away from the group, counting backwards. Move the beads along the bead string as you count backwards. ones. 13 – 4  Use counters and move them away from the group as you take them away counting backwards as you go. 	Count back in ones using a number line. 	Put 12 in your head, count back 3. What number are you at? Use your fingers to help.

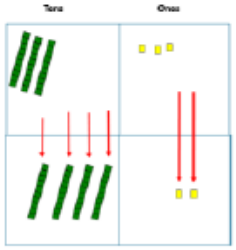
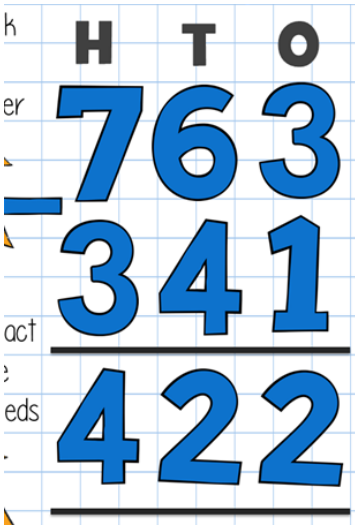
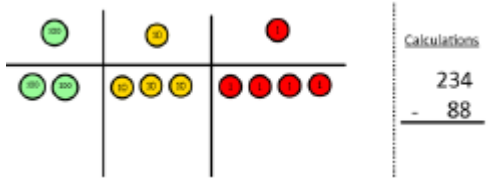
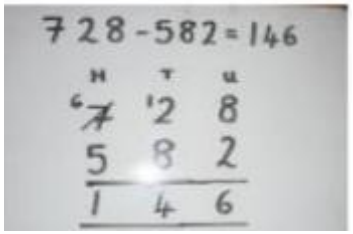
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Find the difference	Using cubes or numicon. 	Draw bars to find the different between 2 numbers. Children to draw cubes/ objects they have used. 	
Represent and use number bonds and related facts within 20 *Part part-whole model*	Link to addition. Use the part part-whole model for the inverse. 	Use a pictorial representation of objects to show the part part-whole model. 	Move to using numbers within the part part-whole model. 
Make 10	Make the number on the ten frame. 14 – 9	13 – 7 Start at 13. Take away 3 to reach 10. Then take away the remaining 4 so you have taken away 7 altogether.	18 – 6 How many do we take off to read the next 10? How many do we have left to take off?

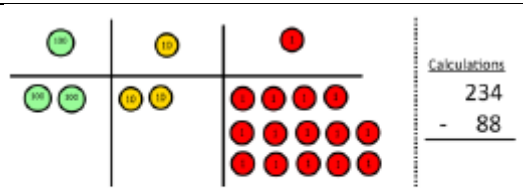
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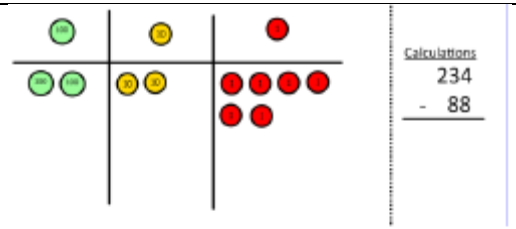
	Make 14 on the ten frame. Take away the four first to make 10 and then takeaway one more so you have taken away 5. You are left with the answer of 9. 		
Subtract a 2 digit number and tens	Explore that the ones digit does not change.	Dienes may be used, as well as a number line.	Focusing on the place value column, children subtract that amount of tens. Children should be able to mentally subtract a ten from a two-digit number.
Subtract two 2 digit numbers, no exchange.	Model using dienes and place value counters.	Use a number line and bridge ten using part-whole if necessary.	Partition the number into columns to support the place value in preparation for formal written methods. Children should be able to subtract 2 two-digit numbers mentally.

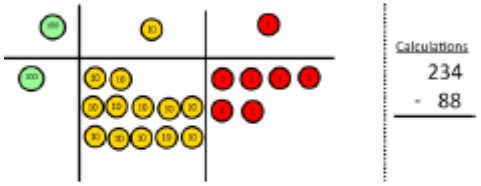
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Column subtraction, formal method – no exchanging	Use dienes to make the bigger number and then take the smaller number away. Show how you partition numbers to subtract. 	Draw the dienes or place value counters alongside the written calculation to help to show working. 	
Column subtraction, formal method - exchanging	Use dienes to start with before moving onto place value counters. Start with one exchange before moving onto subtractions with 2 exchanges. Start with the ones, can I take away 8 from 4 easily? I need to exchange and replace one of my tens for ten ones. 	When confidence, children can find their own way to record the exchange.	Children can start the formal written method. 

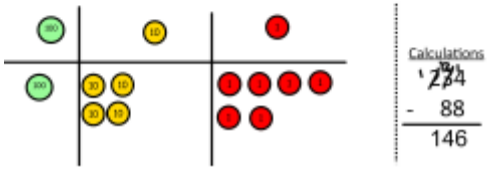
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	 Now I can subtract my ones. Now look at the tens, can I take away 8 tens easily? I need to exchange and replace one hundred for ten tens.		





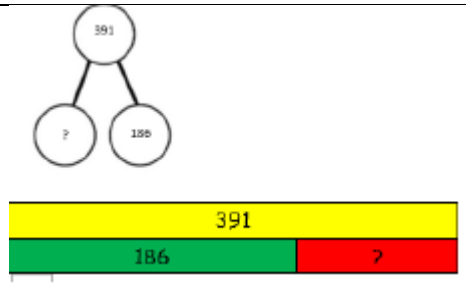
Now I can take away eight tens and complete my subtraction

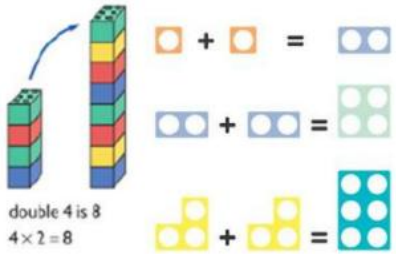
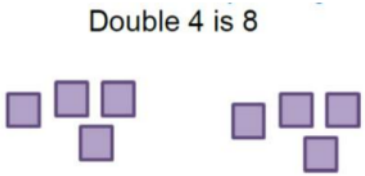
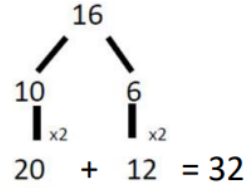


Show children how the concrete method links to the written method alongside your working. Cross out the numbers when exchanging and replacing and show where we write our new amount.

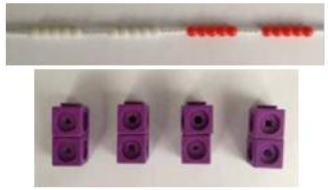
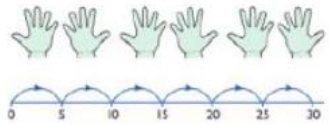
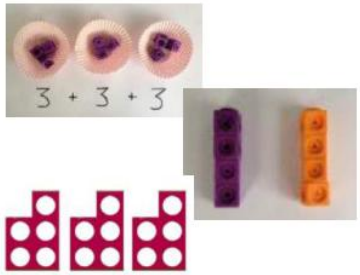
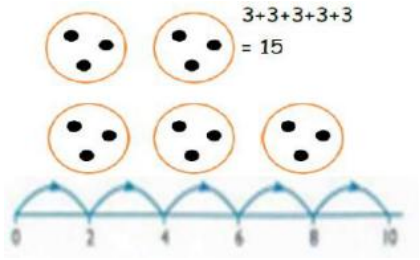
Fluency variation, different ways to ask children to solve 391 - 186

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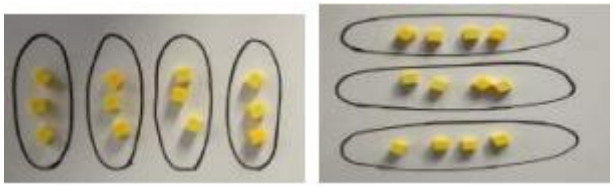
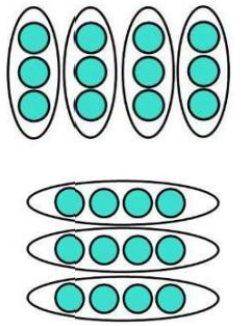
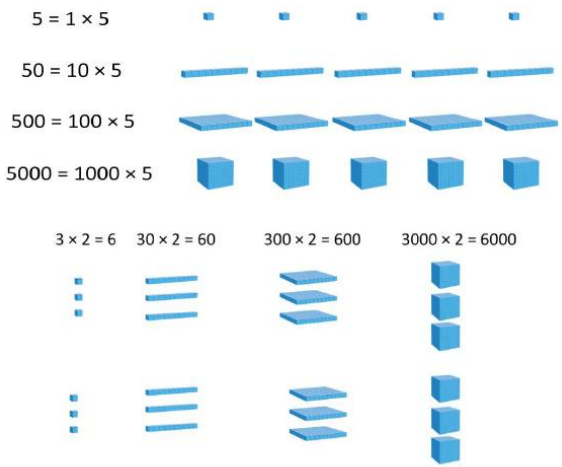
	Raj spent £391, Timmy spent £186. How much more did Raj spend? I had 391 metres to run. After 186 I stopped. How many metres do I have left to run?	391 - 186 ☐ = 391 - 186 391 -186 Find the difference ebtween 391 and 186 Subtract 186 from 391. What is 186 less than 391?	

Multiplication			
	Concrete	**Pictorial**	**Abstract**
Doubling	Use practical activities to show how to double a number. 	Draw pictures to show how to double a number. 	Partition a number and then double each part before recombining it back together. 

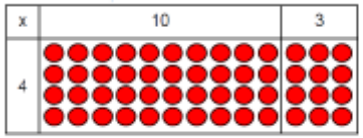
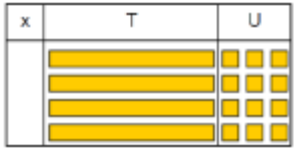
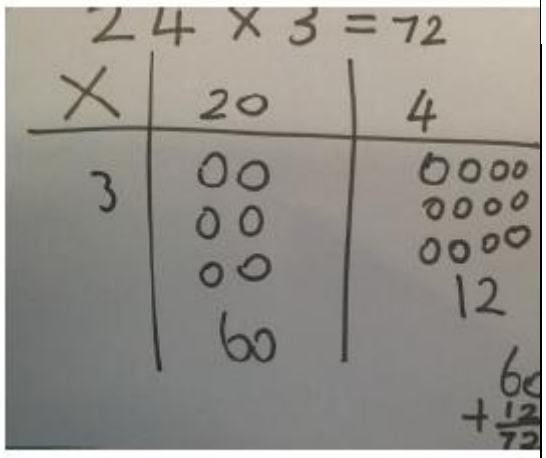
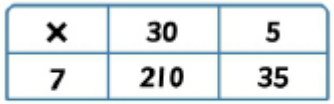
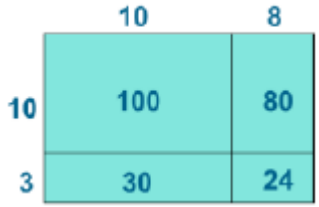
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Counting in multiples	Count the groups as children are skip counting, children may use their fingers as they are skip counting. 	Children make representations to show counting in multiples.  Use a number line or pictures to continue support in counting in multiples.	Count in multiples of a number aloud. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 5, 10, 15, 20, 25
Repeated addition	Use difference objects to add equal groups.  	Use pictorial representations, including a number line.  	Write addition sentences to describe objects and pictures. 

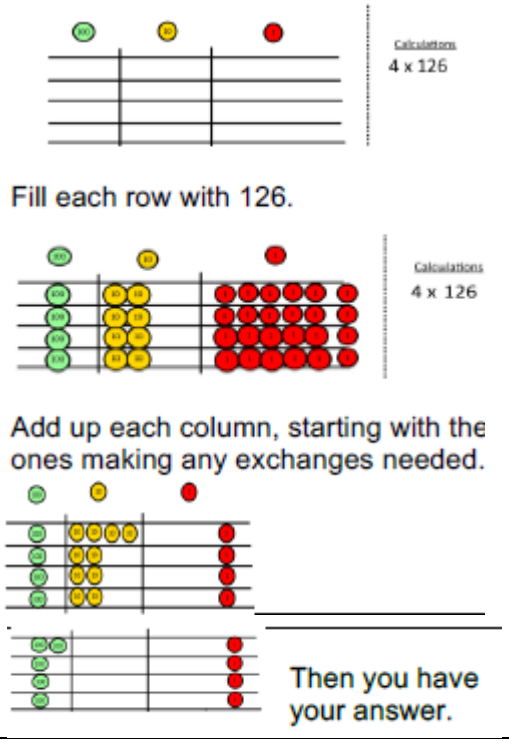
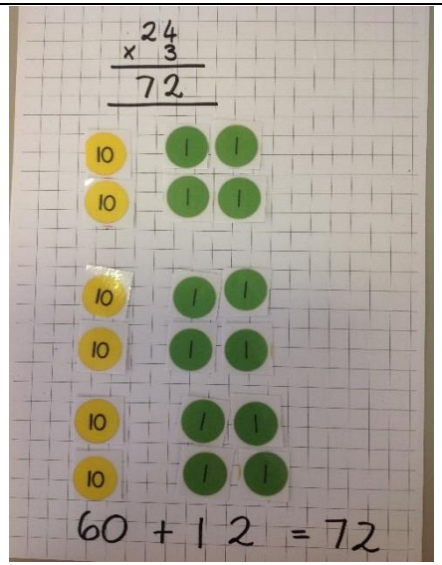
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Arrays – showing multiplication is commutative	Create arrays using counters, cubes and numicon. Pupils should understand that an array can represent different equations and that, as multiplication is commutative, the order of the multiplication does 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.  5 + 5 + 5 = 15 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 = 15 5 x 3 = 15 3 x 5 = 15
Using known facts for multiplying multiples of 10, 100 and 1000.			

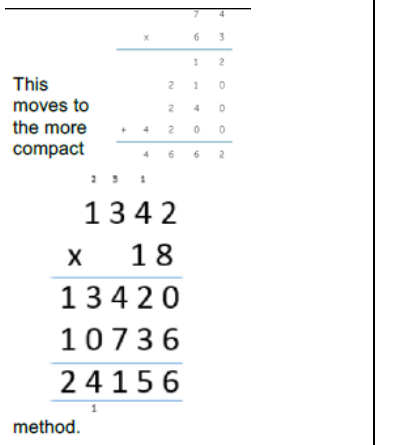
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Grid method	show the link with arrays first to introduce the grid method  4 rows of 10 4 rows of 3 Move onto using Base 10 to move towards a more compare method.  4 rows of 13 Move onto place value counters to show how we are finding groups of a numbers.	Children can represent the work they have done with place value counters in a way that they understand. They can draw the counters, using colours to show different amounts or circles in different columns to show their thinking.  	Start with multiplying by one digit numbers and showing the clear addition alongside the grid.  210 + 35 = 245 Moving forward, multiply by a 2 digit number showing the different rows within the grid method.  

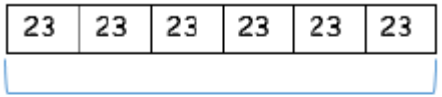
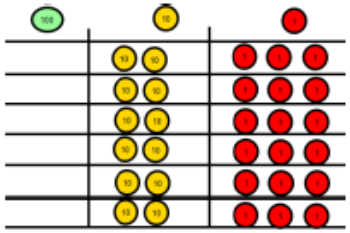
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Short column multiplication			Children to record what it is they are doing to show understanding. 3 x 23 20 3 3 x 20 = 60 3 x 3 = 9 60 + 9= 69 23 x 3 69
Long column multiplication			Start with long multiplication, reminding the children about lining up their numbers clearly in columns.

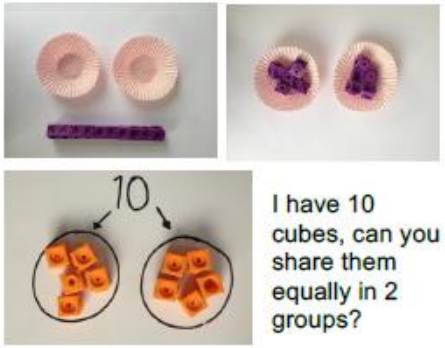
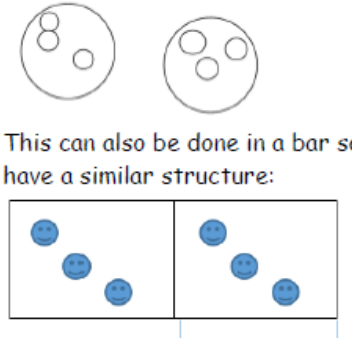
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			32 x 24 8 (4 x 2) 120 (4 x 30) 40 (20 x 2) 600 (20 x 30) 768 This moves to the more compact method.  1342 x 18 13420 10736 24156
Fluency variation, different ways to ask children to solve23 x 6			

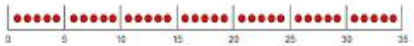
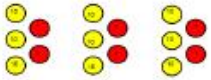
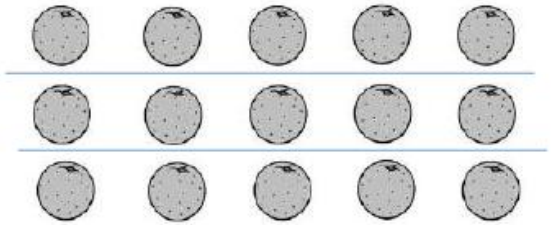
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 With the counters, prove that 6 x 23 = 138 Why is 6 x 23 = 32 x 6?	Mai had to swim 23 lengths, 6 times a week. How many lengths did she swim in one week? Tom saved 23p three days a week. How much did he save in 2 weeks?	Find the product of 6 and 23 6 x 23 = □ = 6 x 23 6 × 23 ____ 23 × 6 ____	What's the calculation? What's th answer? 

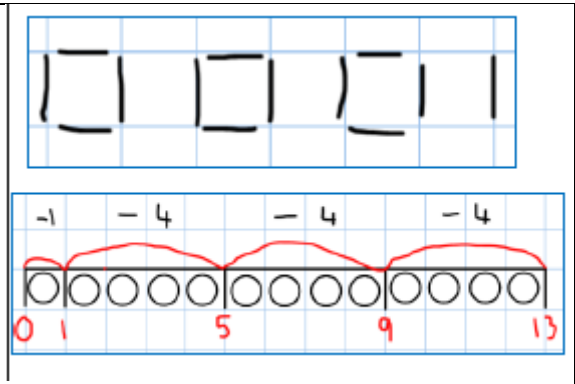
Division

	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract
Division as sharing (sharing objects into group			6 ÷ 2 = 3 What's the calculation? 3 | 3
Division as grouping and repeated	Divide quantities into equal groups.		**28 ÷ 7 = 4** **Divide 28 into 7 groups. How many are in each group?**

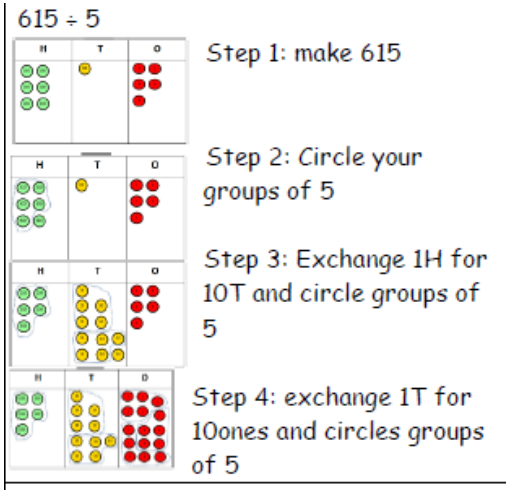
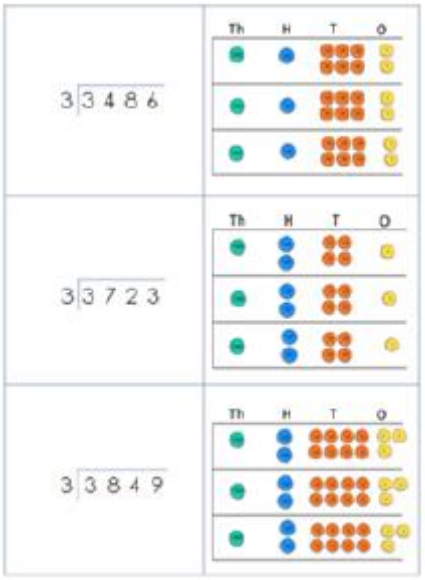
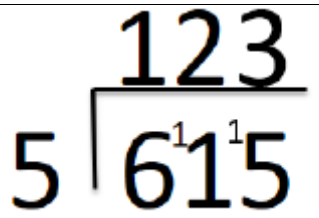
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subtraction	  96 ÷ 3 = 32 		
Division with arrays including fact families and inverse	 Link division to multiplication by creating an array and thinking about the number sentences that can be created. Eg 15 ÷ 3 = 5 5 x 3 = 15 15 ÷ 5 = 3 3 x 5 = 15	 Draw an array and use lines to split the array into group to make multiplication and division sentences.	

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Division with a remainder			
Using known facts for dividing multiples of 10, 100 and 1000			

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Short division	Use the 'bus stop' method using grouping and counters. 		

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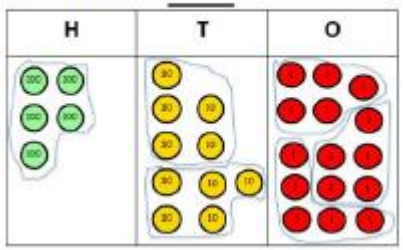
Long division

1. Divide.	2. Multiply & subtract.	3. Drop down the next digit.
t o 2 2)5 8	t o 2 2)5 8 - 4 1	t o 2 9 2)5 8 - 4 ↓ 1 8
Two goes into 5 two times, or 5 tens ÷ 2 = 2 whole tens -- but there is a remainder!	To find it, multiply 2 × 2 = 4, write that 4 under the five, and subtract to find the remainder of 1 ten.	Next, drop down the 8 of the ones next to the leftover 1 ten. You combine the remainder ten with 8 ones, and get 18.

1. Divide.	2. Multiply & subtract.	3. Drop down the next digit.
t o 2 9 2)5 8 - 4 1 8	t o 2 9 2)5 8 - 4 1 8 - 1 8 0	t o 2 9 2)5 8 - 4 1 8 - 1 8 0
Divide 2 into 18. Place 9 into the quotient.	Multiply 9 × 2 = 18, write that 18 under the 18, and subtract.	The division is over since there are no more digits in the dividend. The quotient is 29.

Fluency variation, different ways to ask children to solve 615 ÷ 5:

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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?	$5 \overline{)615}$ $615 \div 5 =$ $\square = 615 \div 5$ How many 5's go into 615?	What's the calculation? What's the answer? 

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