LITTLE LONDON ACADEMY MATHS CALCULATION POLICY 2024



Aim:

We aim to foster positive attitudes in our pupils towards mathematics, recognising its creativity and the relevance of it in everyday life. Our aim is that all children will reach their full potential—every child can and will achieve in maths. We deliver a high-quality mathematics education, providing our pupils with firm foundations to understand the world and reason mathematically.

Rationale:

The aim of our approach to mathematics at Little London is to build a resilience and a bank of solid mathematical foundations for all our pupils before they leave for the next stage of their education. Mathematics at our school develops pupils' ability to challenge all learners to reach their potential in the subject and apply mathematical concepts in other subjects in the wider curriculum and in the real world.

During the Early Years, it is vital children develop a strong conceptual understanding of the numbers to 10 and are able to notice and use these across a range of opportunities both inside and outside of the provision. As pupils move through school, the focus is around learning being embedded (mastery approach) through carefully sequenced lessons to ensure consolidation. We know, to create successful mathematicians, it is important that we allow pupils make mistakes, identify them and explore a range of methods to tackle a single problem. This will provide our pupils with the best start in mathematics, both academically and emotionally, building resilience and an attitude to problem solve.

Our Calculation policy is in pace to embed a foundation of methods as pupils move through our school, ensuring consistency and progression. Each calculation begins with a concrete way to represent it, moving on to then pictorially showing this calculation and finally, pupils being able to use written methods and to locate the calculation they need in a more abstract way through reasoning or/and problem solving,.

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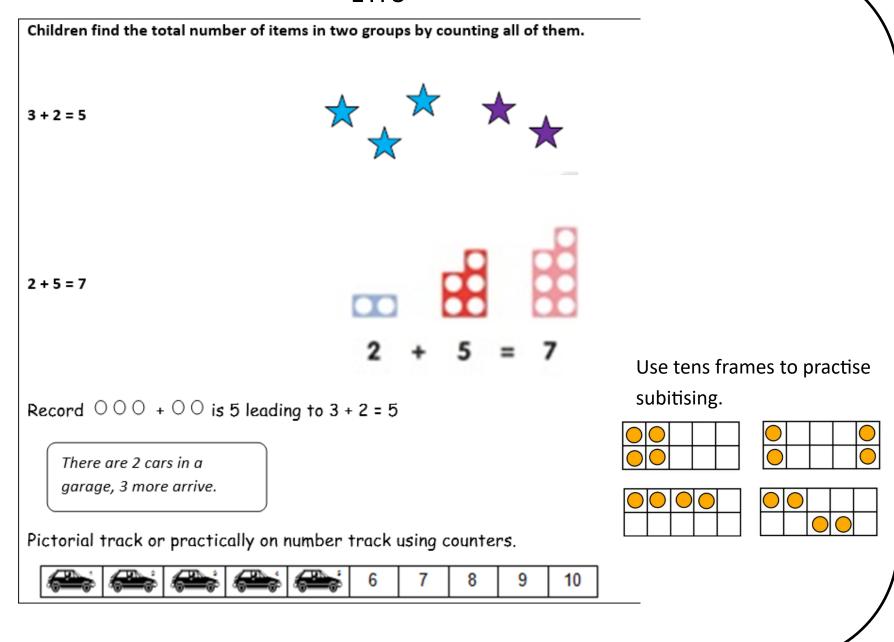
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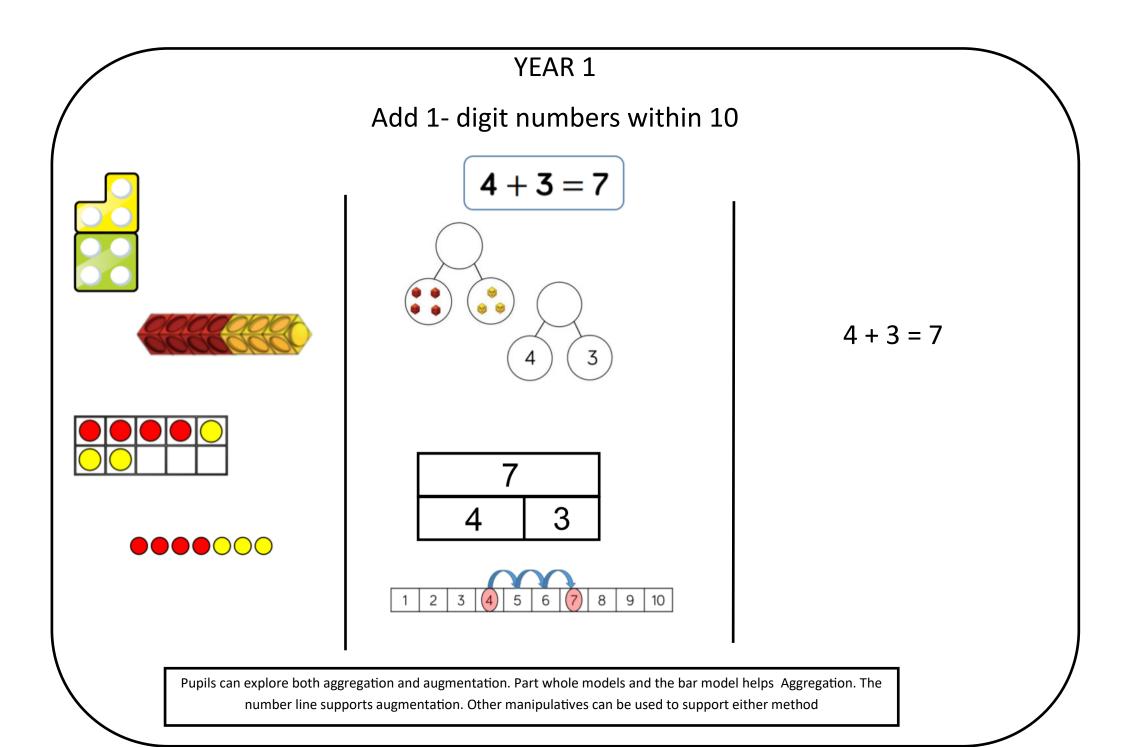


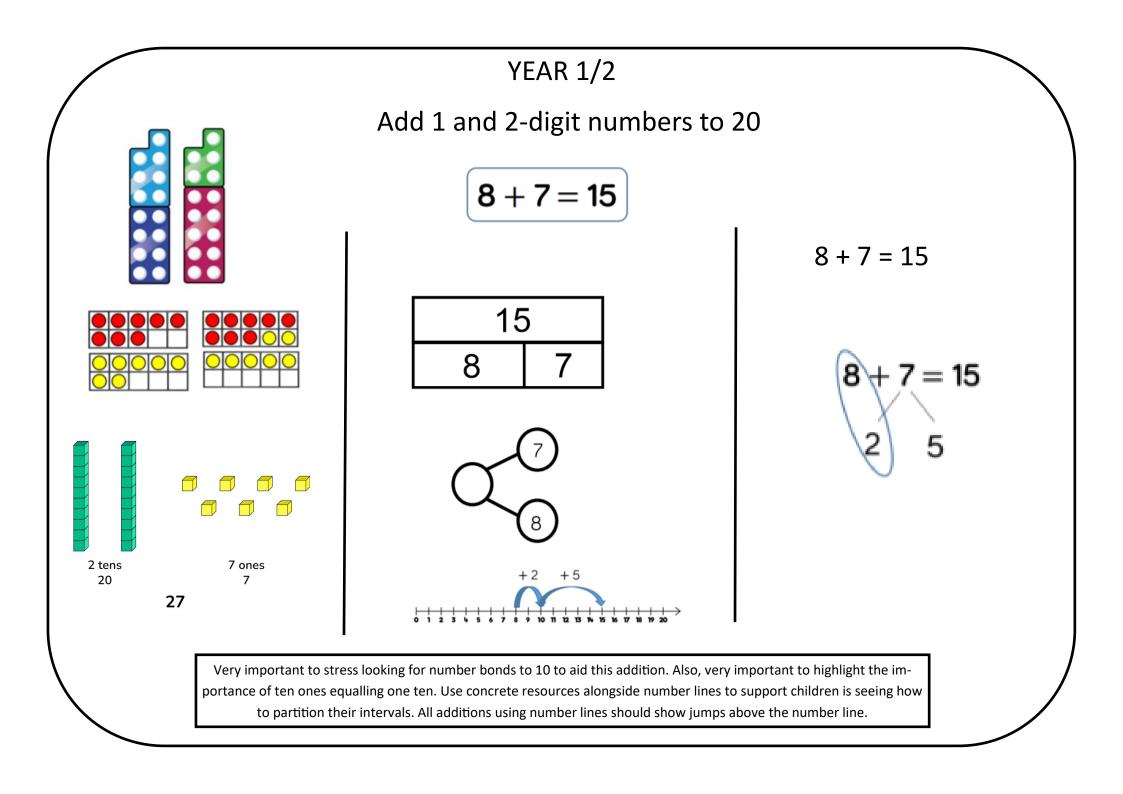
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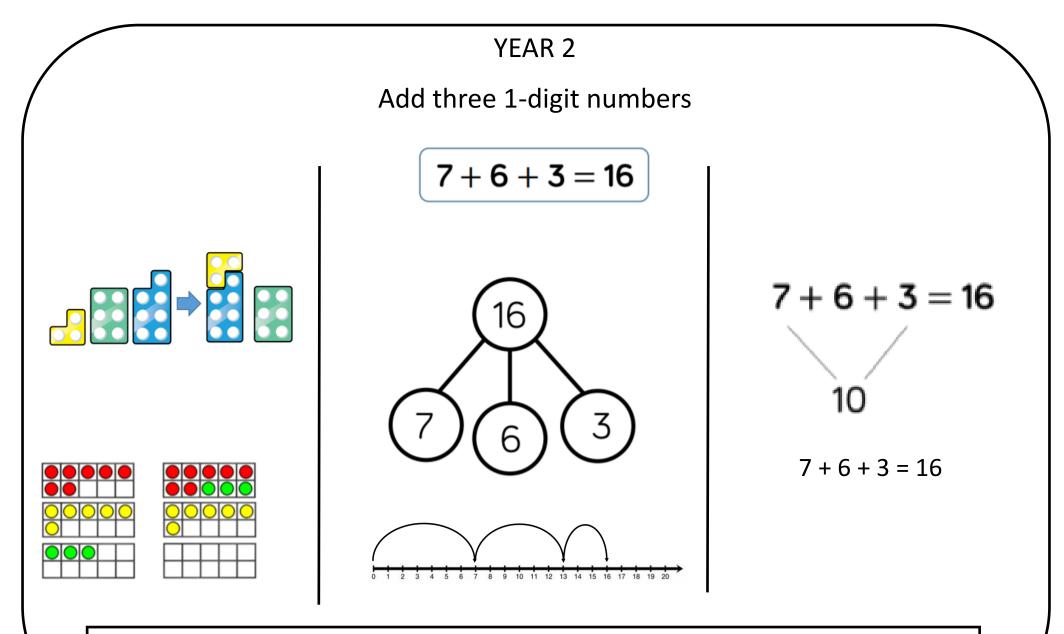
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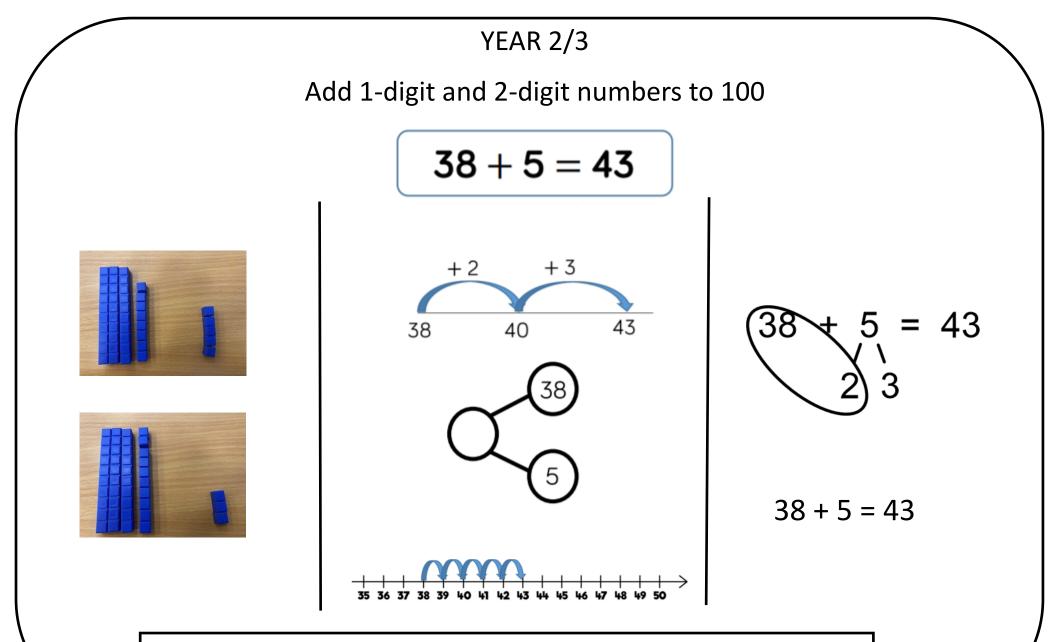




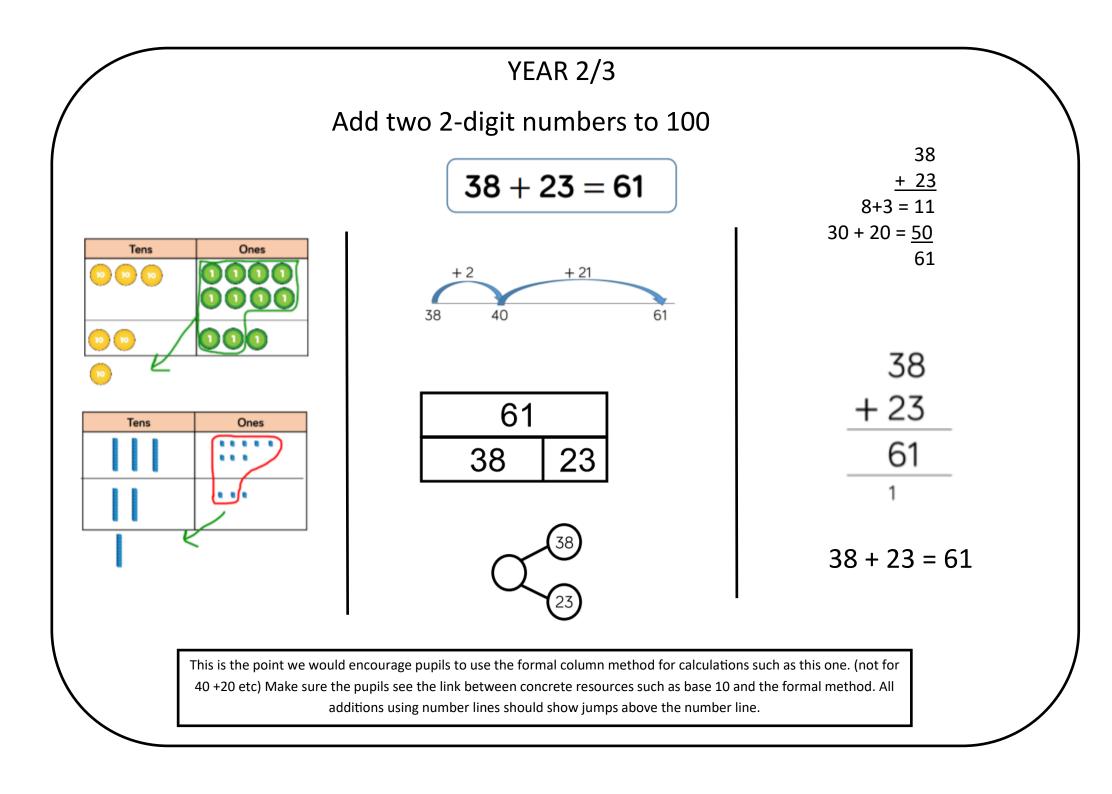


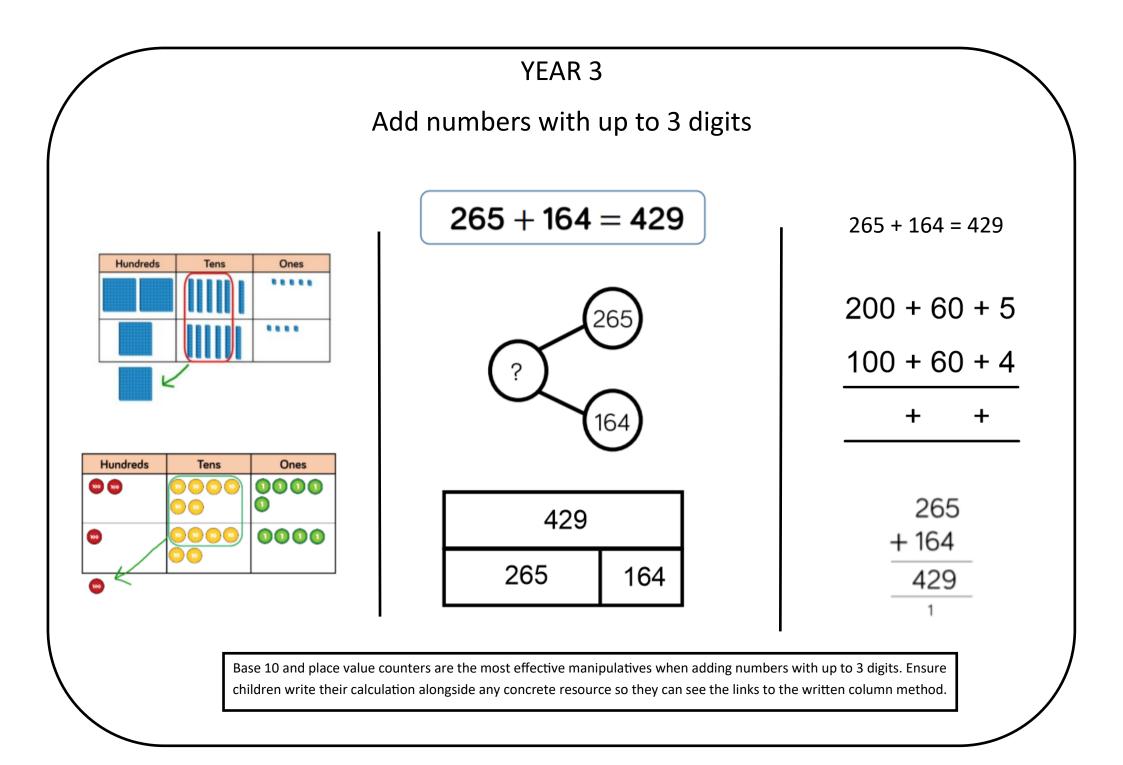


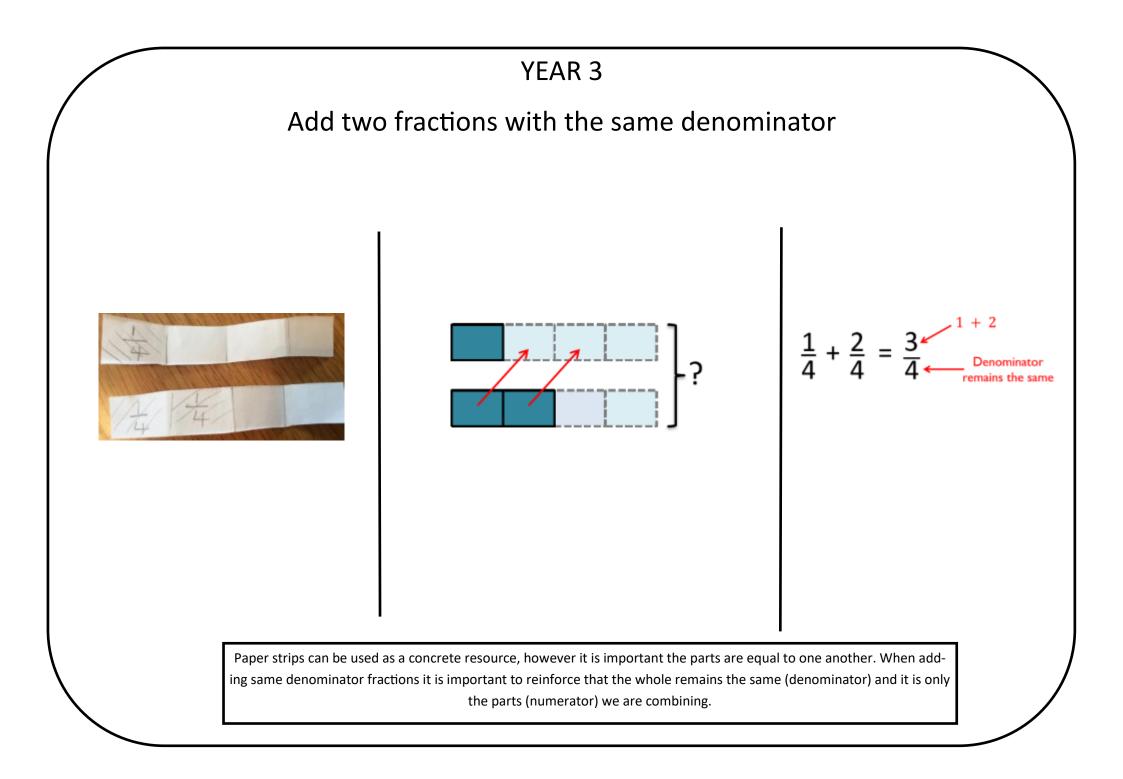
Pupils should be encouraged to look for number bonds or doubles/ near doubles. The idea of commutativity should be introduced here. All additions using number lines should show jumps above the number line.



Encourage children to start with the larger number and initially count on. Try to highlight number bonds to 10 within the question. Eg 8 + 2 = 10, so 38 + 2 = 40. All additions using number lines should show jumps above the number line.



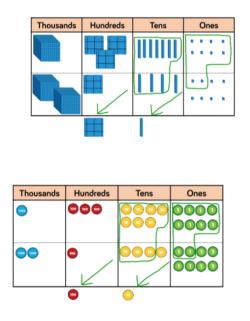


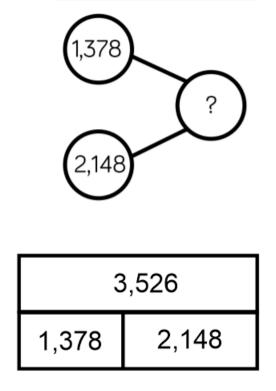


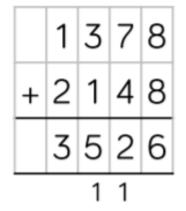
YEAR 4

Add numbers with up to 4 digits

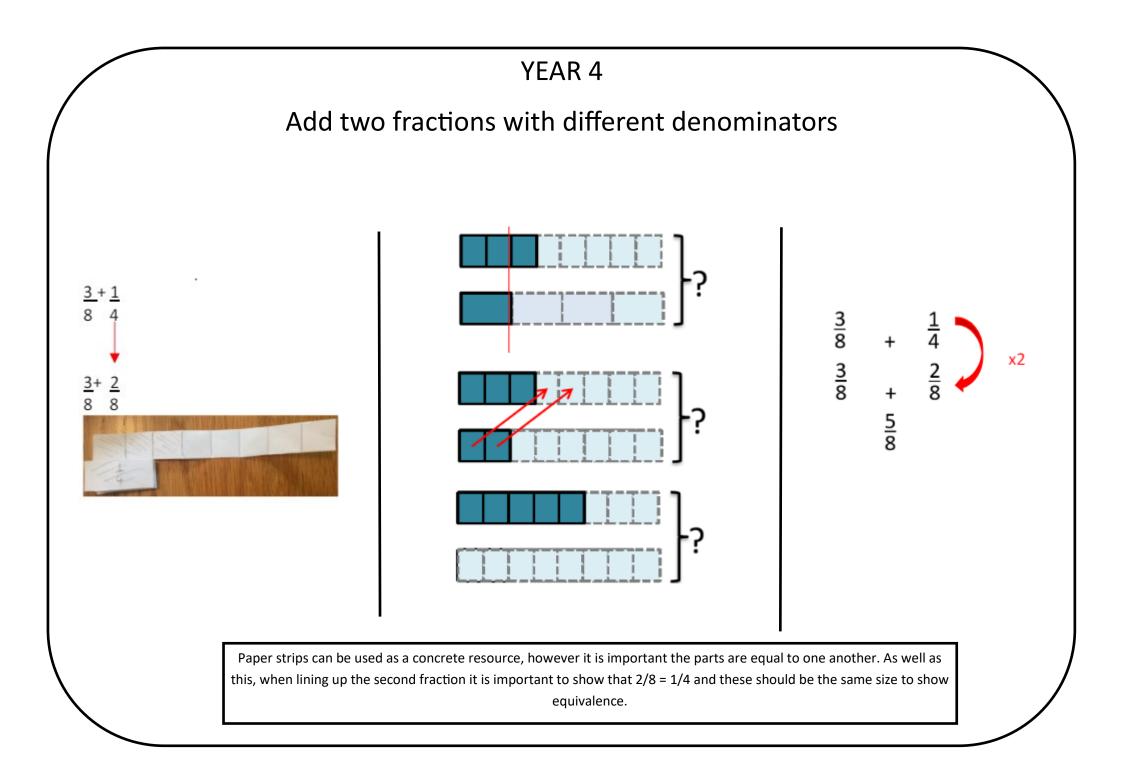
1,378 + 2,148 = 3,526

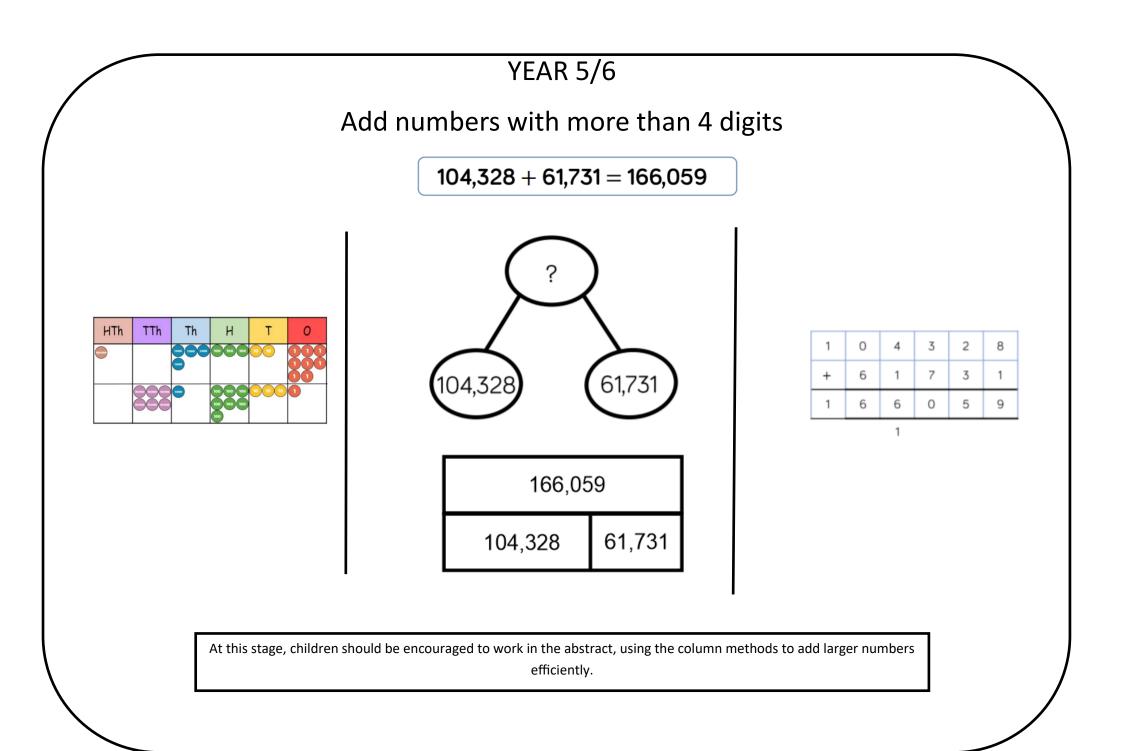


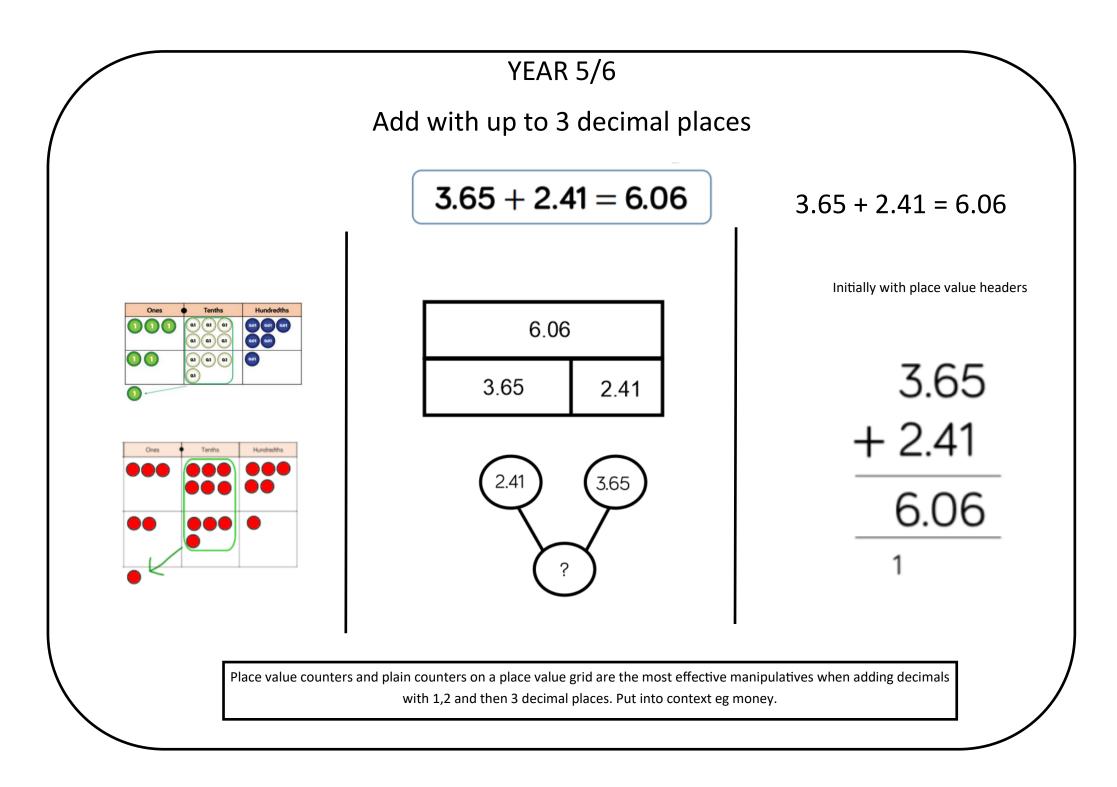




Base 10 and place value counters are the most effective manipulatives when adding numbers with up to 4 digits. Ensure children write their calculation alongside any concrete resource so they can see the links to the written column method.









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Subtraction

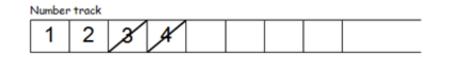
Children view subtraction as take away (using objects or drawing and crossing out).

7 - 2 = 5



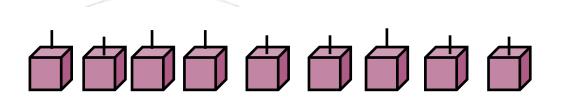
There are 4 apples on a tree, 2 fall off. How many are left on the tree?

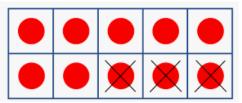




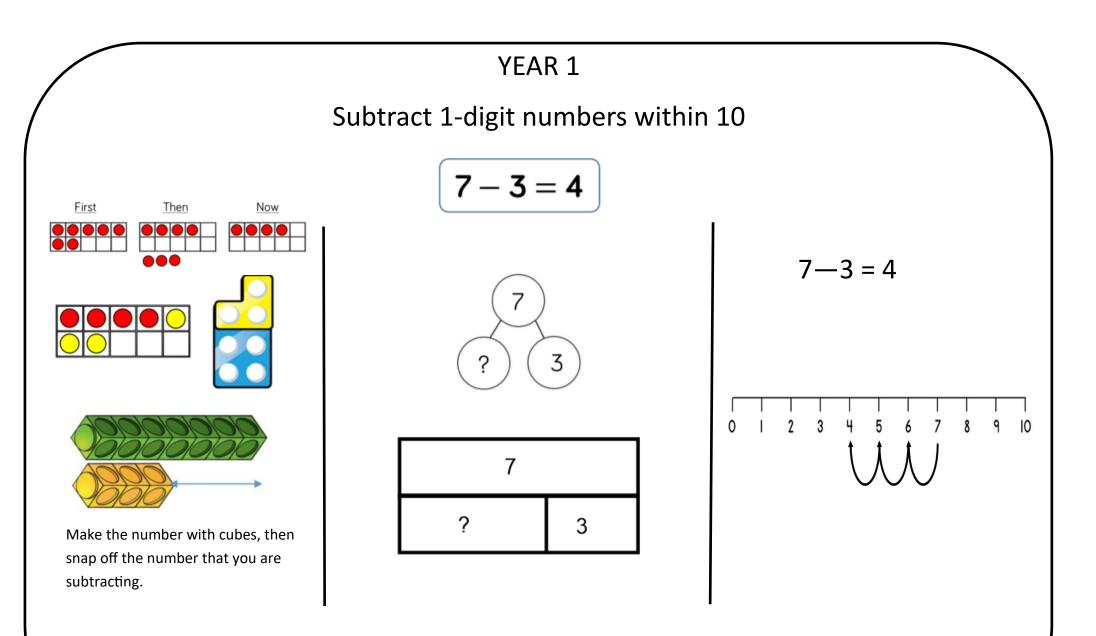
Drawings and jottings

There are nine cakes on a plate. Sarah eats three. How many are left?'

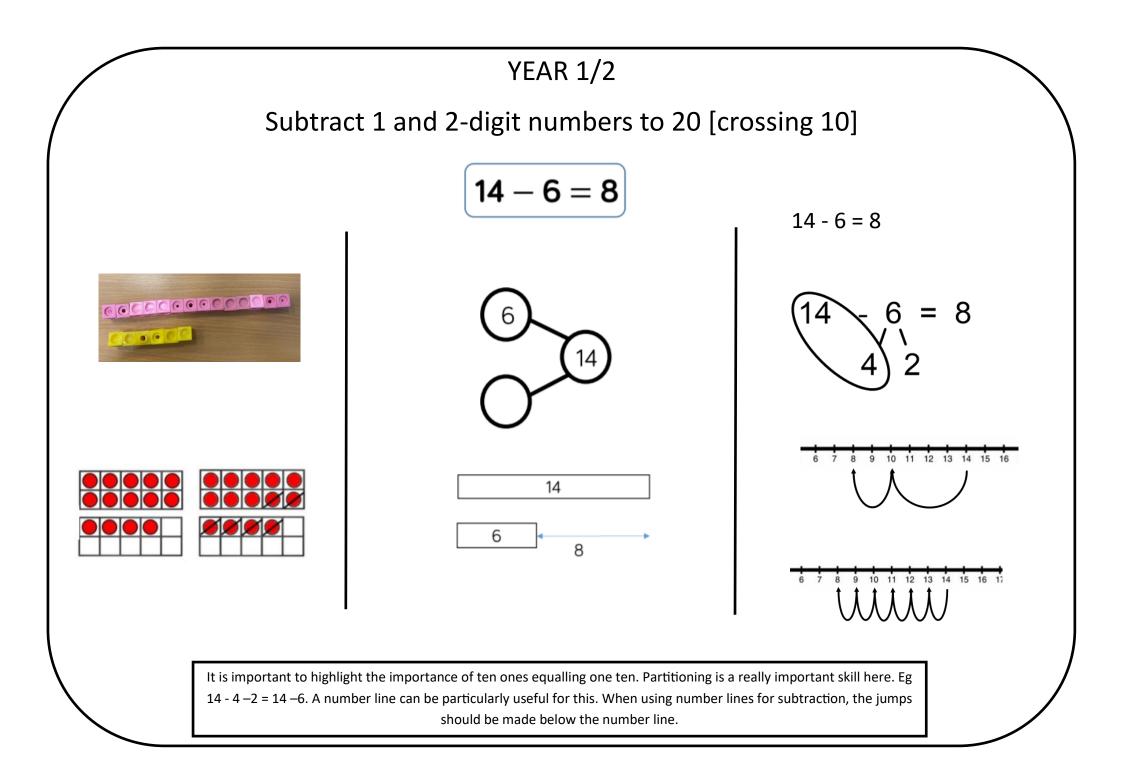


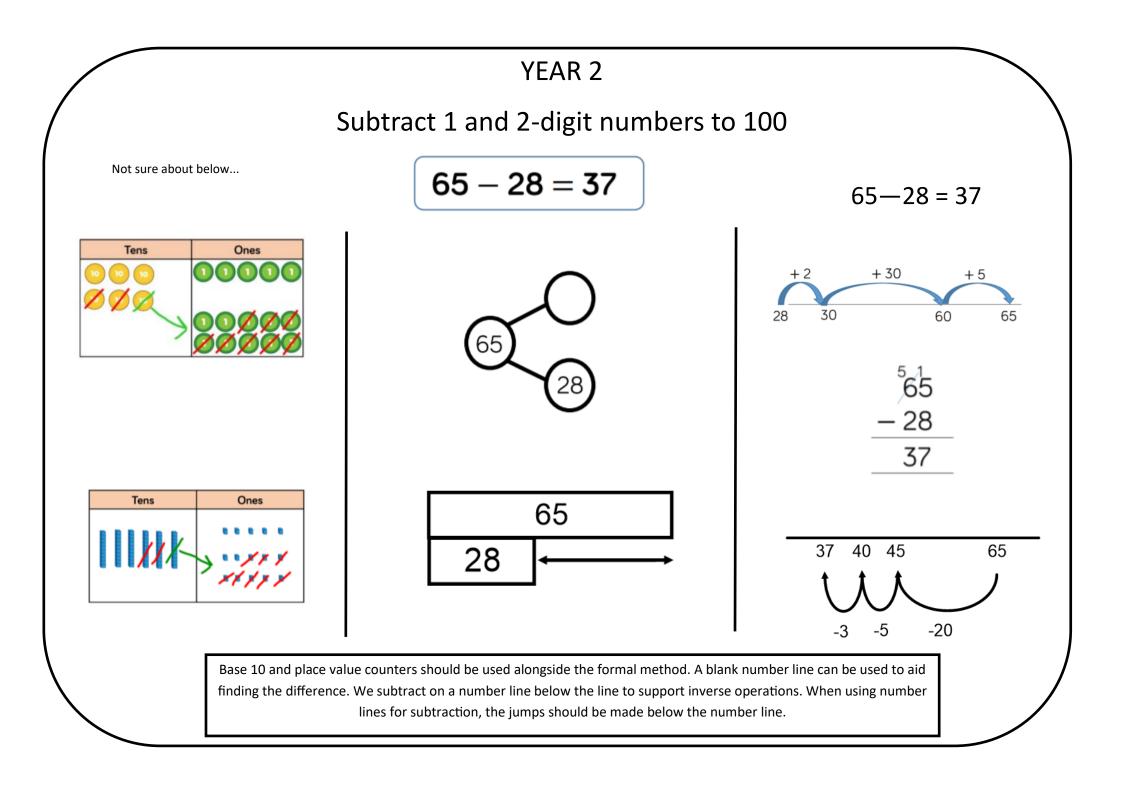


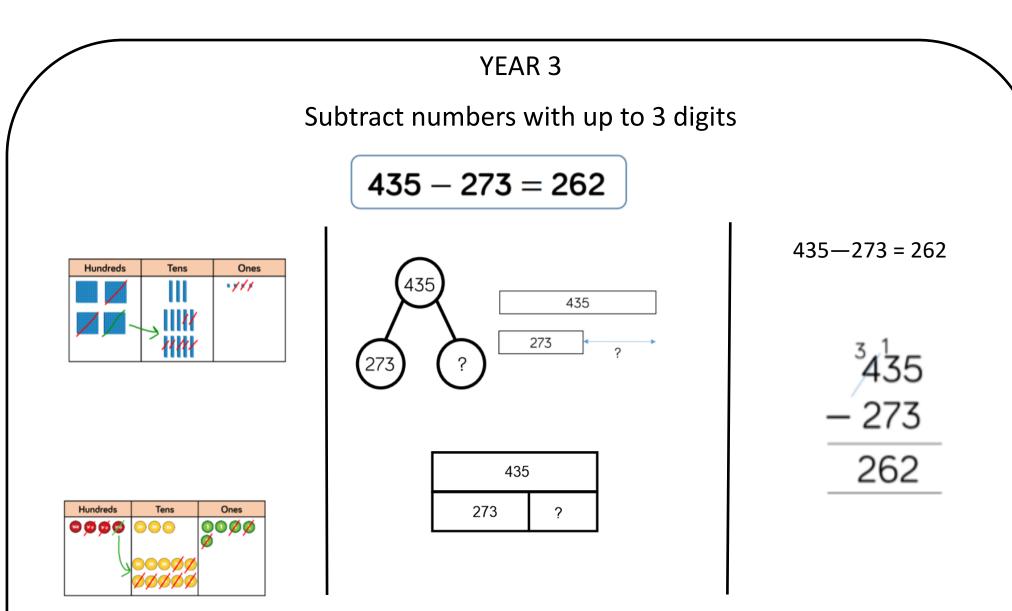
Use tens frames to subtract by crossing out.



Part whole models, bar models and ten frames all support partitioning. Ten frames, number tracks support reduction. Cubes and bar models can support finding the difference. When using number lines for subtraction, the jumps should be made below the number line.



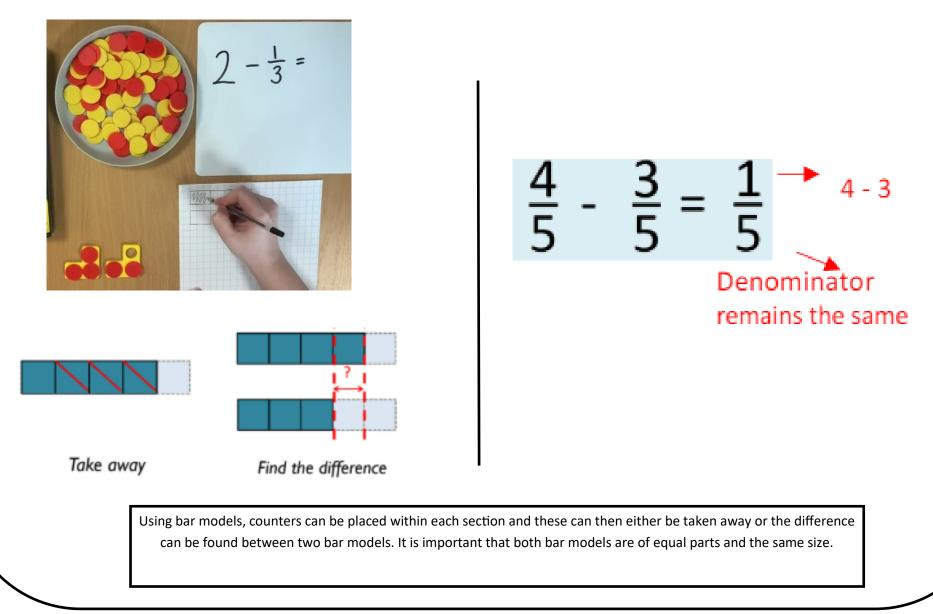


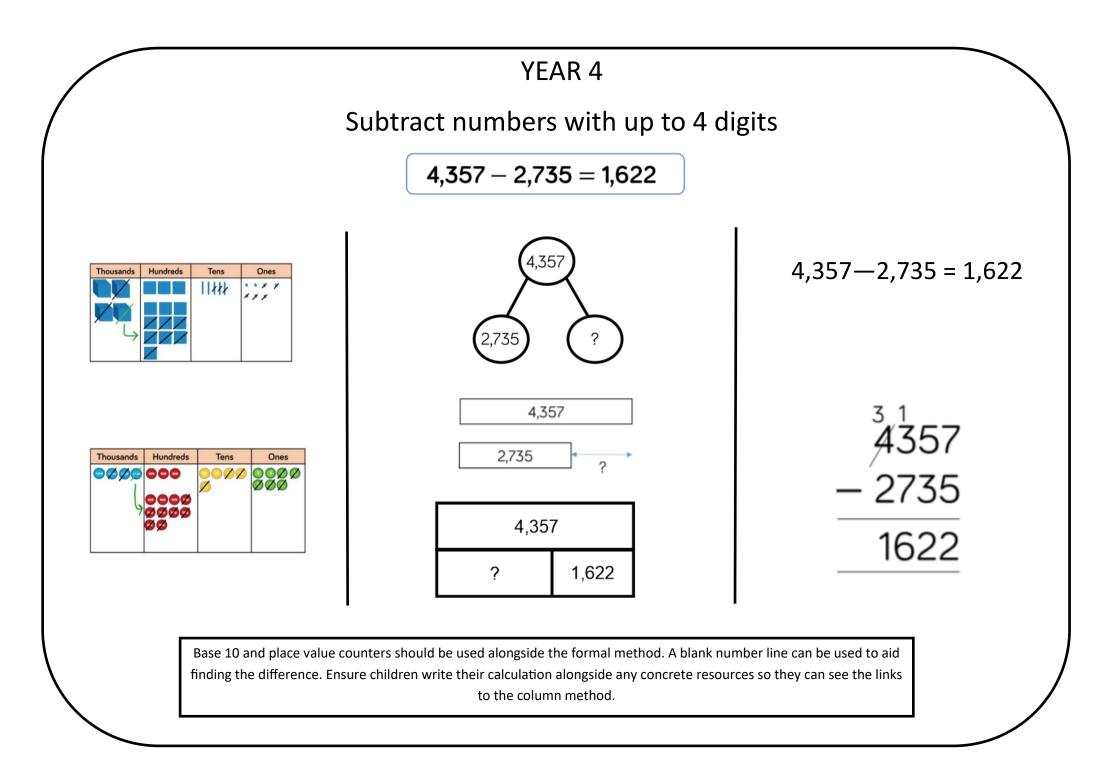


Base 10 and place value counters should be used alongside the formal method. A blank number line can be used to aid finding the difference. Ensure children write their calculation alongside any concrete resources so they can see the links to the column method.

YEAR 3

Subtracting fractions with the same denominator

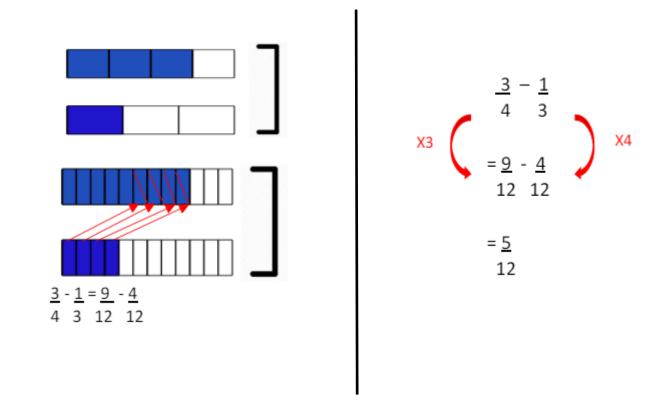




YEAR 4

Subtracting fractions with different denominators

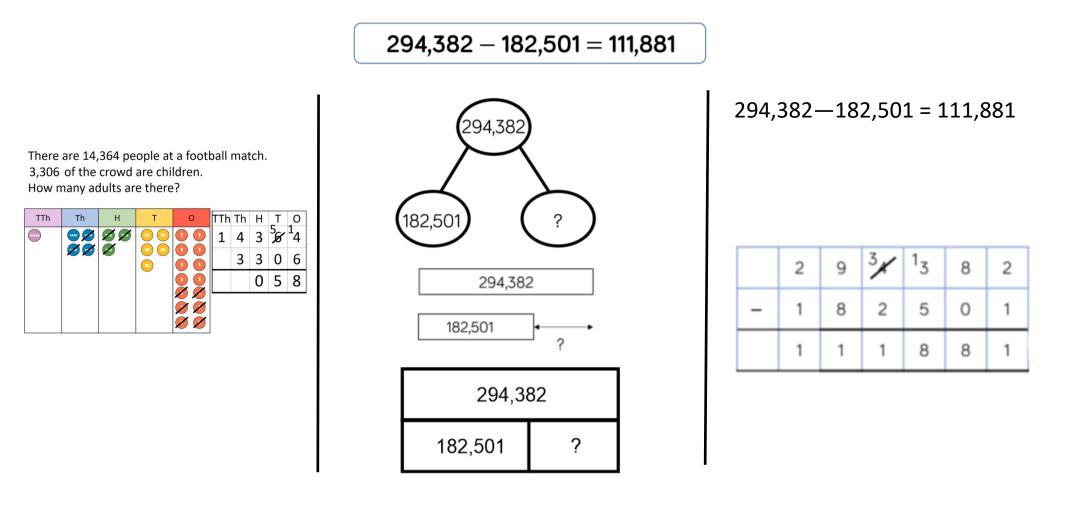




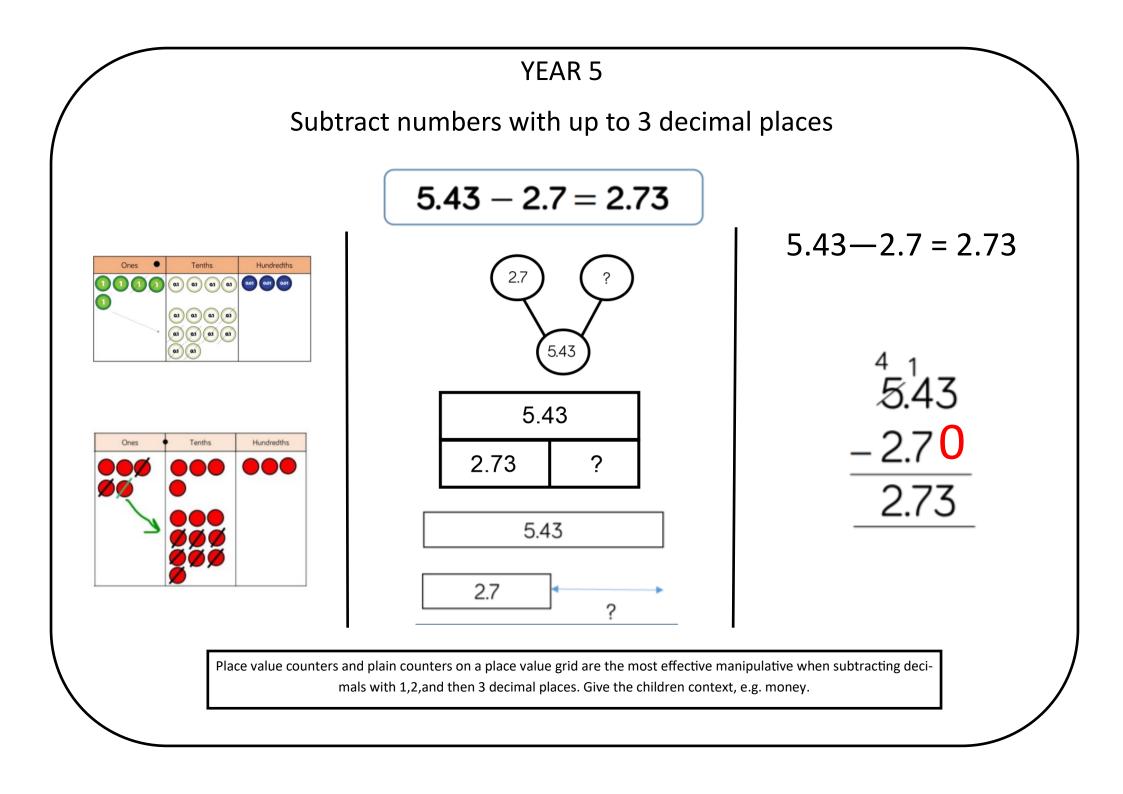
Using Cuisenaire rods, fraction walls or paper strips equivalent fractions can be found to find a common denominator. When pictorially showing equivalence to subtract fractions, ensure that bar models show equivalence e.g. 3/4 of a bar model is equal to 9/12 of a bar model as the whole is the same value.

YEAR 5/6

Subtract numbers with more than 4-digits



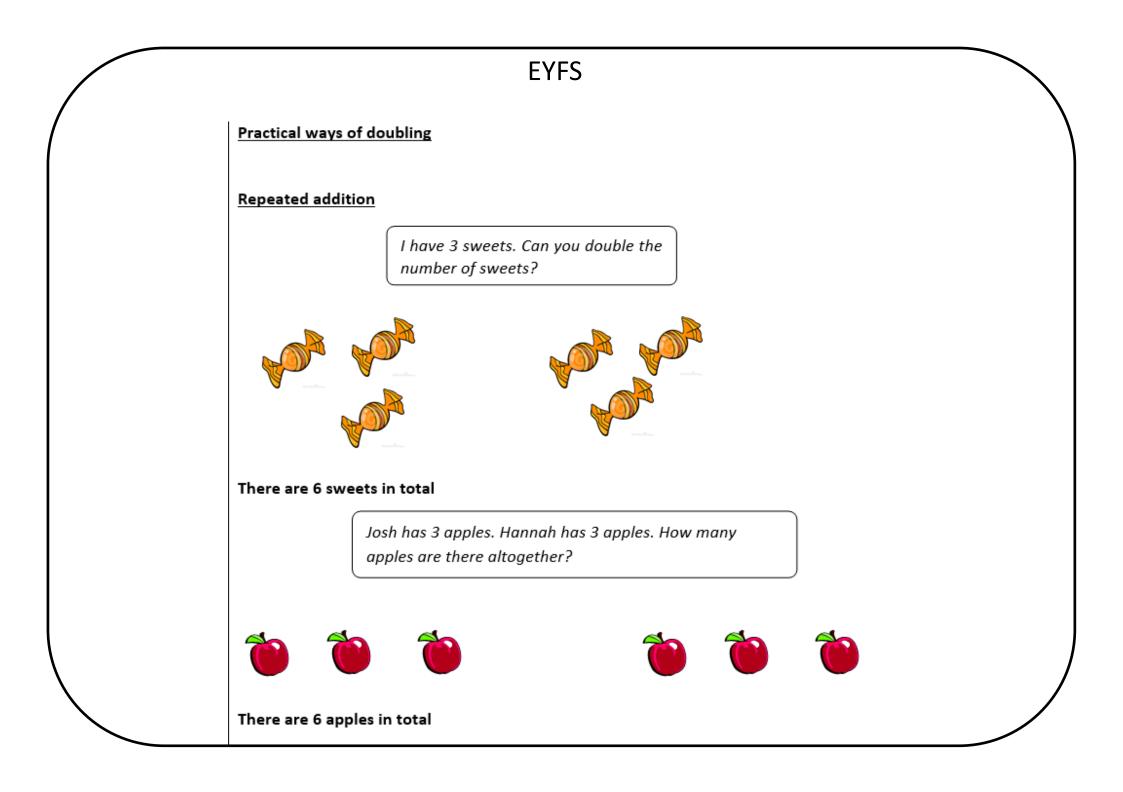
At this stage children should be encouraged to work in the abstract, using column method to subtract larger numbers efficiently.

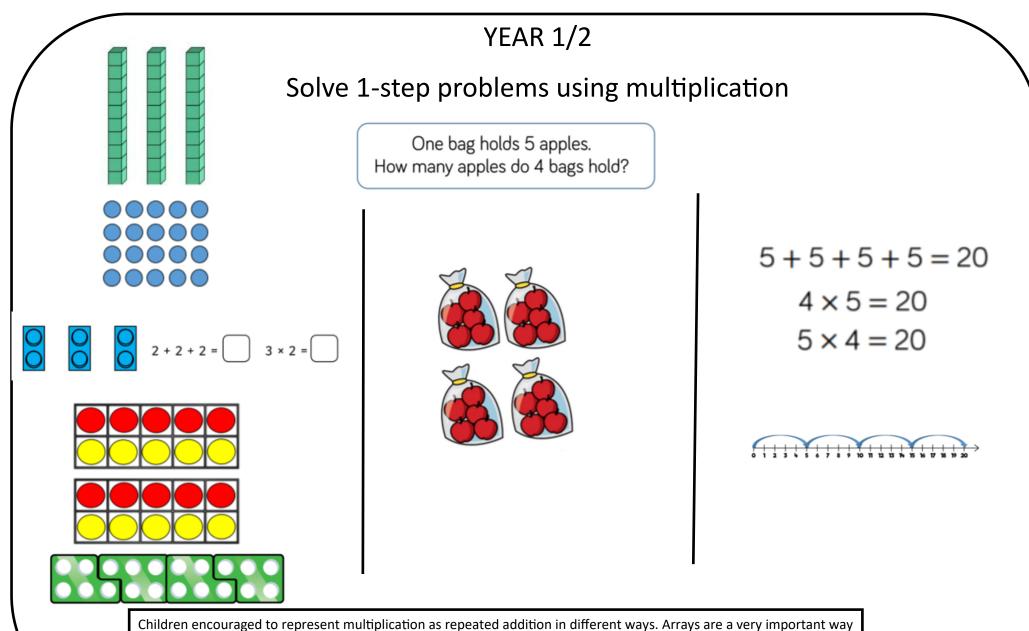




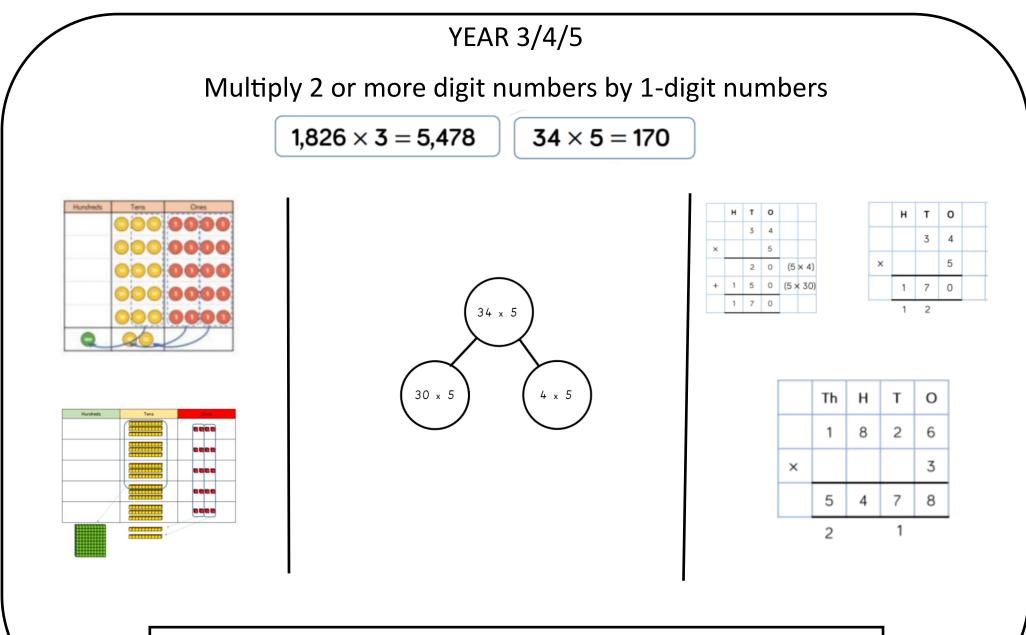
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Multiplication

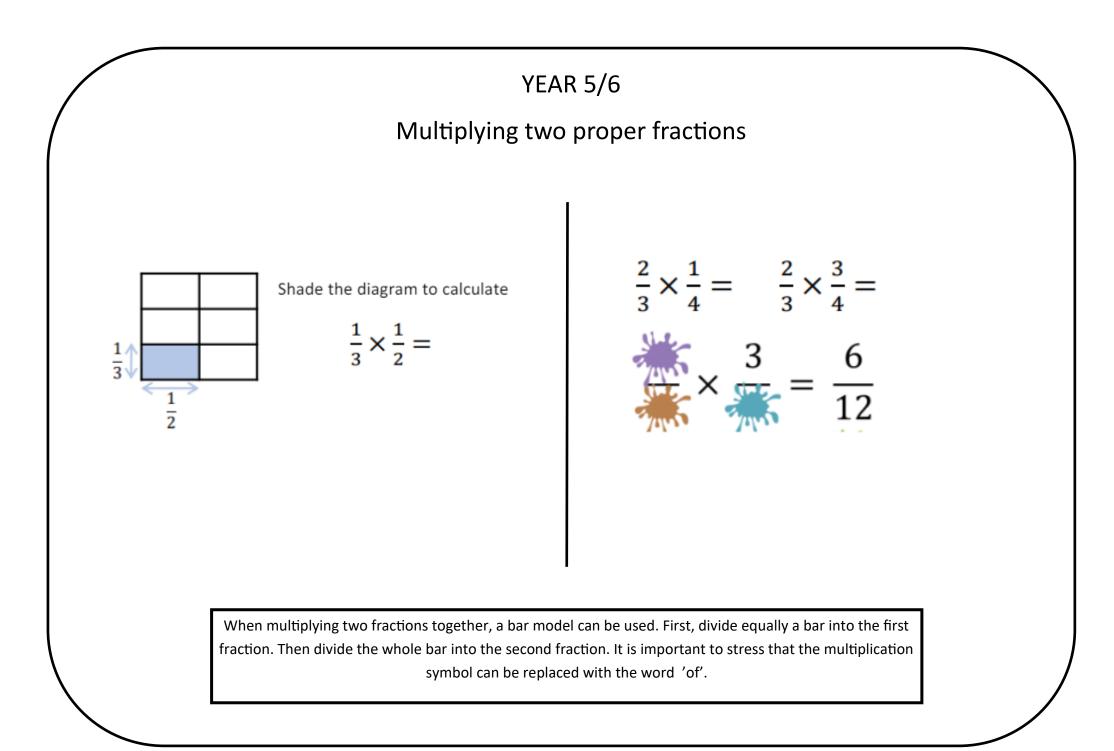


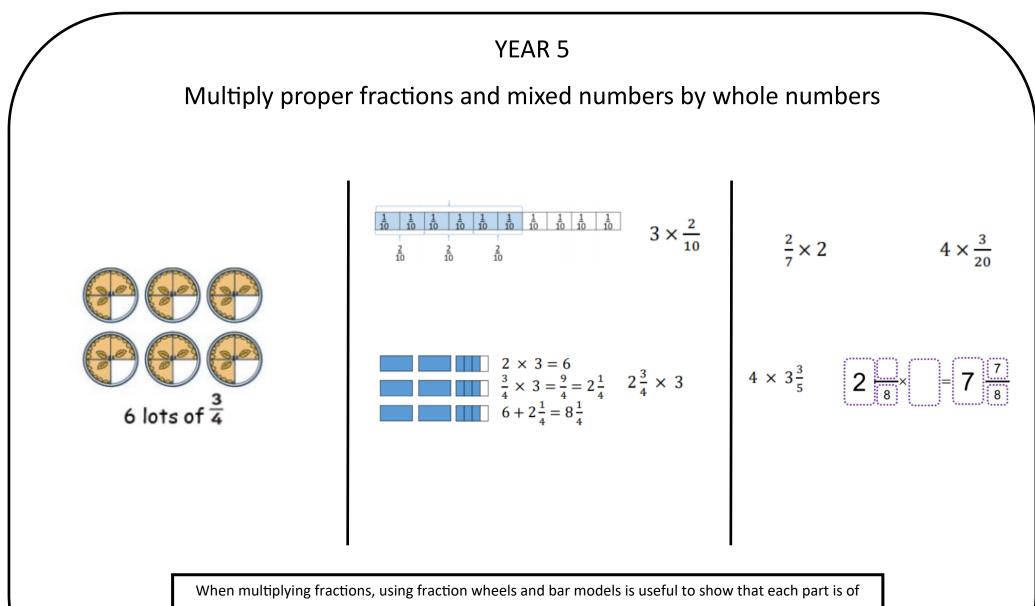


of helping pupils understand multiplication and to support commutativity. If using repeated addition on a number line, remember to add above the number line.

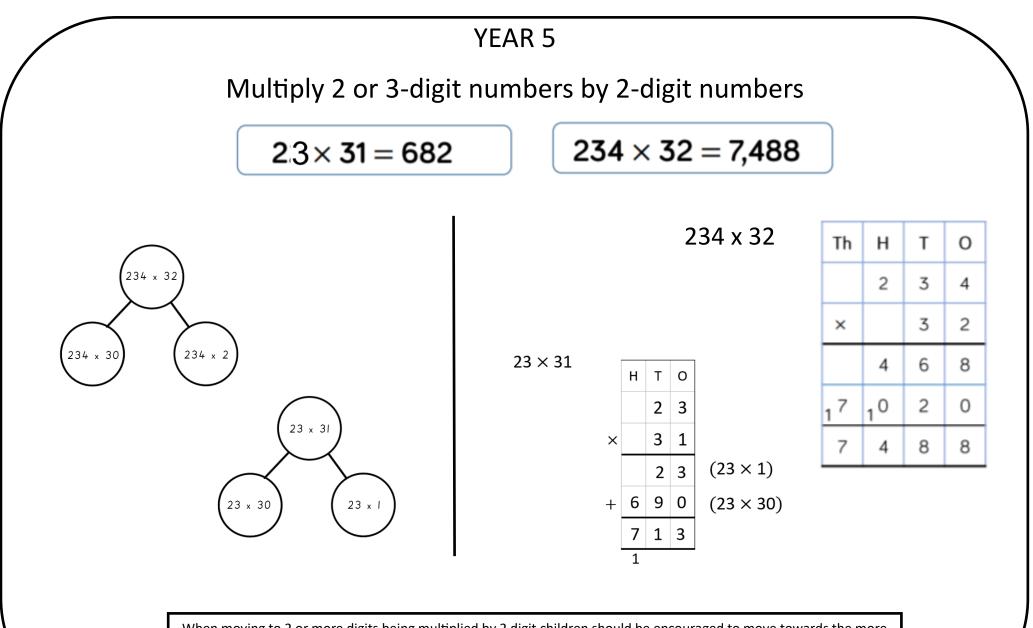


The expanded column method can be used to help bridge the gap to the short multiplication method. Place value counters are very helpful in assisting the children's understanding of the method.





When multiplying fractions, using fraction wheels and bar models is useful to show that each part is of equal value. A number line could also be used to show the equal parts of repeated addition. When using a number line, it is important the jumps are above the number line to show addition.



When moving to 2 or more digits being multiplied by 2 digit children should be encouraged to move towards the more formal method. Base 10 and place value counters can help support understanding but Base 10 soon becomes unmanageable. When using the manipulatives, limit the number of exchanges within the question.

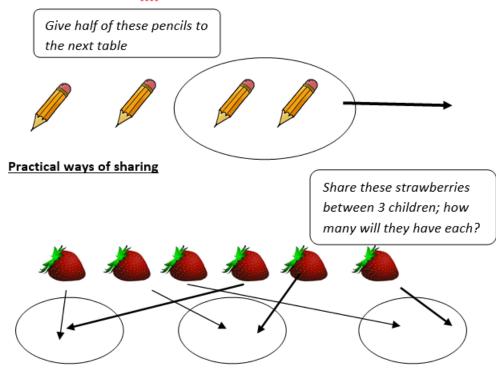
YEAR 5/6 Multiply 3 or 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers TTh Th Н Т 2739 × 28 × 2739 x 20 2739 x 8 .

When multiplying 3 or 4 digit numbers buy 2 digit numbers the children need to be using a formal method. Practise with manipulatives with questions involving fewer digits and allow pupils to have a times tables grid to aid them until the method is embedded.

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Practical ways of halving

Before we halve numbers or groups of items it is key that children understand the vocabulary for halves. We should halve objects, in particular whole objects such as apples, cakes etc which we can physically cut in half.



Each child will get 2 strawberries each

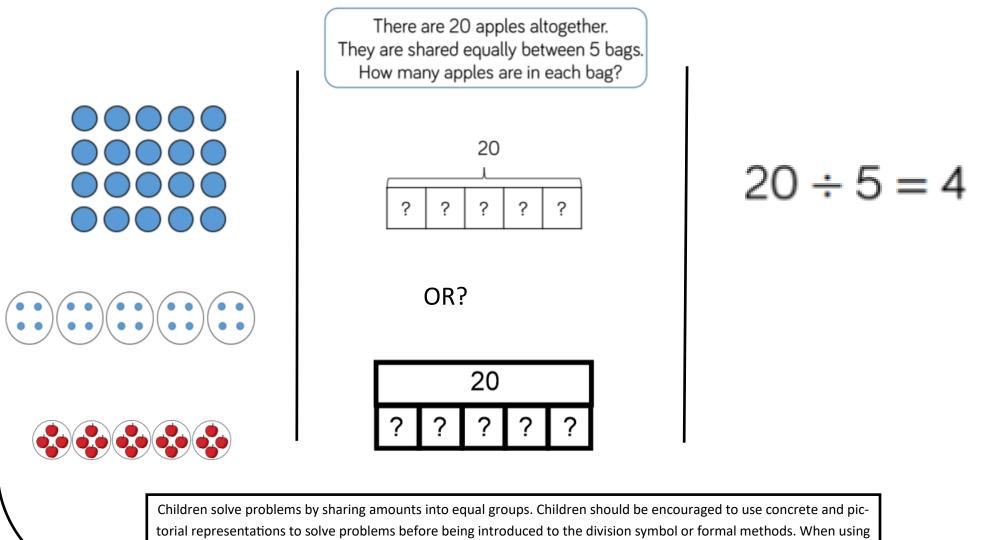


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Division

YEAR 1/2

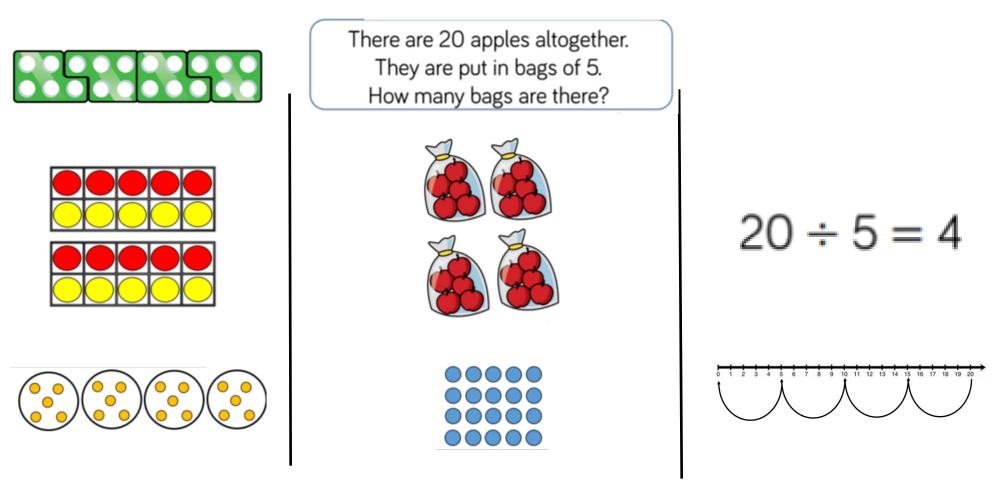
Solve 1-step problems using division (sharing)



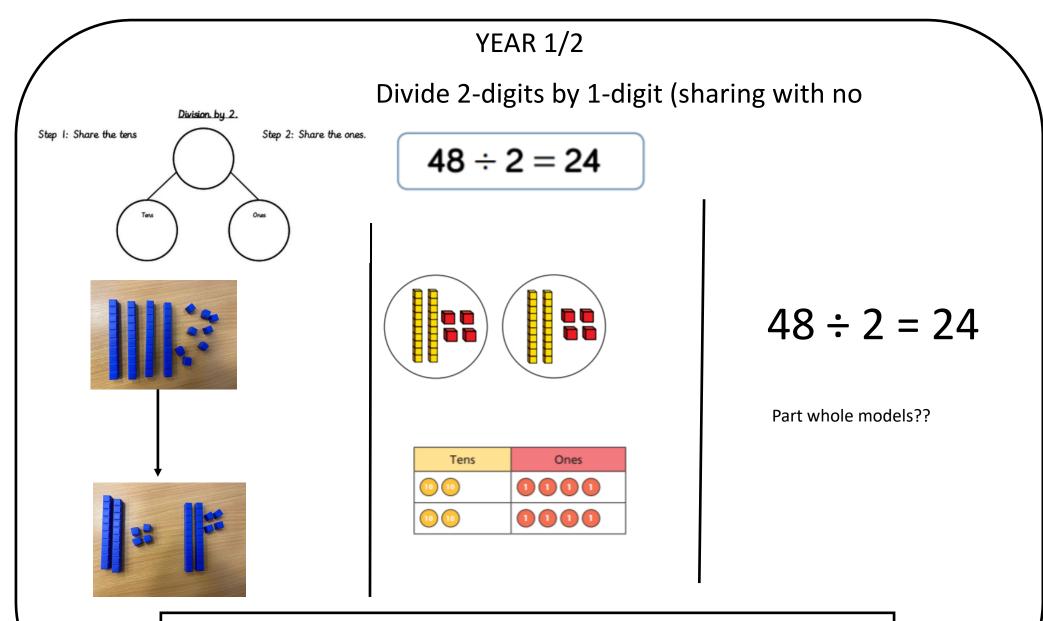
a bar model, it is vital that each part is of an equal size to show sharing equally.

YEAR 1/2

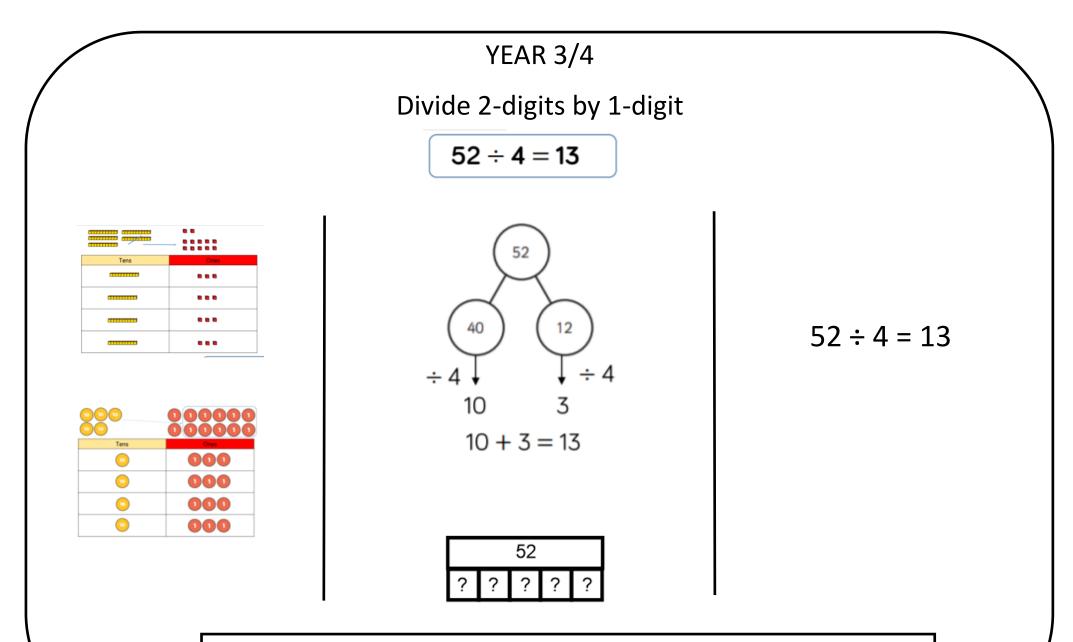
Solve 1-step problems using division (grouping)



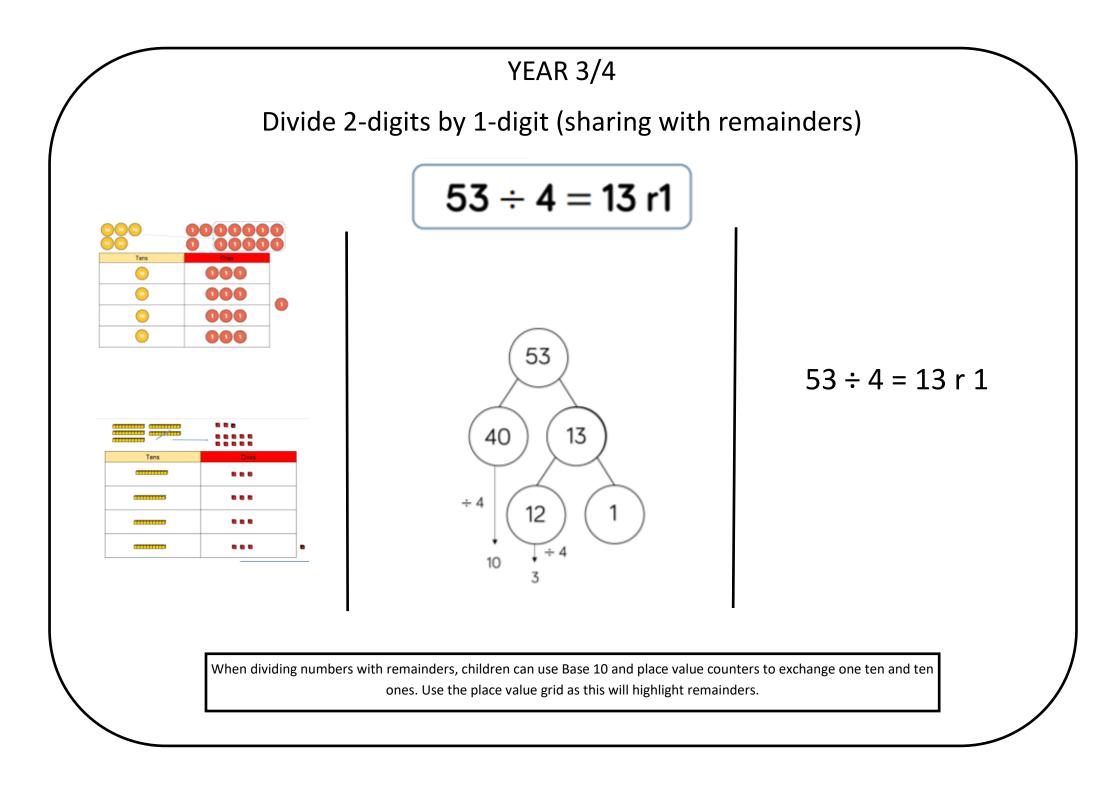
Children solve problems by grouping and counting the number of groups. Grouping encourages children to count in multiples and links to repeated subtraction. Use concrete representations to help show the link between multiplication and division. If using a number line to show equal groups, it is important that this below the number line to show parts of a whole.

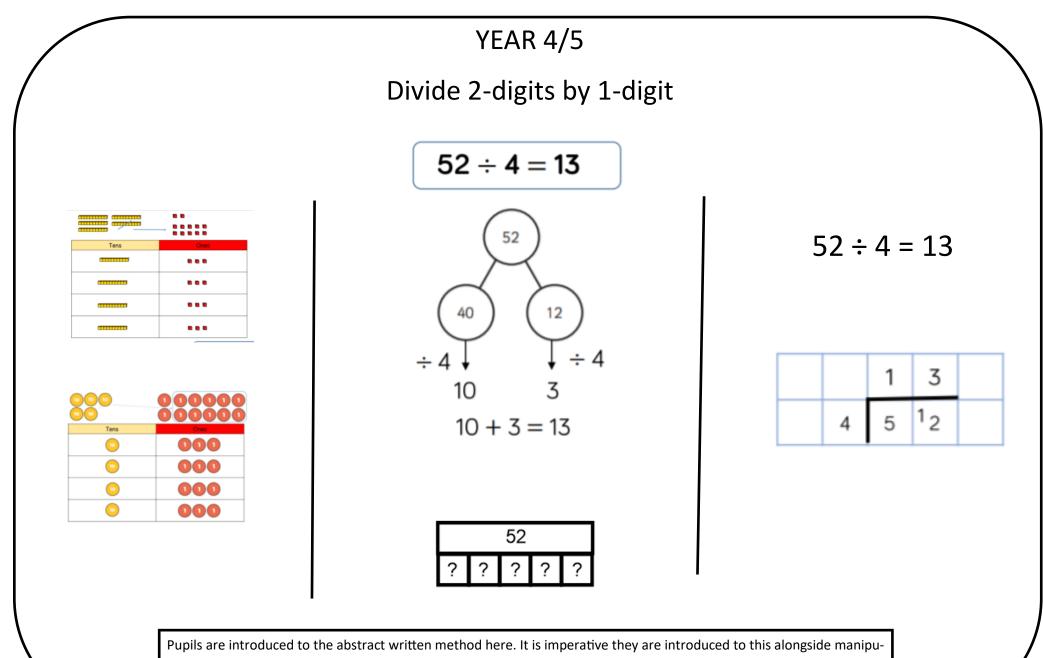


When dividing larger numbers, children can use manipulatives that allow them to partition into tens and ones. Base 10 and place value counters can all be used to share numbers into equal groups.

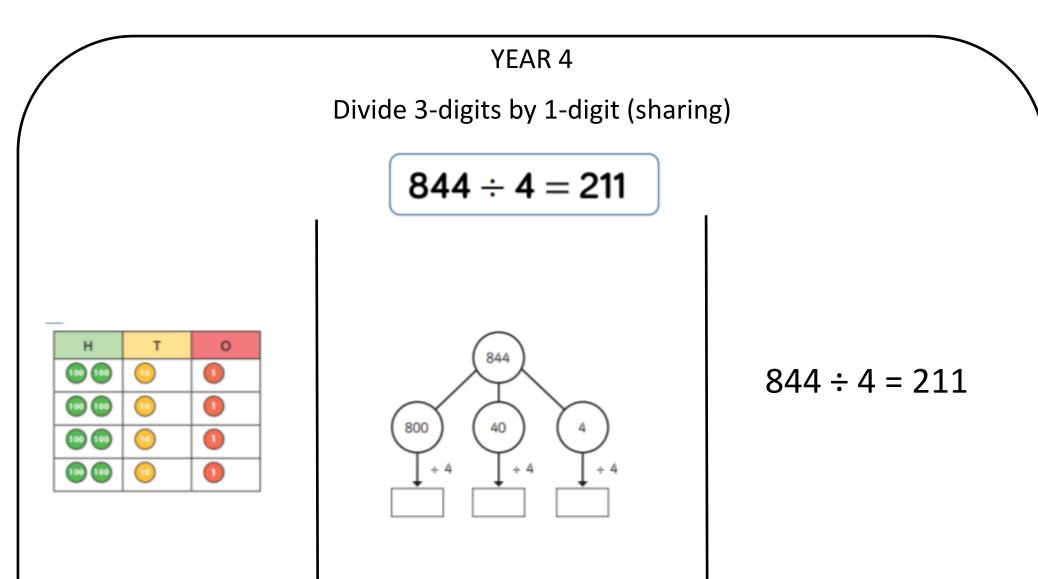


When dividing numbers involving an exchange, children can use Base 10 and place value counters to exchange one ten for ten ones. When using a bar model, it is vital that each part is of an equal size to show sharing equally.





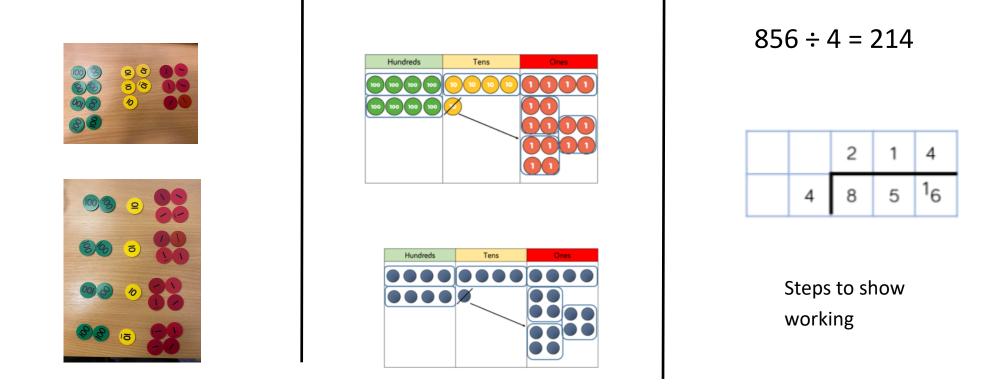
latives to support them. The part whole model is very helpful in understanding the written method. When using a bar model, it is vital that each part is of an equal size to show sharing equally.



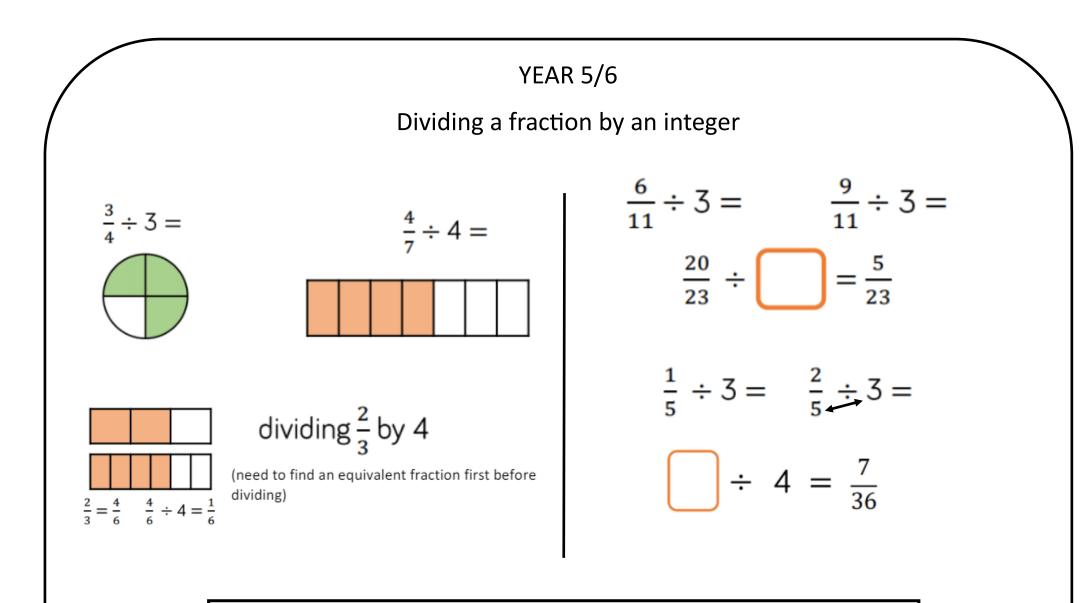
Children can continue to use place value counters to share 3 digit numbers into equal groups. Children should start with the equipment outside the place value grid before sharing the hundreds, tens and ones equally between the rows. This method can also help to highlight remainders. Partitioning can help support this method.

YEAR 5

Divide 3 or 4-digits by 1-digit (grouping)



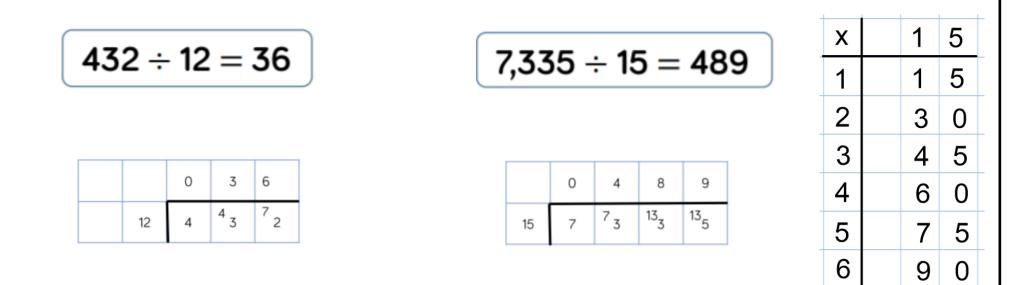
Children can use grouping to support their understanding of short division when dividing a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number. Place value counters or plain counters can be used to support this method.



When dividing a fraction by a whole number, bar models and fraction wheels can be used to show the equal parts of the fraction. Where the numerator is not a factor of the whole number, equivalent fractions should be found in both concrete and pictorial instances. When working abstractly, equivalent fractions can be found, however the denominator and whole number can also be multiplied.

YEAR 6

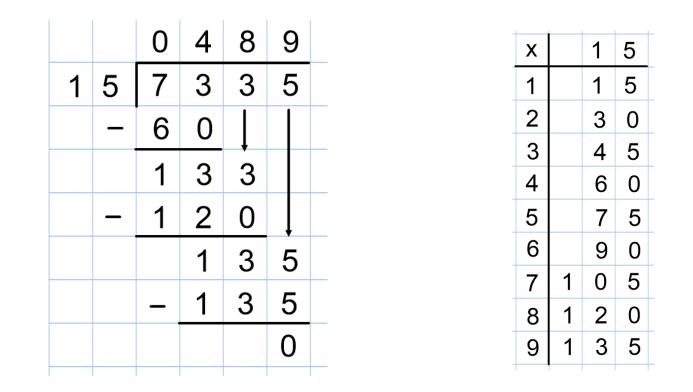
Divide multi digits by 2-digits (short division)



Children should be using written methods for this as pictorial and concrete representations become less effective. Ask children to write out multiples in a table on the right of the page. They can use these multiples for reference.

YEAR 6

Divide multi digits by 2-digits (long division)



A written method is the most effective method when attempting these questions. As with short division, multiples can be written out in a table down the right hand side. Use arrows to point where each remainders go to help signpost to the children the method.

