

Westmoor Primary School



Calculations Policy

This policy demonstrates the steps, with exemplars, of how we teach addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

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Addition +

Stage 1

Children understand the concept of addition as the combining of two or more groups. Children use + and = symbols accurately. Calculations should be written on either side of the equal sign so that = is not just interpreted as the answer.

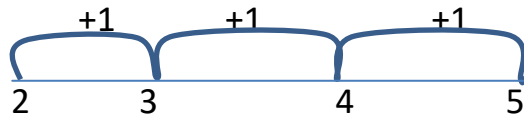
$$6 + 2 = 8 \quad 8 = 6 + 2$$

Children use Numicon and other visual representations to add 2 or more amounts.

$$2 + 3 = 5$$



Extend to counting up in ones on a number line



Using Numicon to add.



A range of models and images to be used.

Stage 3

Adding 2 digit numbers with 2 digit numbers using column methods. Use expanded method first and no crossing tens boundary at this stage.

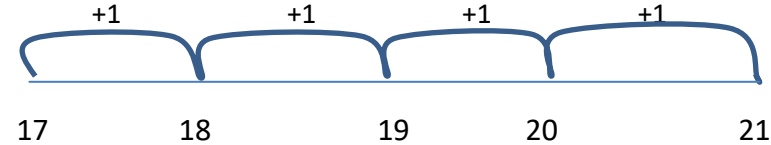
Expanded method	Formal column method
$30 + 6$	36
$+ 10 + 2$	$+ 12$
$40 + 8$	48

Recommended by the end of year 2

Stage 2

Adding 2 digit numbers with single units, bridging through multiples of 10, using a number line.

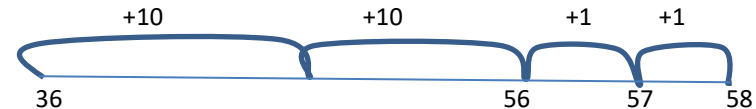
$$17 + 4 = 21$$



A number line should be a representation of a child's thought process and lead to quick mental strategies.

35	36	37	38	39	40
45	46	47	48	49	50
55	56	57	58	59	60

$$36 + 22 = 58$$



Years 1 and 2

Stage 4

Column addition of 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers using expanded methods

Pupils must have a good understanding of place value

$643 + 225 =$	leading to	$643 + 275 =$	to formal method
$600 + 40 + 3$		$600 + 40 + 3$	643
$+ 200 + 20 + 5$		$+ 200 + 70 + 5$	$+ 2175$
$800 + 60 + 8$		$800 + 110 + 8$	918
$= 868$		$= 918$	

Recommended by the end of year 3

Stage 5 - Formal written methods

Short written methods using 'carrying'. The 'carrying' digit should be placed on the 'doorstep'.

$$\begin{array}{r} 7893 \\ + \underline{513185} \\ \hline 13278 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r} 31.76 \\ + \underline{18.017} \\ \hline 49.83 \end{array}$$

Recommended by the end of year 4

In years 5 and 6 pupils continue practising formal written methods with increasing large numbers so they become fluent and precise.

Subtraction -

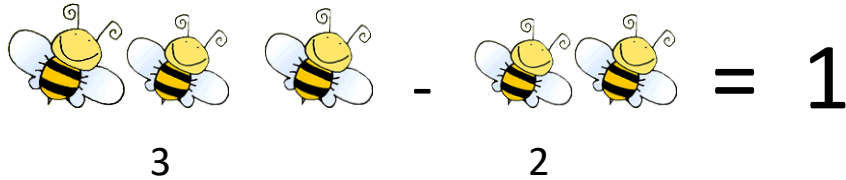
Stage 1

Children understand the concept of subtraction as taking a number away from another. They understand and use – and = symbols accurately.

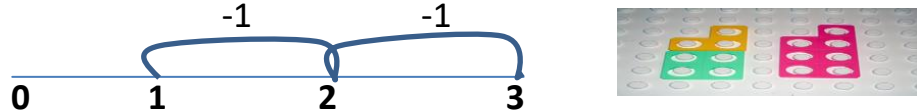
Calculations should be written on either side of the equals sign so that = is not just interpreted as the answer.

$$6 - 2 = 4 \quad 4 = 6 - 2$$

Children use Numicon and visual representations to subtract numbers.



Extend- Counting backwards in ones on a number line. Use Numicon to subtract.



Stage 3

Subtracting 2 digit numbers from other 2 digit numbers using a column method. Use expanded method first and no exchanging at this stage.

Expanded method

$$\begin{array}{r} 30 + 6 \\ - 10 + 2 \\ \hline 40 + 8 \end{array}$$

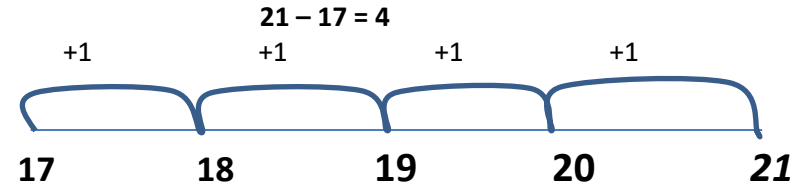
Formal method

$$\begin{array}{r} 36 \\ - 12 \\ \hline 48 \end{array}$$

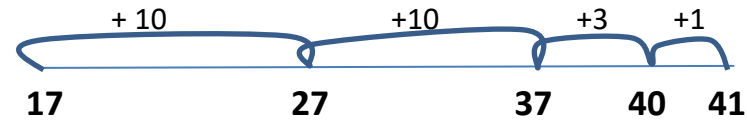
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Stage 2

Begin to 'find the difference' by counting on in ones using a number line



Leading to $41 - 17 =$



Years 1 and 2

Stage 4 –Expanded Written Method

Column Subtraction of 3 and 4 digit numbers using expanded methods first.

Pupils must have a secure understanding of place value and partitioning.

$643 - 221 =$	leading to	$693 - 275 =$	leading to
		$\begin{array}{r} 80 \quad 13 \\ 600 + 90 + 3 \\ - 200 + 70 + 5 \\ \hline 400 + 10 + 8 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 8 \quad 1 \\ 693 \\ - 275 \\ \hline 418 \end{array}$

Stage 5 - Formal written methods

Short written methods using 'borrowing'.

$$\begin{array}{r} 81 \\ 78\cancel{9}3 \\ - 5385 \\ \hline 2508 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r} 5161 \\ 3\cancel{6}.76 \\ - 13.87 \\ \hline 22.89 \end{array}$$

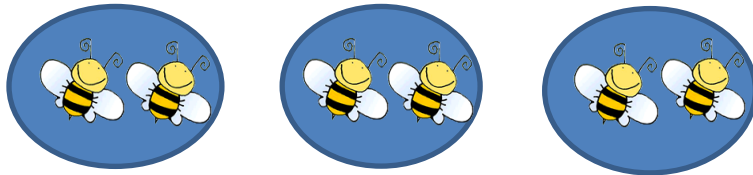
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Multiplication x

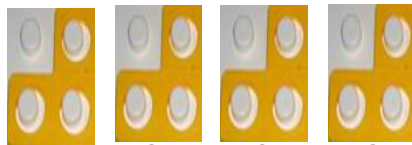
Stage 1

Begin to understand the concept of 'multiplication' and recognise the 'x' symbol. Children use Numicon and visual representations to show groupings of amounts.



3 lots of 2

$$3 \times 2 = 2$$



4 groups of 3

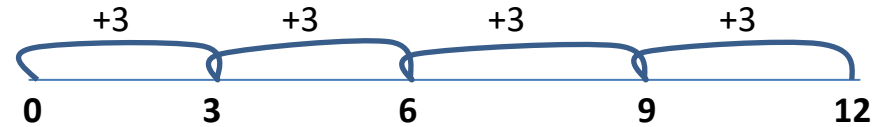
$$4 \times 3 = 12$$

$$3 + 3 + 3 + 3$$

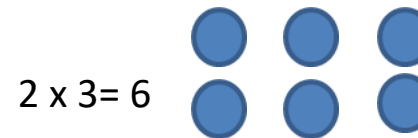
Stage 2

To use a number line to show multiplication as repeated addition.

$$4 \times 3 = 12 \quad 3 + 3 + 3 + 3$$



To use an array to represent multiplication and know multiplication can be done in any order. Use x symbol with confidence.



$$2 \times 3 = 6$$

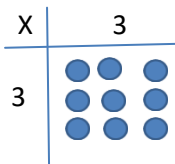
$$3 \times 2 = 6$$

Recommended by the end of year 2

Stage 3

To use 'grid method' as an informal method to carry out multiplication calculations. Use numbers appropriate to current level of attainment. Begin by using an array in a grid.

An array 23×8 leading to 372×24



$$\begin{array}{r} \times 20 \quad 3 \\ 8 \quad 160 \quad 24 \\ \hline \end{array} = 184$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \times 300 \quad 70 \quad 2 \\ 20 \quad 6000 \quad 1400 \quad 160 \\ 4 \quad 1200 \quad 280 \quad 8 \\ \hline 7560 \\ \hline 14188 \\ \hline 8948 \end{array}$$

Recommended by the end of year 4

Stage 4

To use formal written methods to multiply 4 digits by 1 or 2 digit numbers, extending to long multiplication.

Short method leading to

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{(TU} \times \text{U)} \\ \mathbf{23 \times 7} \\ \begin{array}{r} 23 \\ \times 7 \\ \hline 21 \\ + 140 \text{ (20} \times 7) \\ \hline 161 \end{array} \end{array}$$

Long multiplication

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{(HTU} \times \text{TU)} \\ \mathbf{315 \times 25} \\ \begin{array}{r} 315 \\ \times 25 \\ \hline 1575 \text{ (315} \times 5) \\ + 6300 \text{ (315} \times 20) \\ \hline 7875 \end{array} \end{array}$$

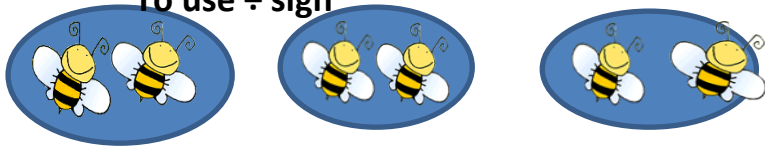
Practising and securing these formal written methods in years 5 and 6.

Division ÷

Stage 1

Begin to understand the concept of 'division' as 'sharing' and recognise the '÷' symbol. Use a range of model and images to show 'sharing' an amount equally.

To use ÷ sign



6 shared equally by 3

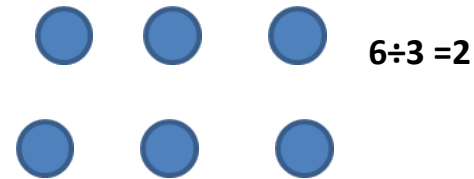


Use Numicon to show
 $6 \div 2 = 3$

Stage 2

To describe division as sharing an amount equally.

To understand division within the multiplication tables. $U \div U$ and $TU \div U$



Recommended by year 2

Stage 3

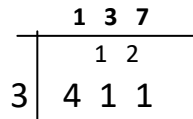
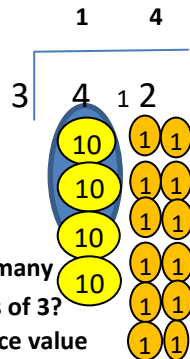
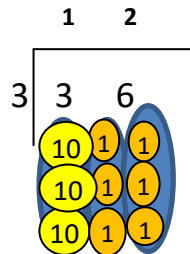
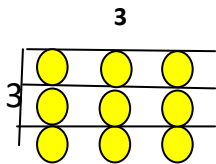
To use the short division method to divide numbers, including decimals. Identify remainders.

$$9 \div 3 = 3$$

$$36 \div 3$$

$$42 \div 3$$

$$137 \div 3$$



How many
groups of 3?

Using place value

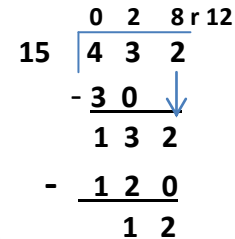
Counters to group and exchange.

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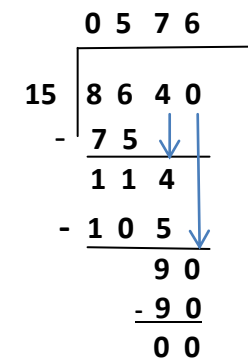
Stage 4

To use long division method to divide 3 and 4-digit numbers by 2 digit numbers.

$$432 \div 15$$



$$8640 \div 15$$



To practise and secure short and long division in years 5 and 6.