

Maths at St. Martin's Catholic Primary

The national curriculum for mathematics aims to ensure 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
- reason mathematically by following a line of enquiry, conjecturing relationships and generalisations, and developing an argument, justification or proof using mathematical language
- can solve problems by applying their mathematics to a variety of routine and non-routine problems with increasing sophistication, including breaking down problems into a series of simpler steps and persevering in seeking solutions

At St. Martin's we follow a Mastery approach to help us to achieve these aims.

The key features of a mastery approach:

The class work together on the same topic

The emphasis is on keeping the class together until specific concepts or skills are mastered and then moving on together. This does **not** mean that some children will be left behind or others not challenged. Differentiation is now achieved through and deeper understanding, as explained below.

Speedy teacher intervention to prevent gaps

Those children that have not met the expected outcomes or have gaps in their understanding, will be helped by receiving short, immediate extra time on maths, during the lesson or later in the day. This is a positive opportunity to consolidate their understanding.

Challenge is provided by going deeper not accelerating

For those children that have mastered the skill, concept or procedure they will be presented with higher order thinking activities, rather than accelerating through the curriculum.

Focused, rigorous and thorough teaching

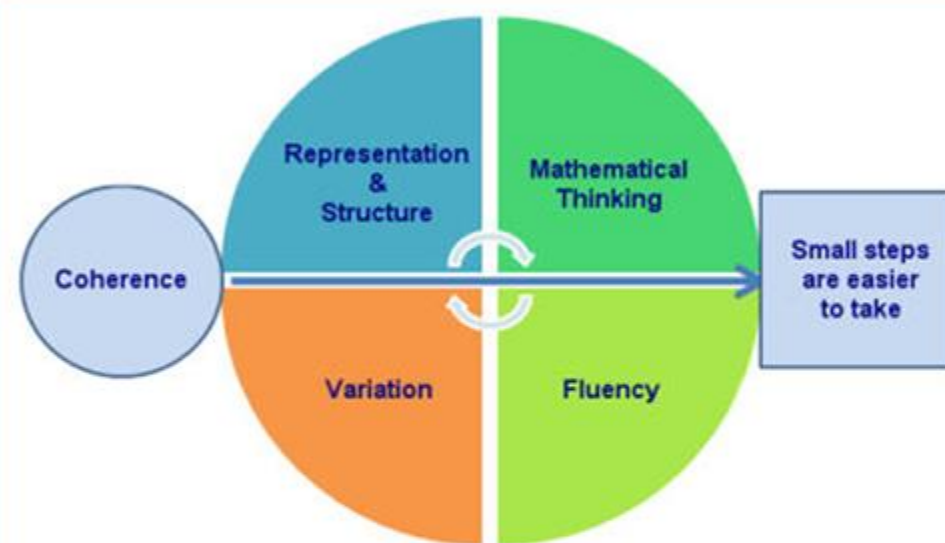
Within Mastery, the idea is to focus on one small step at a time in a lesson, with an emphasis on the mathematical structures involved and the best way to represent these through models and images. Each small step is important as it builds towards deep understanding of a concept.

More time on teaching topics – depth and practice

The same topic is likely to have the same focus until the class has mastered the concept, skill or procedure being taught. This is particularly the case for number and calculations. Focus areas are being taught over a longer time with smaller steps of progress and time is for practice and depth, making the learning effective.

Representation and Structure
Representations such as objects and pictures are used in lessons expose the mathematical concepts being taught.

Mathematical Thinking
If taught ideas are to be understood deeply, they must not merely be passively received but must be thought about, reasoned with and discussed with others.



Variation
Varying the way a concept is initially presented to students, by giving examples that display a concept as well as those that don't display it. Also, carefully varying practice questions so that mechanical repetition is avoided, and thinking is encouraged.

Fluency
Quick and efficient recall of facts and procedures and the flexibility to move between different contexts and representations of mathematics.

Coherence
Connecting new ideas to concepts that have already been understood, and ensuring that, once understood and mastered, new ideas are used again in next steps of learning, all steps being small steps.

You will see in our daily maths lessons:

Fluency, reasoning and problem solving.

In EYFS, KS1 and Year 3 the children are using the Mastering Number KS1 Program.

Learners are supported and challenged in lessons through questioning, resources and being challenged to think creatively about a problem.

Concrete manipulatives and pictorial representations are used to support conceptual understanding and to make links across topics.

Websites you can use to help your children at home:

<https://nrich.maths.org/parents>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

<https://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/index.html>

<https://www.cgpbbooks.co.uk/resources/cgp-s-free-online-10-minute-tests>

<https://www.educationquizzes.com/in/primary/>

<https://mathsbot.com/>

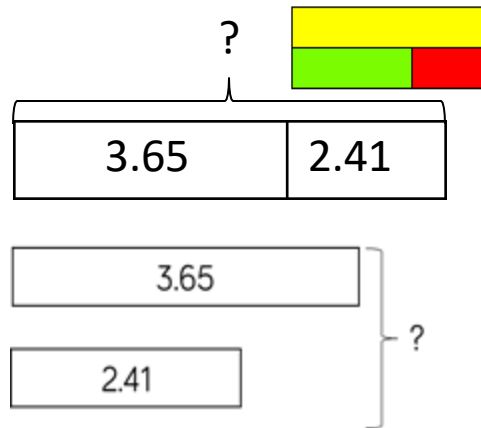
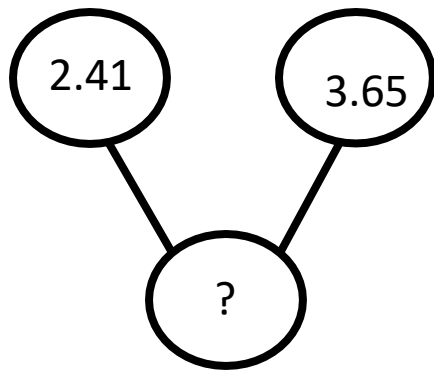
<https://www.ncetm.org.uk/classroom-resources/ey-numberblocks-at-home/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

**YEAR 5 and
YEAR 6**

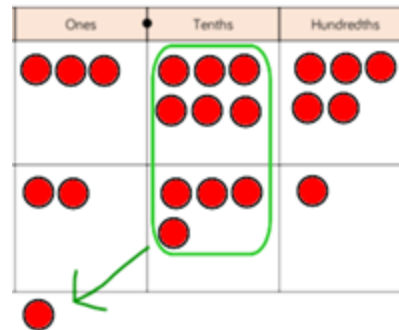
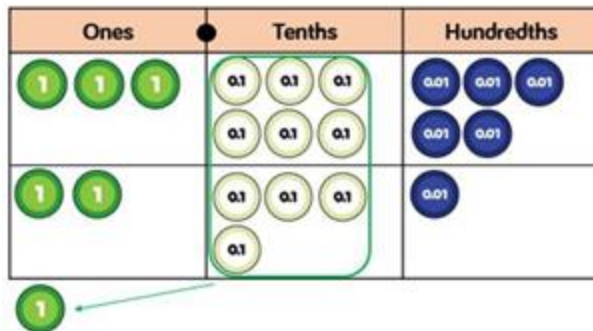
Skill: Add with up to 3 decimal places

Year: 5/6



$$\begin{array}{r} 3.65 \\ + 2.41 \\ \hline 6.06 \\ 1 \end{array}$$

$$3.65 + 2.41 = 6.06$$

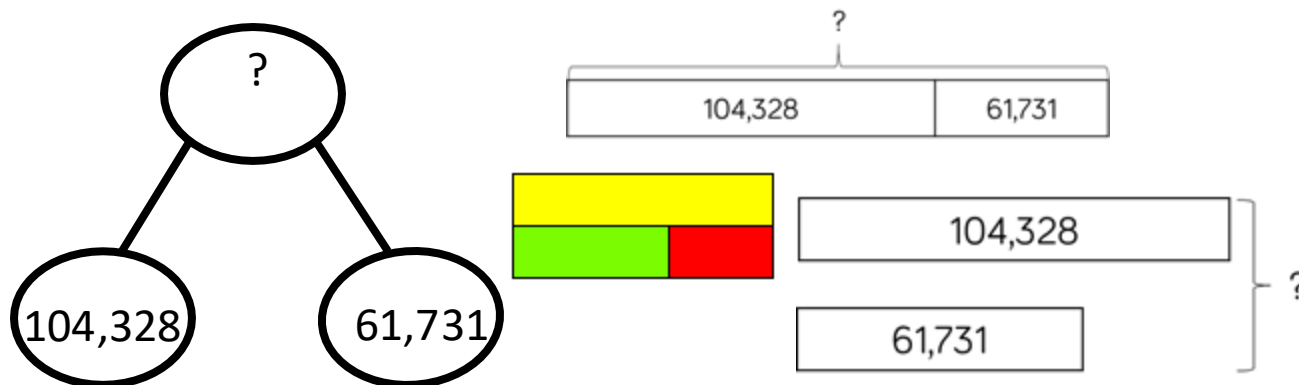


Place value counters and plain counters on a place value grid are the most effective manipulatives when adding decimals with 1, 2 and then 3 decimal places.

Ensure children have experience of adding decimals with a variety of decimal places. This includes putting this into context when adding money and other measures.

Skill: Add numbers with more than 4 digits

Year: 5/6



$$104,328 + 61,731 = 166,059$$

HTh	TTh	Th	H	T	O
100,000		4,000 300	400 300 300	20 20	8 1 1 1 1 1
	60,000 10,000 10,000 10,000	1,000	100 100 100 100 100	10 10 10	1

1	0	4	3	2	8
+	6	1	7	3	1
1	6	6	0	5	9

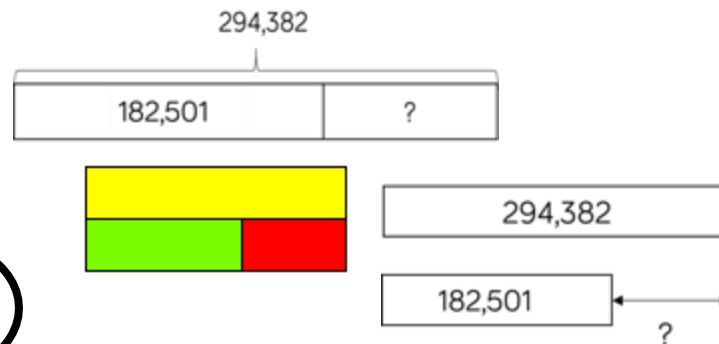
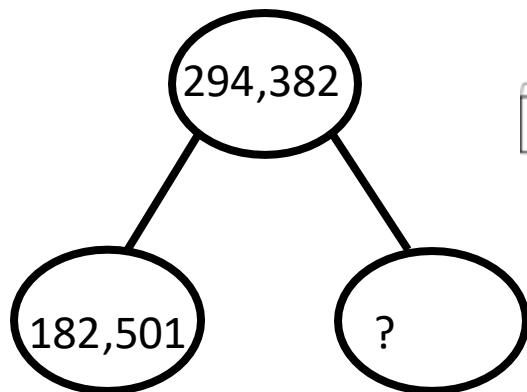
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Place value counters or plain counters on a place value grid are the most effective concrete resources when adding numbers with more than 4 digits.

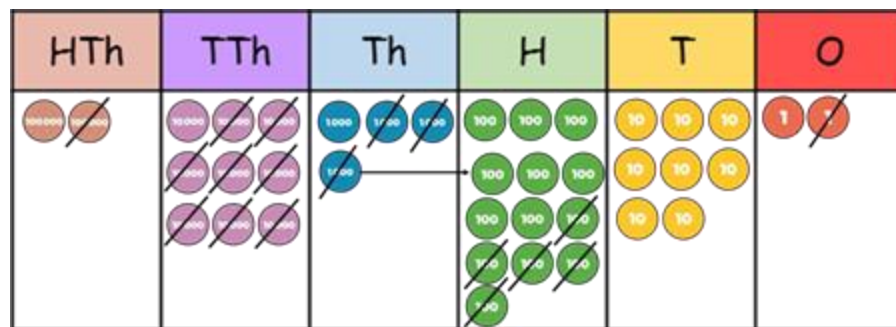
At this stage, children should be encouraged to work in the abstract, using the column method to add larger numbers efficiently.

Skill: Subtract numbers with more than 4 digits

Year: 5/6



$$294,382 - 182,501 = 111,881$$



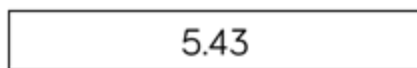
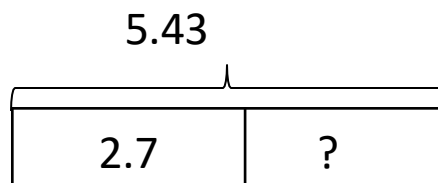
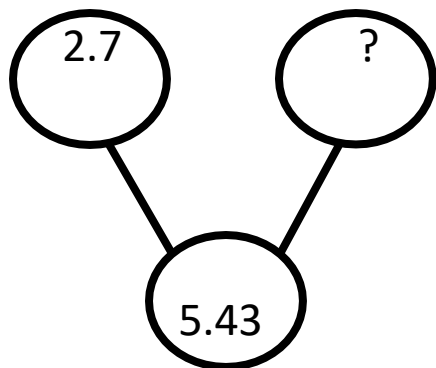
	2	9	3	1	8	2
-	1	8	2	5	0	1
	1	1	1	8	8	1

Place value counters or plain counters on a place value grid are the most effective concrete resource when subtracting 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.

Skill: Subtract with up to 3 decimal places

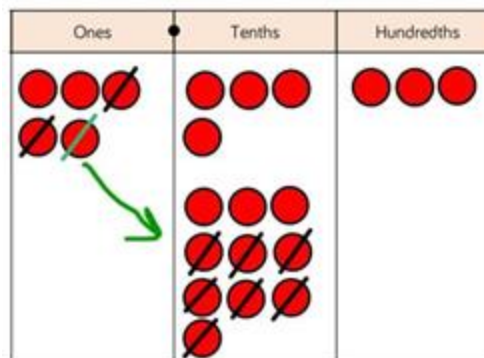
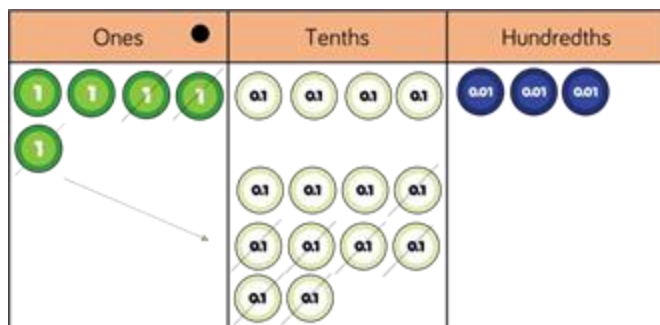
Year: 5/6



$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \quad 1 \\ 5.43 \\ - 2.7 \\ \hline 2.73 \end{array}$$



$$5.43 - 2.7 = 2.73$$



Place value counters and plain counters on a place value grid are the most effective manipulative when subtracting decimals with 1, 2 and then 3 decimal places.

Ensure children have experience of subtracting decimals with a variety of decimal places. This includes putting this into context when subtracting money and other measures.

Skill: Multiply 4-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers

Year: 5



$$1,826 \times 3 = 5,478$$

	Th	H	T	O
	1	8	2	6
×				3
	5	4	7	8

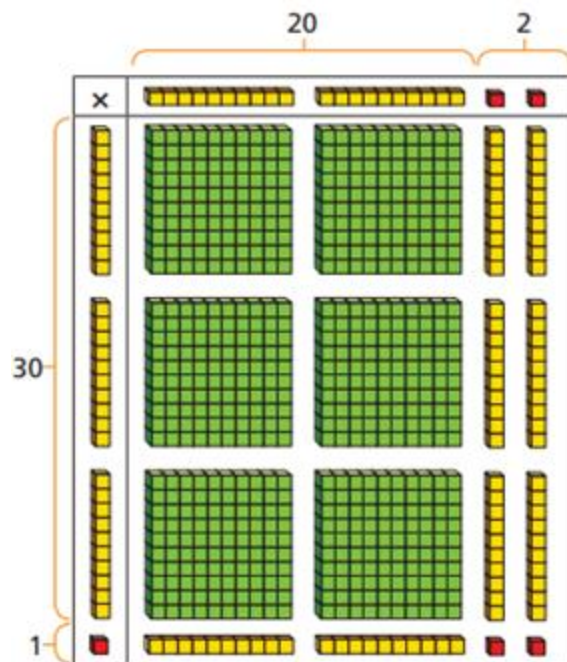
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When multiplying 4-digit numbers, place value counters are the best manipulative to use to support children in their understanding of the formal written method. If children are multiplying larger numbers and struggling with their times tables, encourage the use of multiplication grids so children can focus on the use of the written method.

Skill: Multiply 2-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers

Year: 5



×	20	2
30	600	60
1	20	2

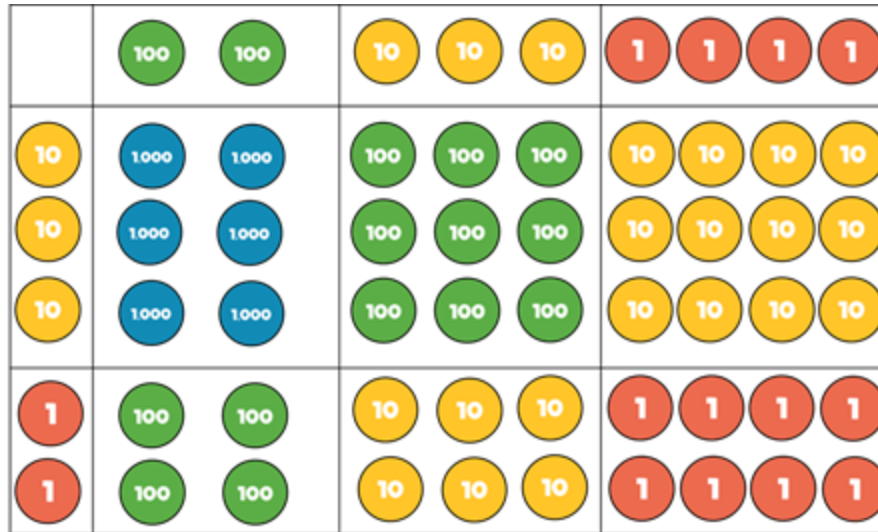
	H	T	O
		2	2
×		3	1
		2	2
	6	6	0
	6	8	2

$$22 \times 31 = 682$$

When multiplying a multi-digit number by 2-digits, use the area model to help children understand the size of the numbers they are using. This links to finding the area of a rectangle by finding the space covered by the Base 10. The grid method matches the area model as an initial written method before moving on to the formal written multiplication method.

Skill: Multiply 3-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers

Year: 5



Th	H	T	O
	2	3	4
×		3	2
	4	6	8
1 7	1 0	2	0
7	4	8	8

$$234 \times 32 = 7,488$$

×	200	30	4
30	6,000	900	120
2	400	60	8

Children can continue to use the area model when multiplying 3- digits by 2-digits.

Place value counters become more efficient to use but Base 10 can be used to highlight the size of numbers.

Children should now move towards the formal written method, seeing the links with the grid method.

Skill: Multiply 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers

Year: 5/6

TTh	Th	H	T	O
	2	7	3	9
×			2	8
2	1	9	1	2
2	5	3	7	
5	4	7	8	0
1		1		
7	6	6	9	2

$$2,739 \times 28 = 76,692$$

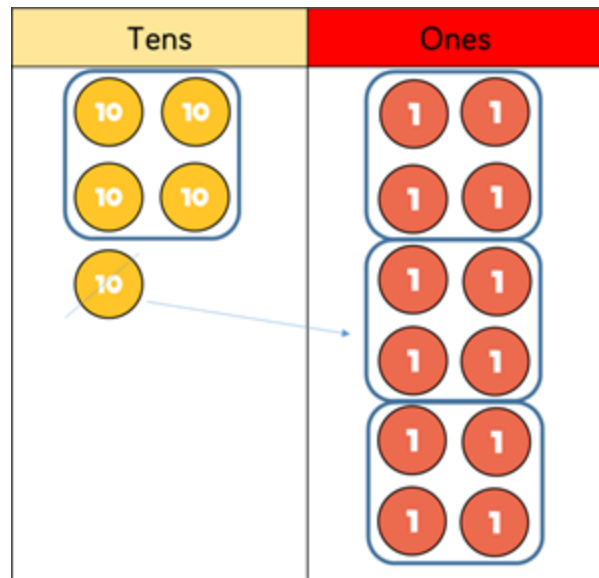
When multiplying 4-digits by 2-digits, children should be confident in using the formal written method.

If they are still struggling with times tables, provide multiplication grids to support when they are focusing on the use of the method.

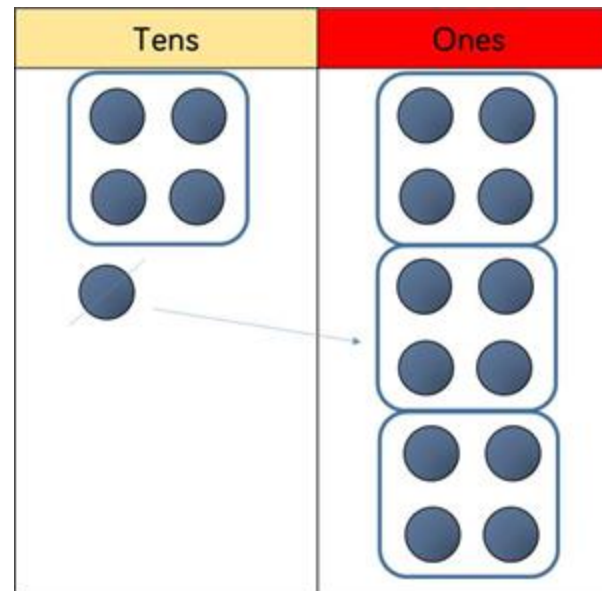
Consider where exchanged digits are placed and make sure this is consistent.

Skill: Divide 2-digits by 1-digit (grouping)

Year: 5



		1	3	
	4	5	12	



$$52 \div 4 = 13$$

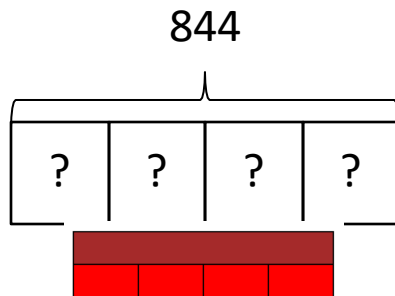
(Change to same calculation) When using the short division method, children use grouping. Starting with the largest place value, they group by the divisor. Language is important here. Children should consider 'How many groups of 4 tens can we make?' and 'How many groups of 4 ones can we make?'

Remainders can also be seen as they

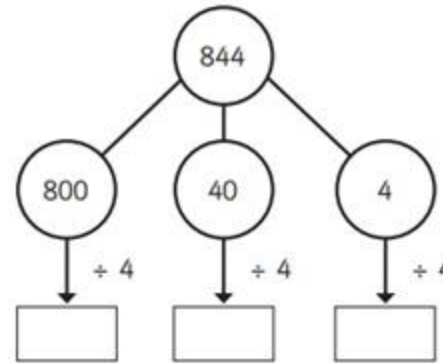
Skill: Divide 3-digits by 1-digit (sharing)

Year: 5

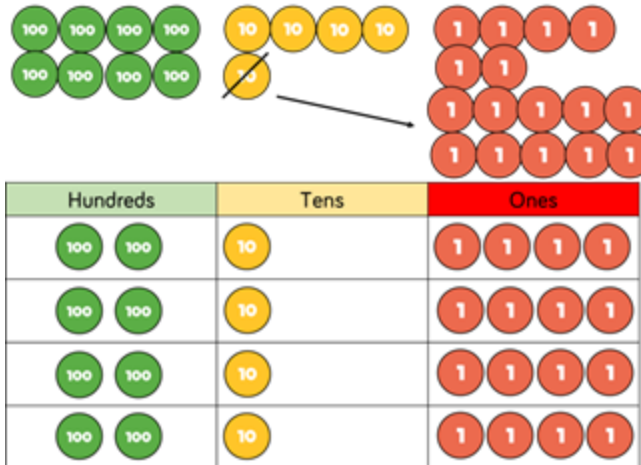
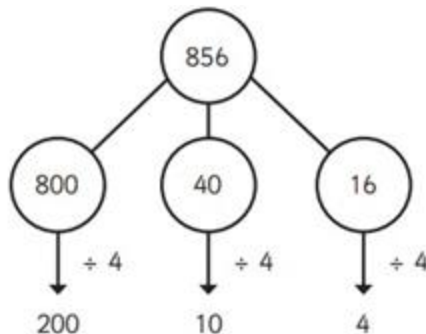
$$844 \div 4 = 211$$



H	T	O
100 100	10	1
100 100	10	1
100 100	10	1
100 100	10	1



$$856 \div 4 = 214$$



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.

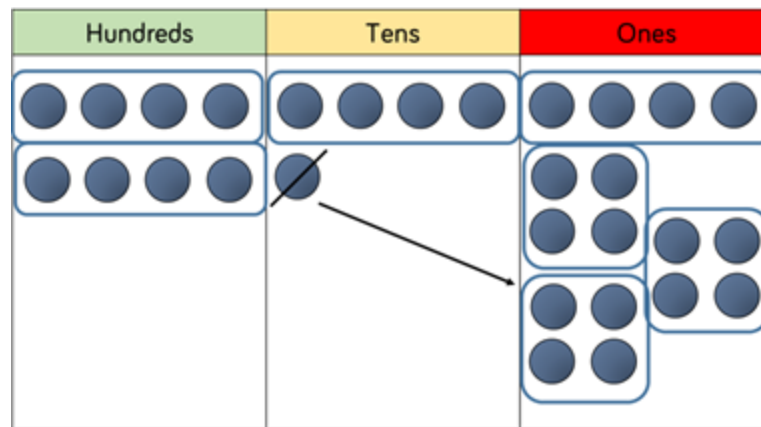
Flexible partitioning in a part-whole model supports this method.

Skill: Divide 3-digits by 1-digit (grouping)

Year: 5



		2	1	4
	4	8	5	16



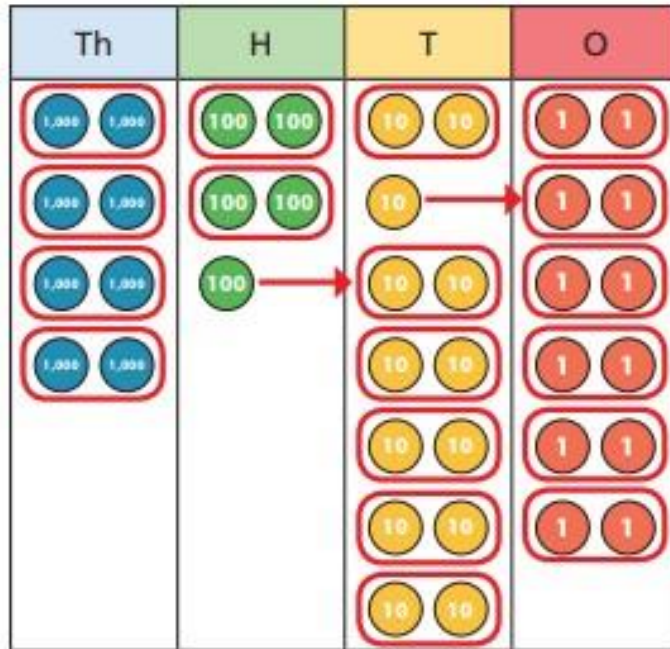
$$856 \div 4 = 214$$

Children can continue to 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 on a place value grid to support this understanding. Children can also draw their own counters and group them through a more pictorial method.

Skill: Divide 4-digits by 1-digit (grouping)

Year: 5



	4	2	6	6
2	8	5	13	12

$$8,532 \div 2 = 4,266$$

Place value counters or plain counters can be used on a place value grid to support children to divide 4-digits by 1-digit.

Children can also draw their own counters and group them through a more pictorial method.

Children should be encouraged to move away from the concrete and pictorial when dividing numbers with multiple exchanges.

Skill: Divide multi digits by 2-digits (short division)

Year: 6

		0	3	6
	12	4	4 ₃	7 ₂

$$432 \div 12 = 36$$

$$7,335 \div 15 = 489$$

	0	4	8	9
15	7	7 ₃	13 ₃	13 ₅

15	30	45	60	75	90	105	120	135	150
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When children begin to divide up to 4-digits by 2-digits, written methods become the most accurate as concrete and pictorial representations become less effective. Children can write out multiples to support their calculations with larger remainders. Children will also solve problems with remainders where the quotient can be rounded as appropriate.

Skill: Divide multi-digits by 2-digits (long division)

Year: 6

		0	3	6
1	2	4	3	2
	-	3	6	0
			7	2
	-		7	2
				0

$$\begin{array}{l} \cdot 12 \times 1 = 12 \\ 12 \times 2 = 24 \\ 12 \times 3 = 36 \\ 12 \times 4 = 48 \\ 12 \times 5 = 60 \\ 12 \times 6 = 72 \\ 12 \times 7 = 84 \\ 12 \times 8 = 96 \\ 12 \times 7 = 108 \\ 12 \times 10 = 120 \end{array}$$

$$432 \div 12 = 36$$

$$7,335 \div 15 = 489$$

	0	4	8	9
15	7	3	3	5
-	6	0	0	0
	1	3	3	5
-	1	2	0	0
		1	3	5
-		1	3	5
				0

$$\begin{array}{l} 1 \times 15 = 15 \\ 2 \times 15 = 30 \\ 3 \times 15 = 45 \\ 4 \times 15 = 60 \\ 5 \times 15 = 75 \\ 10 \times 15 = 150 \end{array}$$

Children can also divide by 2-digit numbers using long division.

Children can write out multiples to support their calculations with larger remainders.

Children will also solve problems with remainders where the quotient can be rounded as appropriate.

Skill: Divide multi digits by 2-digits (long division)

Year: 6

$$372 \div 15 = 24 \text{ r}12$$

			2	4	r	1	2
1	5	3	7	2			
	-	3	0	0			
			7	2			
	-		6	0			
			1	2			

- $1 \times 15 = 15$
- $2 \times 15 = 30$
- $3 \times 15 = 45$
- $4 \times 15 = 60$
- $5 \times 15 = 75$
- $10 \times 15 = 150$

			2	4	$\frac{4}{5}$
1	5	3	7	2	
	-	3	0	0	
			7	2	
	-		6	0	
			1	2	

$$372 \div 15 = 24 \frac{4}{5}$$

When a remainder is left at the end of a calculation, children can either leave it as a remainder or convert it to a fraction.

This will depend on the context of the question.

Children can also answer questions where the quotient needs to be rounded according to the context.

Glossary

Array – An ordered collection of counters, cubes or other item in rows and columns.

Commutative – Numbers can be multiplied in any order.

Dividend – In division, the number that is divided.

Divisor – In division, the number by which another is divided.

Exchange – Change a number or expression for another of an equal value.

Factor – A number that multiplies with another to make a product.

Multiplicand – In multiplication, a number to be multiplied by another.

Partitioning – Splitting a number into its component parts.

Product – The result of multiplying one number by another.

Quotient – The result of a division

Remainder – The amount left over after a division when the divisor is not a factor of the dividend.

Scaling – Enlarging or reducing a number by a given amount, called the scale factor

Glossary

Addend - A number to be added to another.

Aggregation - combining two or more quantities or measures to find a total.

Augmentation - increasing a quantity or measure by another quantity.

Commutative – numbers can be added in any order.

Complement – in addition, a number and its complement make a total e.g. 300 is the complement to 700 to make 1,000

Difference – the numerical difference between two numbers is found by comparing the quantity in each group.

Exchange – Change a number or expression for another of an equal value.

Minuend – A quantity or number from which another is subtracted.

Partitioning – Splitting a number into its component parts.

Reduction – Subtraction as take away.

Subitise – Instantly recognise the number of objects in a small group without needing to count.

Subtrahend - A number to be subtracted from another.

Sum - The result of an addition.

Total – The aggregate or the sum found by addition.