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Mental and Written Calculation Policy

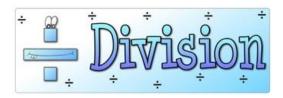


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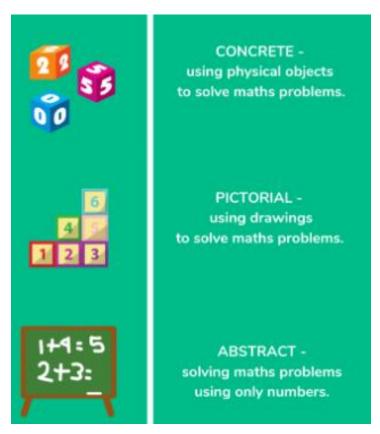


This document sets out the expectations for each year group in terms of calculation strategies which will be taught, explored and applied to a range of contexts.

This Policy is also supplemented by self-guide video tutorials on the school website https://hindley.wigan.sch.uk/maths.html

Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract

The children's understanding of these calculation strategies will be underpinned by a secure understanding of place value. At Hindley Junior and Infant School, we teach through a CPA (concrete, pictorial, abstract) approach. Understanding in all areas of maths will be developed by children using concrete resources and interpreting and using pictorial representations before moving onto solving abstract calculations The CPA process/approach will be clearly displayed on maths working walls for the current maths focus.

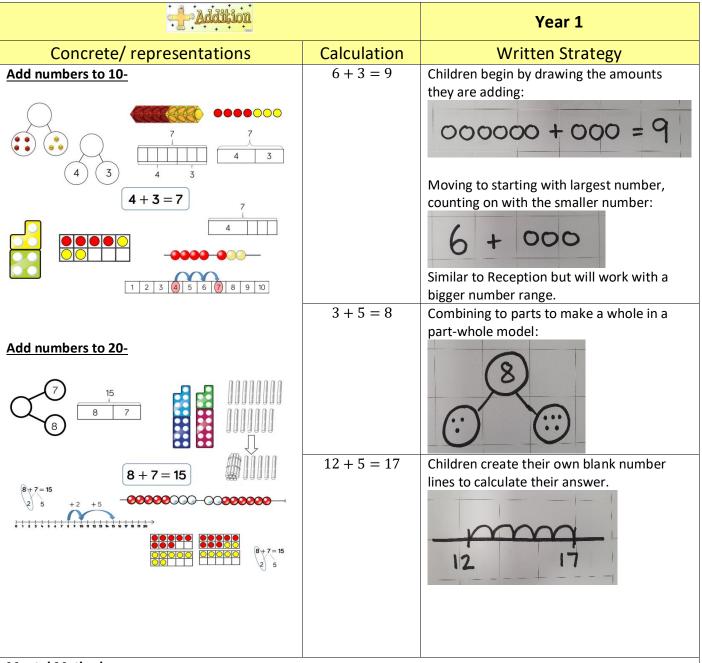


Mental Strategies

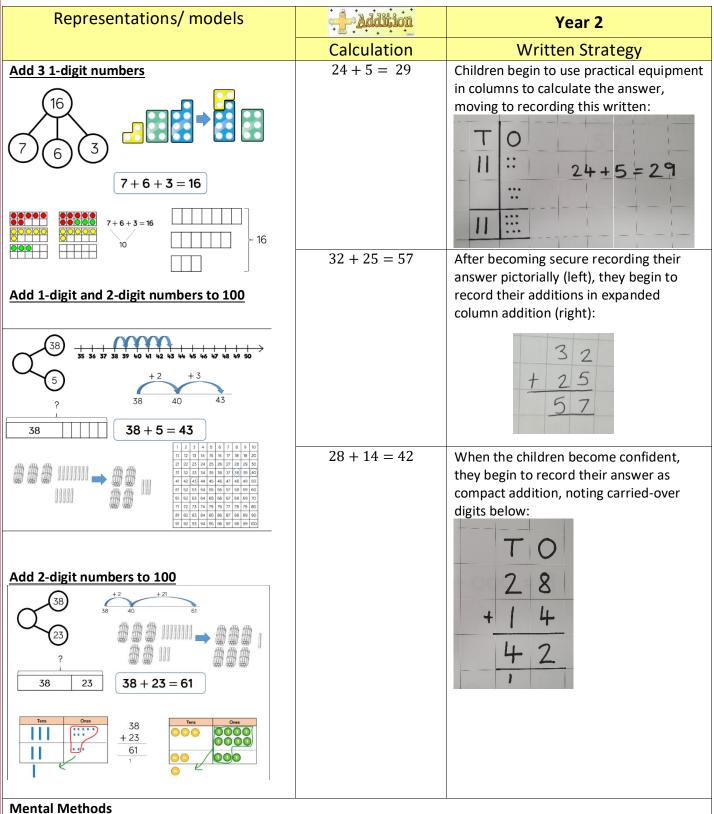
This document also contains essential information about the mental strategies that children will be taught. It is of vital importance that these are given high-priority during maths teaching and practised regularly, so that children have the skills which are required across all areas of maths.

Addition		Early Years
Representations/ models	Calculation	Written Strategy
How many dinosaurs are there?	5+1 =6	00000 + 0 = 000000 5 + 1 = 6
What about if I give you two more? How many are there now? There are 2 birds. Another bird flies in. How many are there altogether? + = 3	4 + 3 =7	Children count on form the biggest number by drawing three objects/circles first 4 + 3 = 7 000
Count on from the larger number. A child will choose the larger number, even when it is not the first and count on from there; (5 in your head) 'six, seven, eight' using their fingers: 3 + 5 = 8 5 + 2 = 7	7 +2 = 9	Children start at the biggest number and count on in their heads (using fingers if they need to).

- Develop a mental image of the number system.
- Understand the value of a number
- Counting forwards and backwards
- Recall of number bonds to 5 and 10



- Re-ordering the numbers when adding e.g. put the larger number first
- Counting on and back in ones, twos, fives and tens from any given number.
- Composition of all numbers to 20.
- Looking for pairs of numbers that equal 10 and 20 e.g. all number bonds.
- Using number bonds within 10 20 in several different forms (e.g. 9+7 = 16, 16-7=9 and 7=16-9)
- Partitioning small numbers to bridge tens e.g. 8+3 = 8+2+1
- Partitioning using known facts e.g. double and adjust 5+6 = 5+5+1
- Adding 9 to a number by adding 10 and then subtracting 1



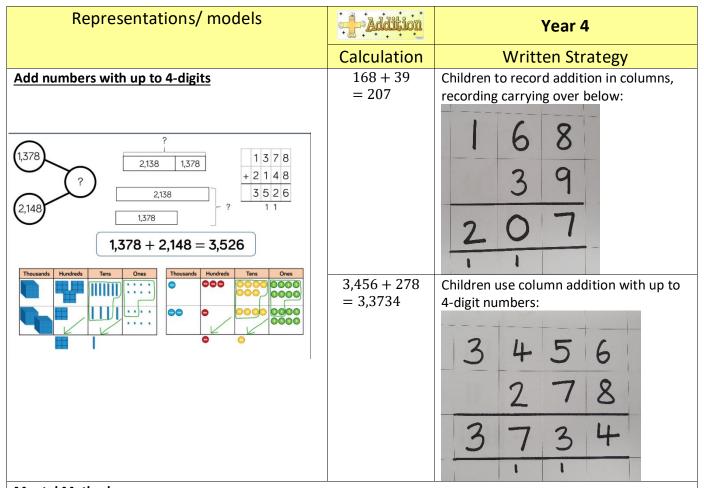
- Reordering numbers when adding putting the largest number first.
- Counting on and back in ones, twos, fives and tens from any given number.
- Compensating: add 9, 19, 11 or 21 e.g. 24-9=,24-10= 14 + 1
- Compensating: doubling and adjusting. 6 + 7= 6 doubled is 12 + 1= 13
- Partitioning: Bridge through 10 when adding. E.g. 7 + 4, 7 + 3 = 10 + 1 = 11

- Partition and combine multiples of tens and ones. (split into tens and ones)
- Looking for number bonds/known facts when adding 3 one-digit numbers.

Representations/ models	Addition	Year 3
	Calculation	Written Strategy
Add 1-digit and 2-digit numbers to 100 38 38 38 +5 = 43 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 30 40 40 45 45 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40	32 + 24 = 56	Children only record pictorially (left) at the very beginning of Year 3 to recap prior learning. Children to then only record abstract (right): TOTOTO III 3 2 + II + 2 4 IIIII 5 6
Add 2-digit numbers to 100 38 38 23 38 + 23 = 61 Add numbers with up to 3-digits Add numbers with up to 3-digits 265 265 164 265 265 265 265 265 265 265 2	147 + 36 = 183 226 + 115 = 341	Children to use pictorial representation to become confident with compact column addition using 3-digit numbers including carrying: HTOHTOHTOHTOHTOHTOHTOHTOHTOHTOHTOHTOHTOH

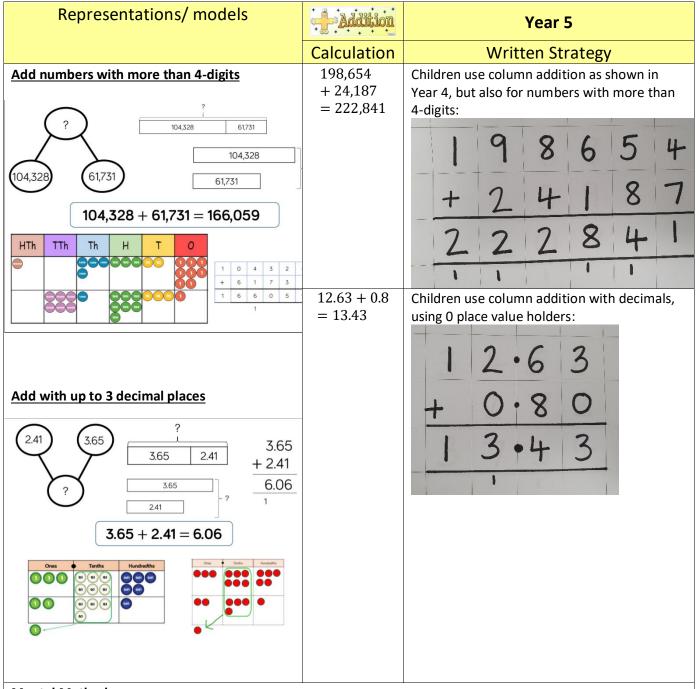
The children should be taught to use the following mental strategies, and to use jottings to support their methods, where appropriate:

- Counting on in hundreds, tens and ones to find the total.
- Partitioning into hundreds, tens, and ones in different ways, then recombine (824 = 800 + 20 + 4, 824 = 700 + 110 +14).
- Reorder the numbers when adding. (largest first)
- Bridge through a multiple of 10, then adjust. E.g. 7 + 4, 7 + 3 = 10 + 1 = 11
- Use known facts and place value to add.
- Use patterns of similar calculations
- Compensating: add or subtract 10, 20 or 100 and adjust.

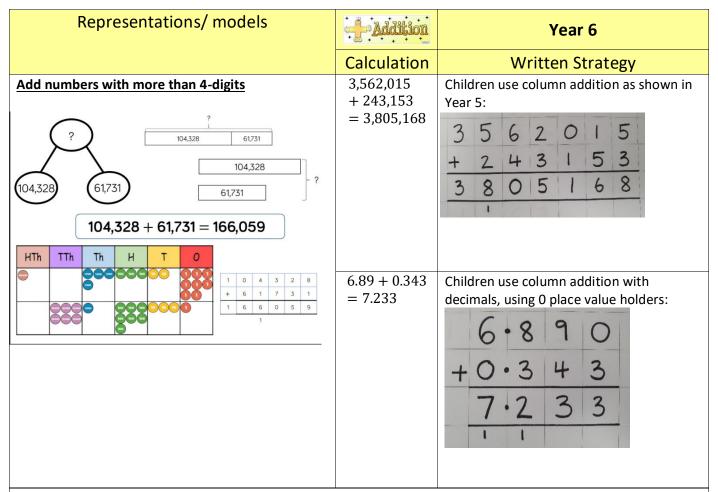


Mental Methods

- Count in steps of thousands, hundreds, tens and ones.
- Reorder numbers in a calculation
- Add 3 or 4 small numbers
- Partition: adding the most significant digit first
- Compensating: doubling and adjusting
- Compensating: Adding the nearest multiple of 10 or 100 and then adjust
- Using knowledge of place value and related calculations e.g. working out 150 +140 = 290 by using 15 + 14 = 29.



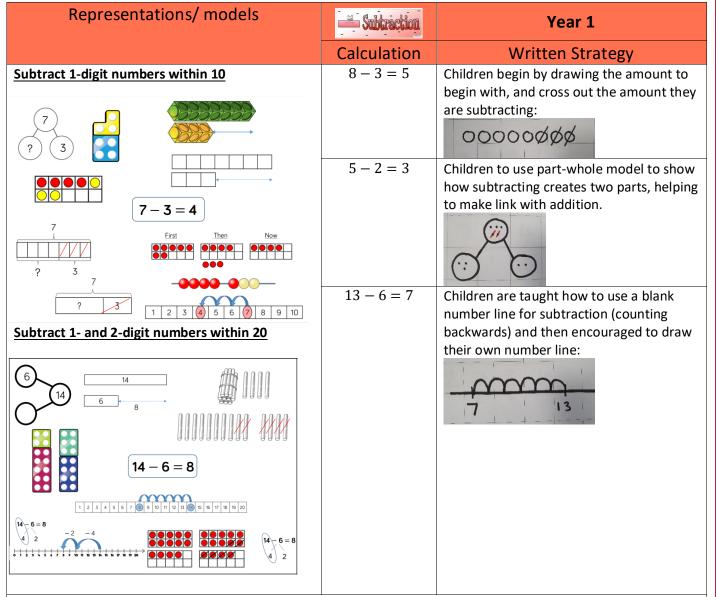
- Counting on in steps of 0.1, 1, 10, 100 or 1,000
- Reorder the numbers in a calculation
- Partitioning, adding the most significant digit first
- Compensating: Add a multiple of 10, 100 or 1,000 and adjust.
- Compensating: Double and adjust.
- Use knowledge of place value and related calculations e.g. 6.3 + 4.8 using 63 + 48



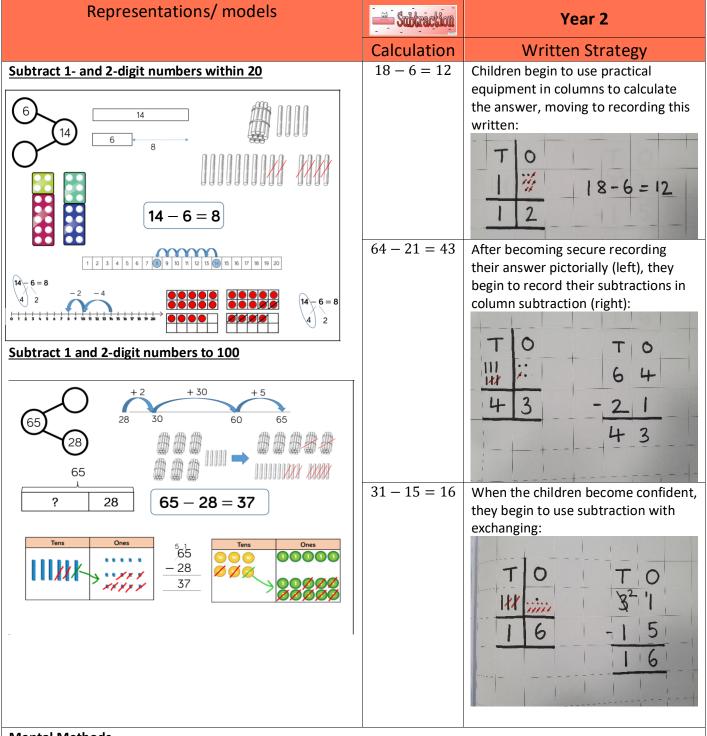
- Consolidate all strategies from previous years
- Partition, adding the most significant digit first
- Compensating: adding a whole number, multiple of 10 or double and adjust.
- Use knowledge of place value and related calculations e.g. 680 + 430, 6.8 + 4.3, 0.68 + 0.43 can all be worked out using the related calculation 68 + 43.

Representations/ models	Subtraction	Early Years
	Calculation	Written Strategy
I had 9 sweets and I ate 2. How many have I got left? (e.g. 6-3= 3)	5 -1 = 4	Children draw the number of objects and then cross out the amount subtracting. $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

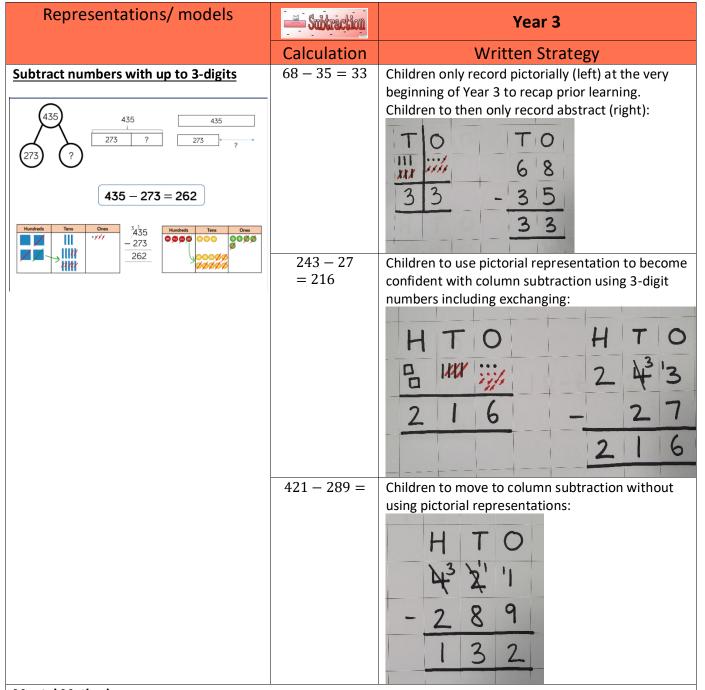
- Develop a mental image of the number system.
- Understand the value of a number
- Counting forwards and backwards
- Recall of number bonds to 10



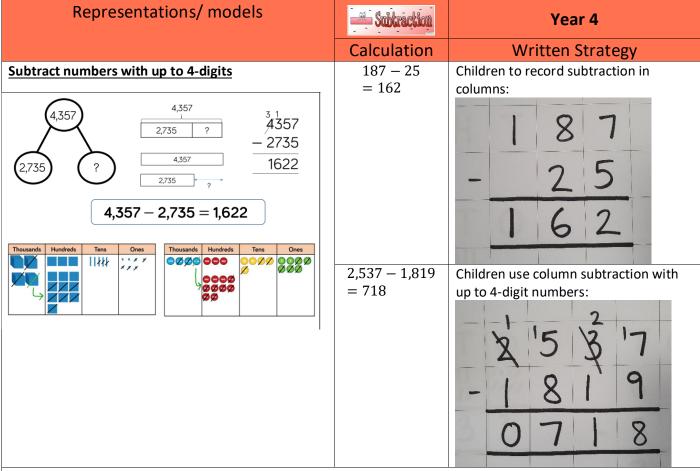
- Count back in ones, twos, fives and tens from any given number.
- Find one less than a number
- Find 10 less than a multiple of 10
- Take away a small number by counting back
- Find a small difference by counting on E.g. 10-7, how many do we need to reach 10 starting at 7?
- Begin to bridge through 10 when subtracting a one-digit number
- Start to recall subtraction facts up to and within 10 and 20 and understand subtracting 0



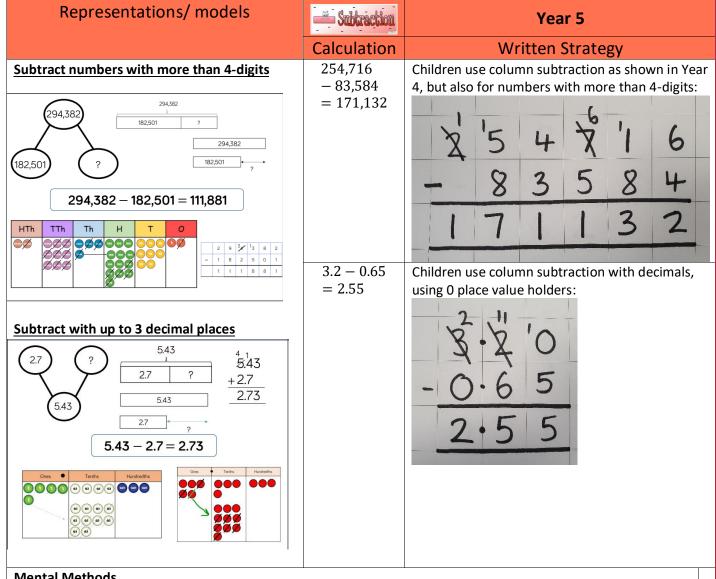
- Counting back in ones, twos, fives and tens.
- Subtract mentally a 'near multiple of 10' by subtracting and adjusting.
- Subtract a small number by counting back.
- Find a small difference by counting up from the smaller to the larger number (on a number line)
- Recalling subtraction facts for numbers to 20 and using these to derive the related facts up to 100.
- Subtract by partitioning the second number and subtracting ones and then tens.
- Use patterns of similar calculations.



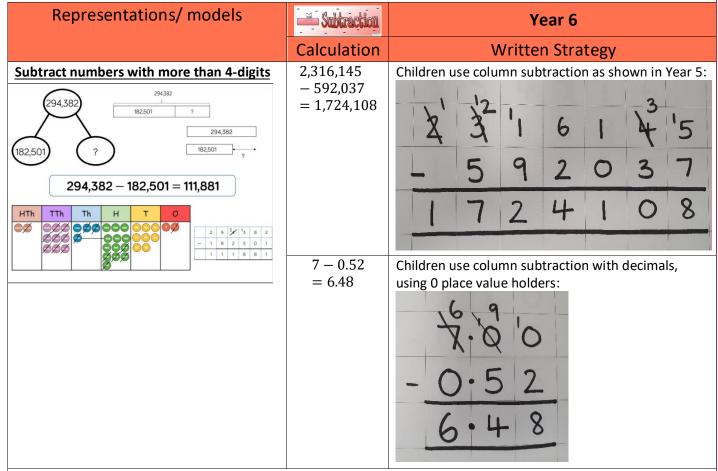
- Counting back in hundreds, tens and ones.
- Counting on as a mental strategy for subtraction when the numbers are close together (e.g. 131-129), and for finding a small difference.
- Compensating: subtract mentally a near multiple of 10 then adjust. E.g. 26-9, 26-10= 16 + 1 = 17
- Bridging through a multiple of 10 E.g. 43-8=, 43-3= 40, 40- 5= 35
- Use knowledge of number facts and place value to subtract pairs of numbers
- Subtract a two-digit number by partitioning it then subtracting ones and then tens.
- Use patterns of similar calculations
- Use the relationship between addition and subtraction.
- Use known facts e.g. 4-2=2, 400-200=200



- Counting on and back in thousands, hundreds, tens, ones.
- Use known facts and place value to subtract
- Counting on to subtract when the numbers are close together.
- Find a difference by counting up through the next multiple of 10, 100 and 1,000
- Compensating: Subtracting the nearest multiple of 1, 10, 100 or 1,000 and adjust.



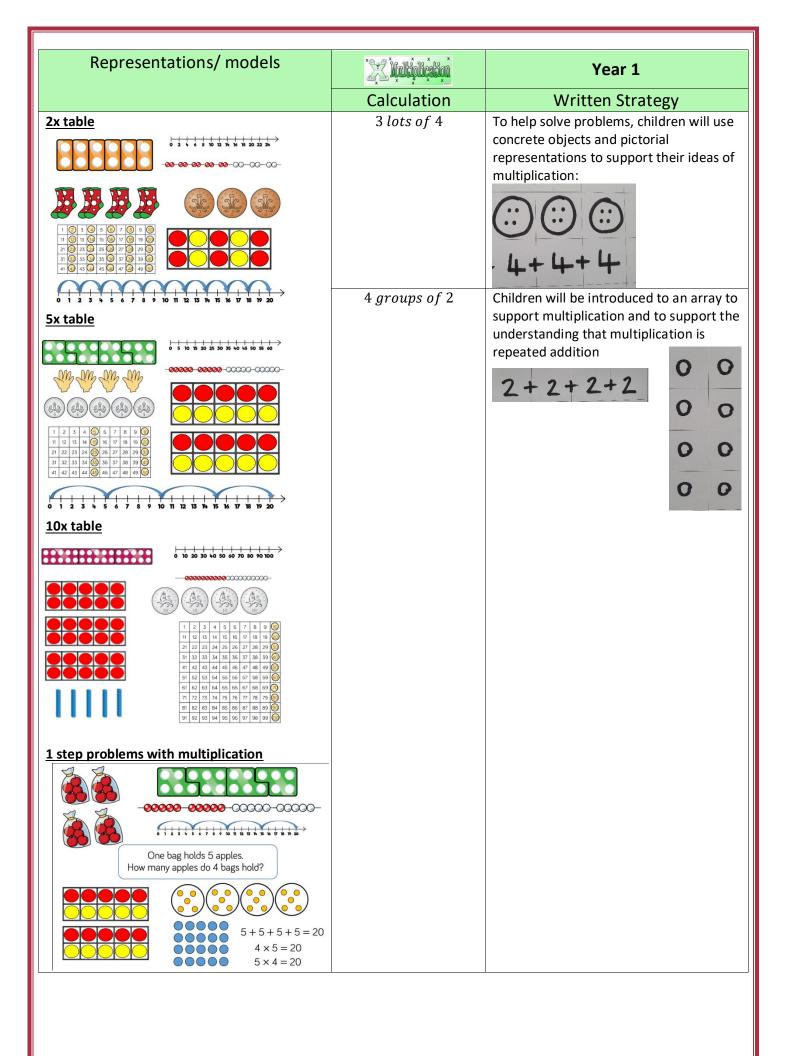
- Counting back steps of 0.1, 1, 10, 100 or 1000
- Use known facts and place value to subtract
- Find a difference by counting on through the next multiple of 10, 100 or 1,000
- Subtract by counting up from the smaller to the larger number where this is the most efficient method
- Subtract the nearest multiple of 1, 10 or 100 then adjust
- Use knowledge of place value and related calculations e.g. 4.5 3.6 using 45 36
- Use the relationship between addition and subtraction



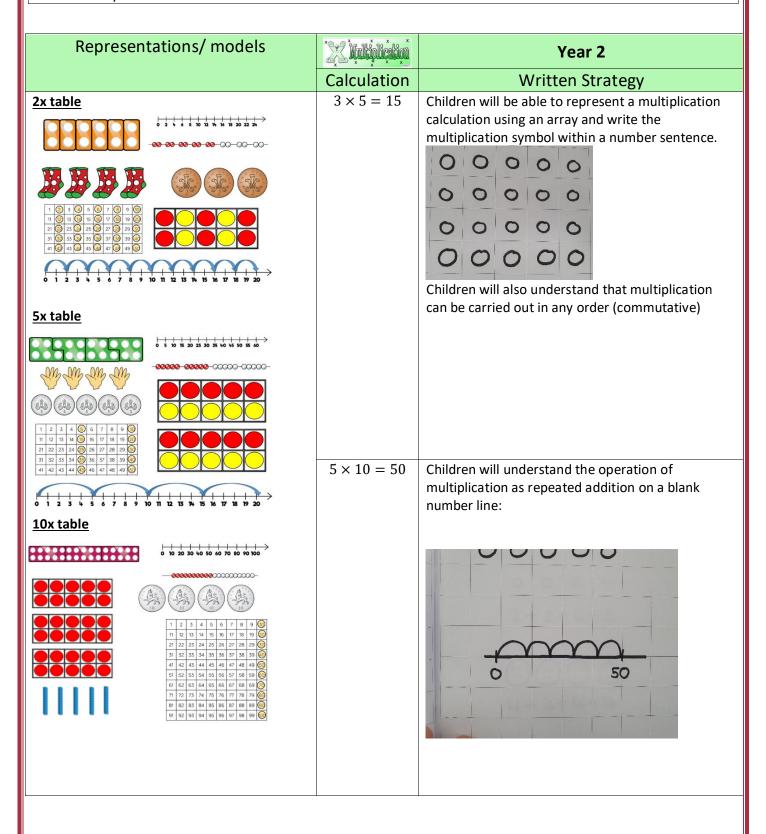
- Consolidate all mental strategies from previous year groups.
- Counting back in powers of tens, including tenths, hundredths and thousandths.
- Use knowledge of place value and related calculations
- Subtract a power of ten, or a whole number and adjust.
- Find the difference by counting up through the nearest multiple of 0,1, 10, 100 or 1,000 then adjust.
- Continue to use the relationship between addition and subtraction.

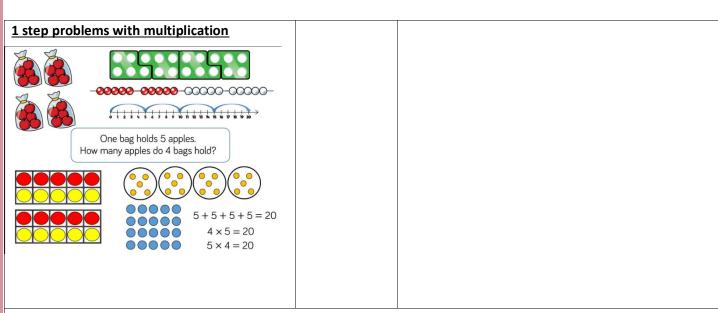
Representations/ models	**************************************	Early Years
	Calculation	Written Strategy
at is half of 8? f of 8 is 4	Double 3	Children are taught that doubling means adding two groups of the same amout together. Double 3 OOO OOO 3 + 3 = 6

- Develop a mental image of the number system.
- Understand the value of a number
- Counting forwards and backwards
- Knowing that groups need to be equal.

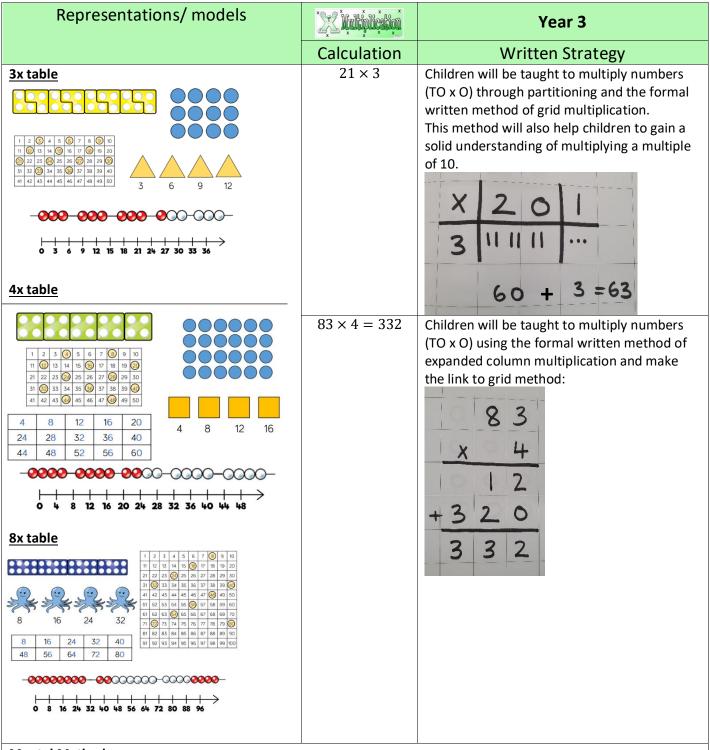


- •Counting in multiples of 2, 5, and 10s.
- Spotting number patterns when counting in 2, 5 and 10s.
- Repeated addition
- Links to doubling
- Use of arrays

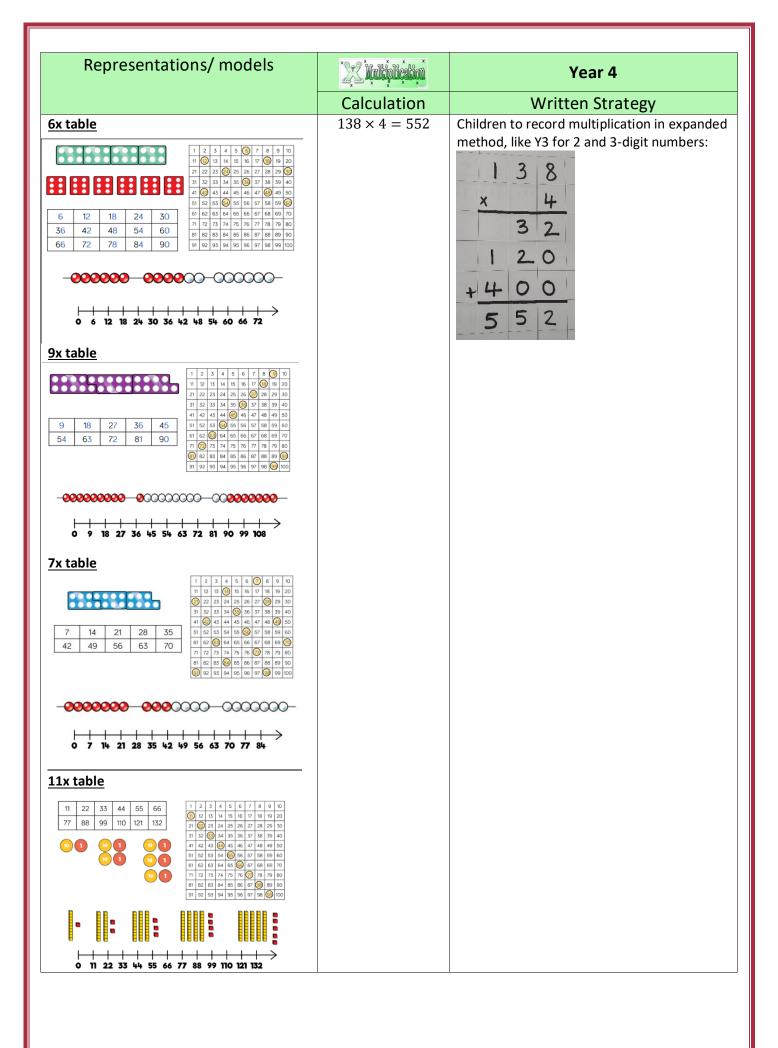


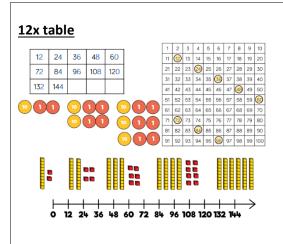


- Counting in twos, fives and tens
- Repeated addition
- Use of arrays
- Children should recall multiplication facts for the 2, 5- and 10-times tables through practising counting and understanding of the operation and number patterns.
- Using doubling and understanding that this is the same as multiplying by 2.
- Reordering a calculation, knowing that multiplication can be done in any order.

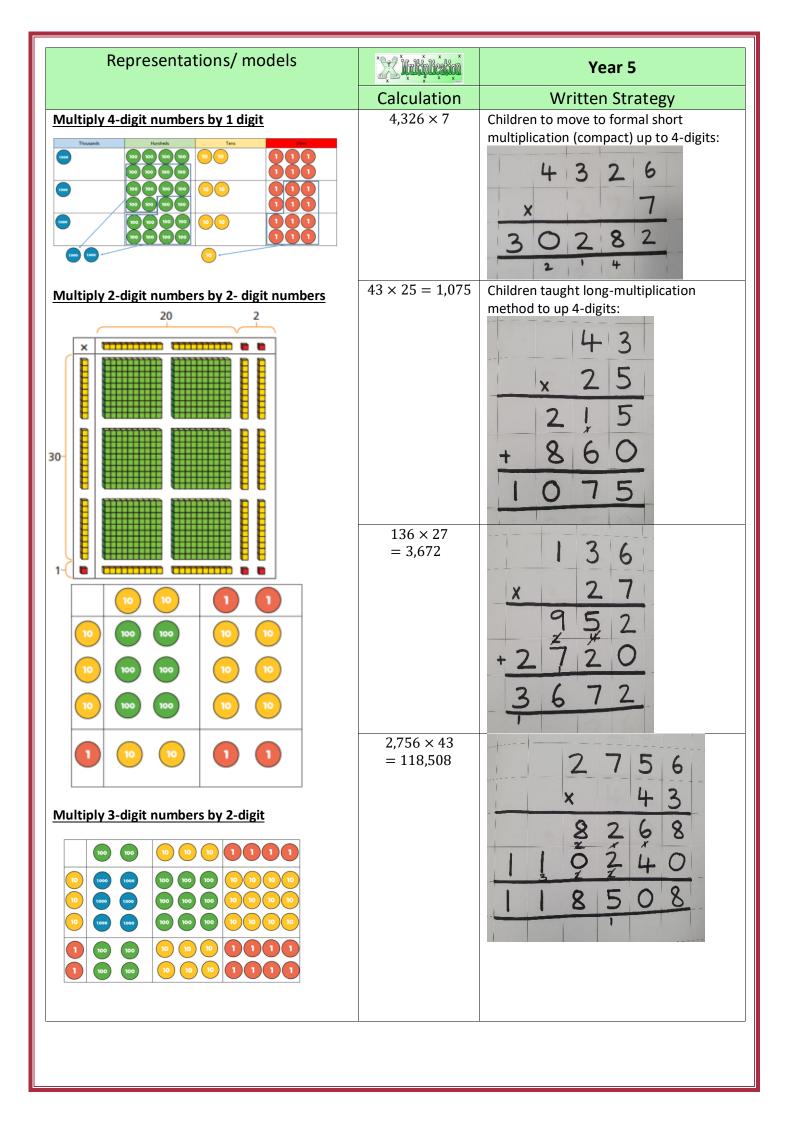


- Counting in 2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, 4s and 8s.
- Repeated addition
- Recall multiplication facts for 2, 5- and 10-times tables (from Year 2)
- Recall multiplication facts for 3, 4- and 8-times tables
- Use known facts and place value to multiply by 2,3,4,5,8 and 10.
- Use doubles to link to x2, x4 and x8.
- Reorder a calculation, understanding that multiplication can be done in any order.





- Counting in 6s, 7s, 9s, 25s and 100s
- Recall previously learnt multiplication facts with increasing confidence (2, 5, 10, 3, 4- and 8-times tables).
- Recall multiplication facts for the 6, 7, 9, 11- and 12-times tables.
- Partitioning: multiplying hundreds, tens and ones separately and then recombining.
- Using understanding of when a number is multiplied by 10, 100 or 1,000.
- Using knowledge of number facts and place value e.g. $7 \times 8 = 56$ to find 70×8 , 7×80 etc.



- Counting in steps of powers of 10
- Use commutativity and tables to multiply e.g.- 7 x 8 is the same as 8 x 7.
- Use known facts and place value to multiply
- Use related facts to multiply
- Scaling up using known facts to multiply E.g. 5 + 7= 12 so 500 + 700= 1200
- Recall of all times tables up to 12 X 12
- Using times table facts to recognise and use square and cube numbers.
- Use understanding of multiplying by 10, 100 or 1,00 and how the digits change in their place value.
- Use the relationship between multiplication and division.

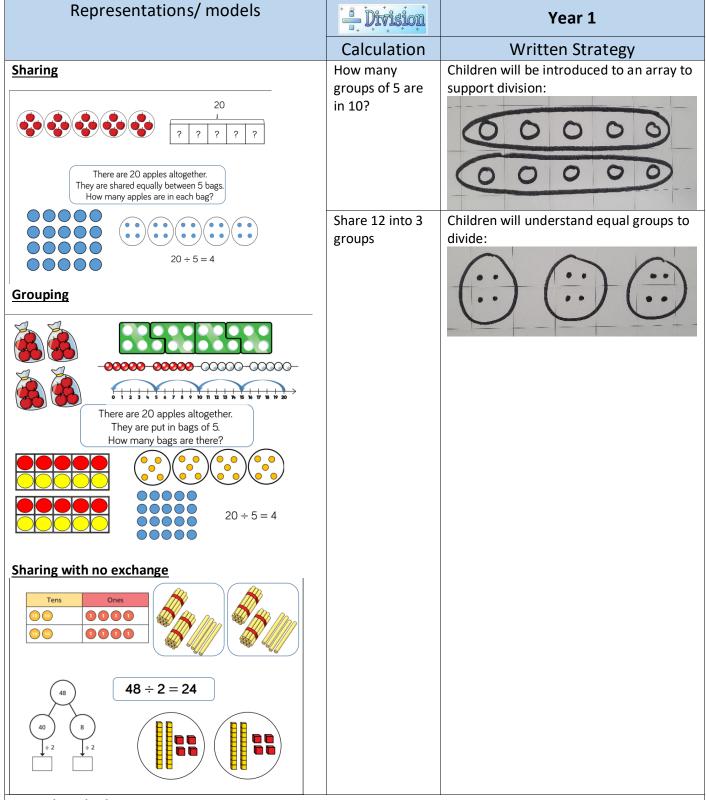
Representations/ models Year 6 Calculation Written Strategy Multiply 4-digit numbers by 1-digit $3,829 \times 36$ Children use long multiplication as shown = 137,844in Year 5: Squared and cubed numbers Multiply by 10, 100 and 1000 3.47 X 6 Children use short multiplication as shown = 20.82in Year 5, also using the strategy for Tth T 0 . decimal numbers: . 000 Represent 0-3. Exchange each group of ten tenths. Multiply by 10. **Multiply decimals** 3 groups of 4 tenths is 12 tenths. 4 groups of 3 tenths is 12 tenths.

Mental Methods

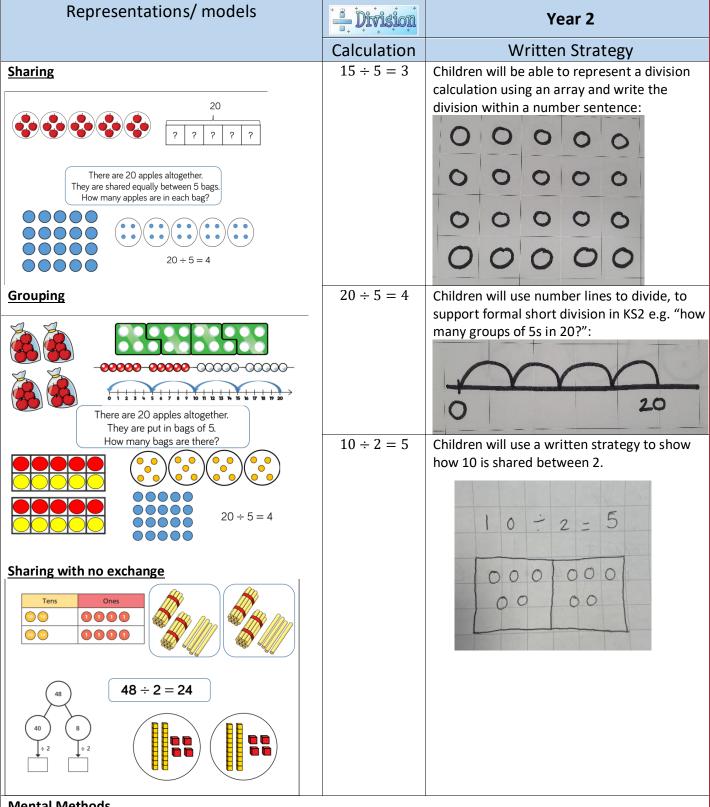
- Rapid recall of all times tables up to 12x12 as in Year 4 and Year 5
- Recalling square and cubed numbers
- Use known facts and place value to multiply.
- Use related facts to multiply.
- Scaling up using known facts. E.g. 5 + 7= 12 so 500 + 700= 1200
- Use the relationship between multiplication and division.

Representations/ models	Division	Early Years
	Calculation	Written Strategy
Halving and sharing	Half of 3	
		Half of 6 = 3

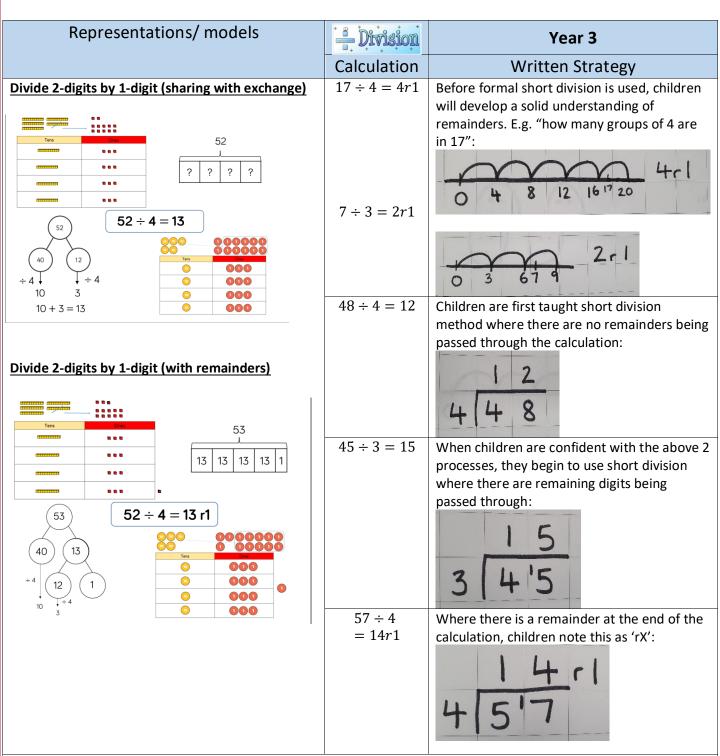
- Develop a mental image of the number system.
- Understand the value of a number
- Know how to make equal groups.



- Counting in twos, fives and tens (including the use of a number line)
- Links to halving
- Use arrays
- Through grouping and sharing small quantities, children will begin to understand division and finding simple fractions of objects, numbers and quantities

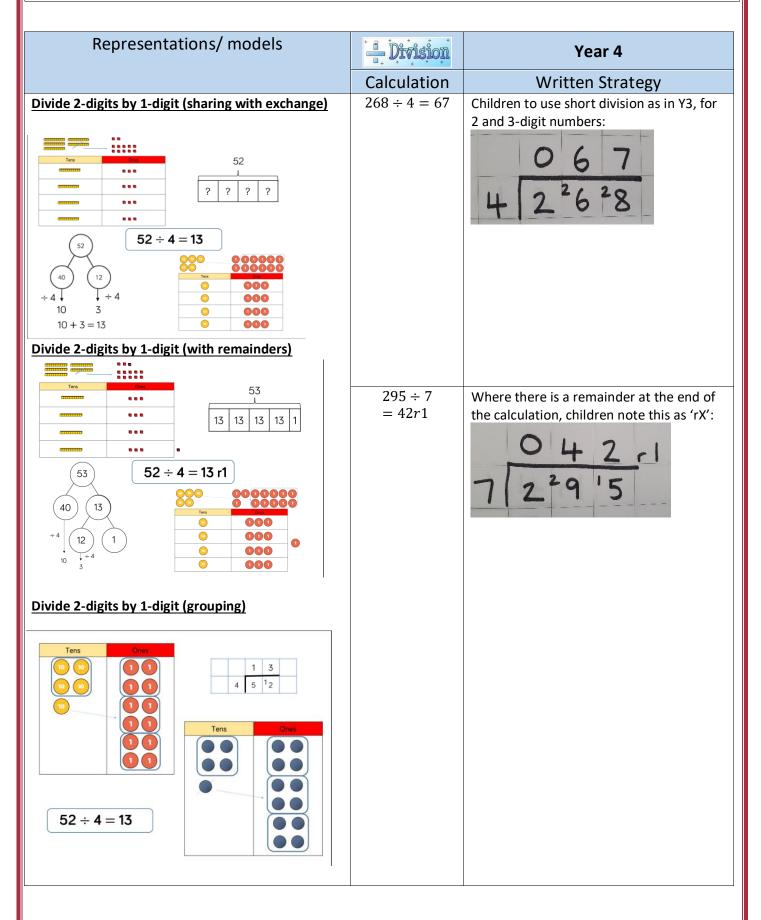


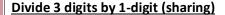
- Counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s
- Links to arrays
- Recalling the division facts for the 2,5 and 10 times tables
- Using knowledge that halving is in the inverse of doubling and the same as dividing by 2.
- Use known facts and place value to divide.

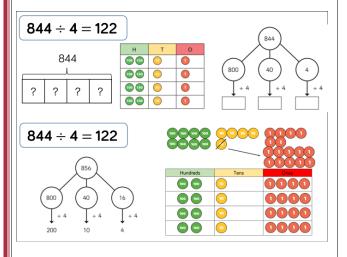


- Counting in 2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, 4s and 8s
- Recalling the division facts for the 2, 5- and 10-times tables- from Year 2
- Recalling the division facts for the 3, 4- and 8-times tables.
- Use known facts and place value to divide be 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 or 10
- Using knowledge that halving is in the inverse of doubling and the same as dividing by 2. Use this to link to \div 2, \div 4 and \div 8.
- Using known facts/partition in different ways to become more efficient in mental calculations: e.g. $39 \div 3$ by taking 3 lots of 10 away mentally, then 3 lots of 3 to get 13 as the answer.

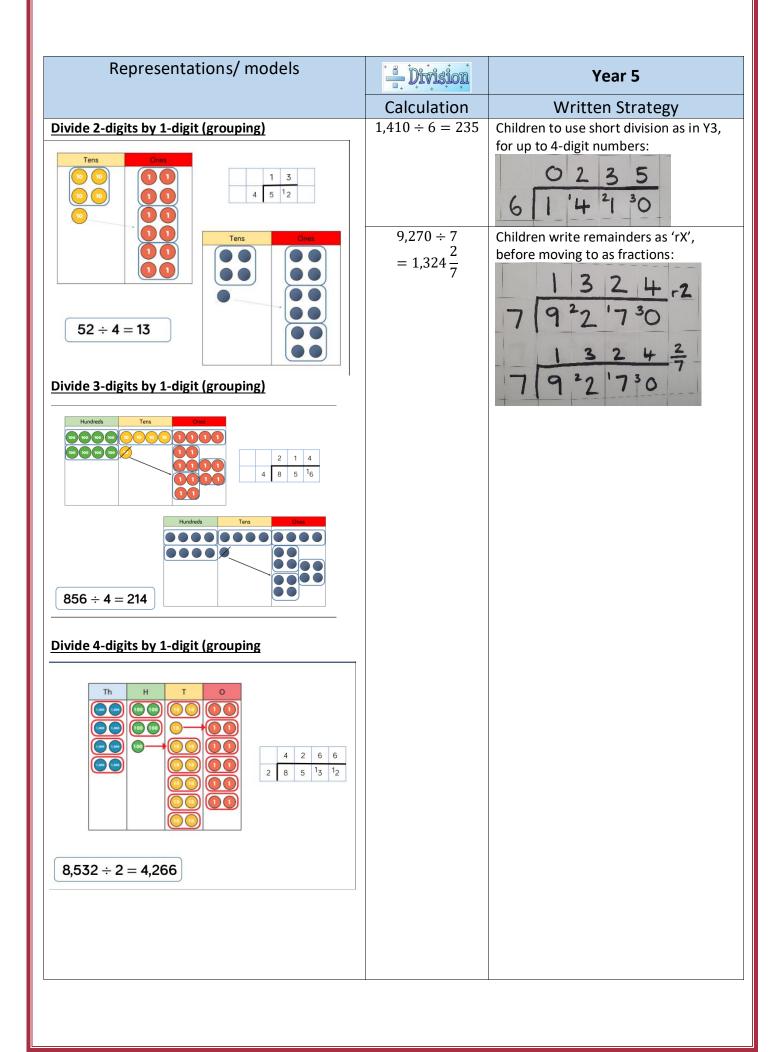
- Use the relationship between multiplication and division.
- Scaling down using known facts.







- Counting in 6s, 7s, 9s, 25s and 1000s.
- Recall division facts for all the times tables, up to 12x12
- Use understanding of place value and what happens to the value of each digit when it is divided by 10, 100 or 1,000.
- Use known facts and place value to solve calculations and to become more efficient in mental calculations e.g. 92
- \div 4 by taking away 20 lots of 4, to be left with 12, then taking away 4 x 3 to get the answer of 23.
- Use related facts to divide
- Use factor pairs to divide
- Scaling down using known facts
- Use the relationship between multiplication and division



- Counting in steps of powers of 10.
- Recall division facts for all the times tables, up to 12x12
- Use understanding of place value and what happens to the value of each digit when it is divided by 10, 100 or 1,000.
- Use known facts and place value to solve calculations.
- Use related facts to divide
- Use factor pairs to divide, including knowing that a prime number is a number with exactly 2 factors.
- Scaling down using known facts
- Use knowledge of division facts e.g. when carrying out a division to find a remainder.
- Use the relationship between multiplication and division.

Representations/ models	Division	Year 6
	Calculation	Written Strategy
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.	$8,560 \div 6 \\ = 1,426 \frac{4}{6}$	Children use short division as in Year 5: 1 4 2 6 4 6 8 2 5 1 6 4 0
	3,148 ÷ 8 = 393.5	Children use short division as in Year 5 but using decimals to find remainders when appropriate: O 3 9 3 5 8 3 1 74 28 40
	3,042 ÷ 13 = 234	Children divide by 2-digit numbers using the above short division strategy, noting down their times tables to support: O 2 3 4 13 26 13 3 0 4 5 2 52
	$511 \div 35 \\ = 14 \frac{21}{35}$	Children become confident when remainders moving through the division are more than 1 digit: O 4 21 35 70 105 140 175

- Counting in steps of powers of 10.
- Recall division facts for all the times tables, up to 12x12
- Use understanding of place value and what happens to the value of each digit when it is divided by 10, 100 or 1,000.
- Use known facts and place value to solve calculations.
- Use knowledge of division facts e.g. when carrying out a division to find a remainder.
- Use factor pairs to divide
- Use the relationship between multiplication and division
- Consolidate all previously taught strategies.