Brinscall St Johns C.E./ Methodist Primary School



Calculation Policy Document

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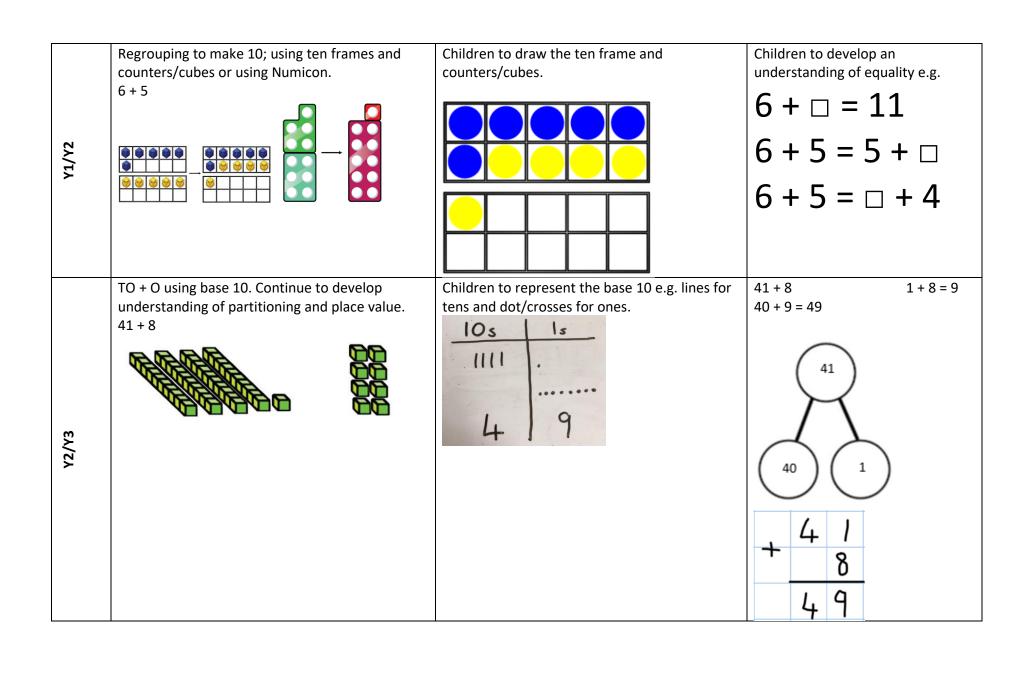
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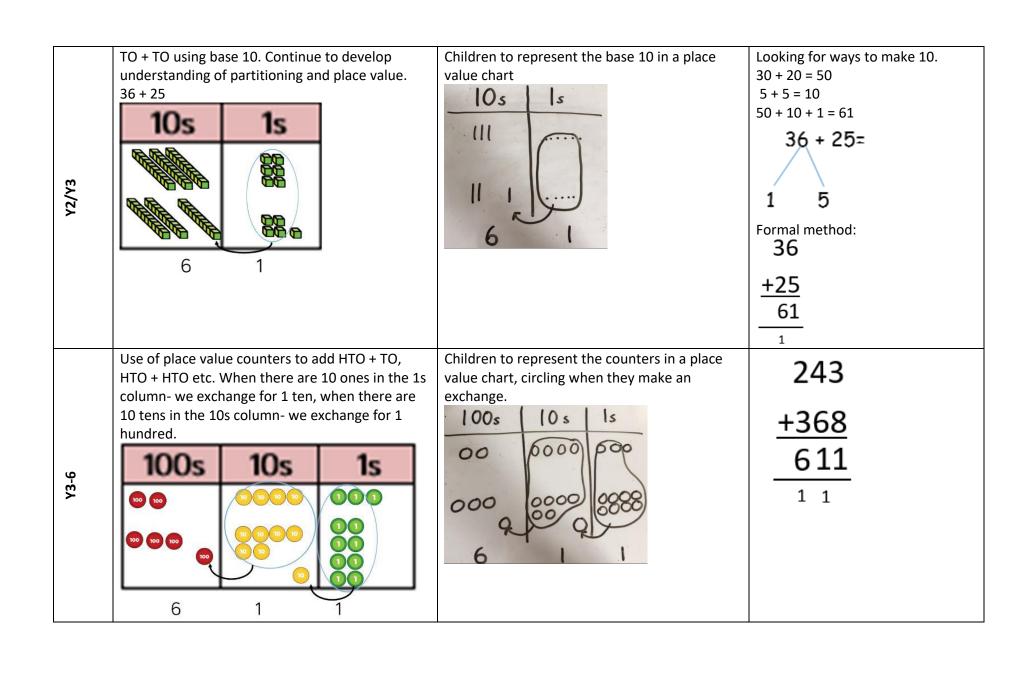
Mathematics at Brinscall St. John's is taught using the mastery approach based around the White Rose scheme of work. This scheme places value on depth and breadth of learning over mechanical repetition and mathematics is taught as a tool with which problems can be solved. The following calculation policy offers an idea of the ways that the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division will be taught to your child. Whilst there are some methods that will be used more heavily earlier or later in a child's journey through school, emphasis is placed on the flexibility of using different methods to approach a problem, and as such, some of the methods used in the younger year groups will still be revisited throughout school. The 'varied representation' section at the end of each method of operation gives an indication how this may occur.

To help all children to access calculations and to ensure that there is an understanding of the link between the numbers on the page and real-life objects, the progression in learning methods follows a model of concrete, pictorial and abstract representation. The concrete stage is the 'doing' stage, using real-life objects or physical representations to model problems. The pictorial stage is the 'seeing' stage, with visual representations used to model the problems. This is to encourage a mental connection between the physical objects the problem represents and the abstract pictures, diagrams or numbers that form the problem. The abstract stage is the 'symbolic' stage with numbers and symbols used to model problems. The below exemplification shows how the models can be used.

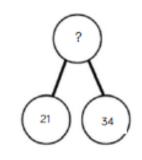
Addition

| Year | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
|---------|---|--|--|
| EYFS/Y1 | Combining two parts to make a whole (use other resources too e.g. eggs, shells, teddy bears, cars). | Children to represent the cubes using dots or crosses. They could put each part on a part whole model too. | 4 + 3 = 7 Four is a part, 3 is a part and the whole is seven. |
| Y1 | Counting on using number lines using cubes or Numicon. | A bar model which encourages the children to count on, rather than count all. | The abstract number line: What is 2 more than 4? What is the sum of 2 and 4? What is the total of 4 and 2? 4 + 2 |





The same calculation can be shown in a number of ways and children will be shown this through varied representation. For example, the calculation 21+ 34 could be shown as:



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| 21 | 34 |

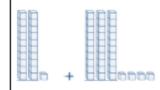
Word problems:

In year 3, there are 21 children and in year 4, there are 34 children.
How many children in total?

$$21 + 34 = 55$$
. Prove it

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Calculate the sum of twenty-one and thirty-four.

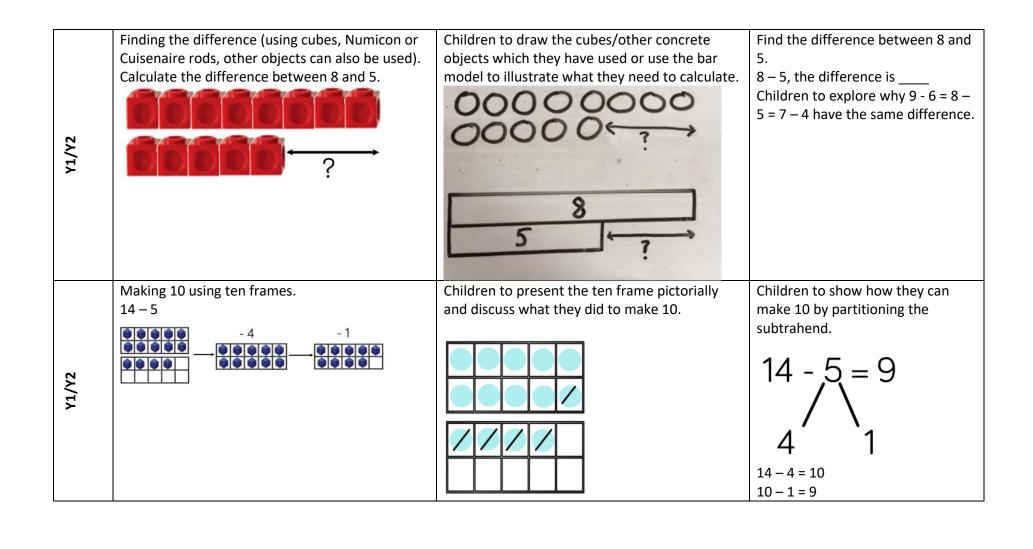


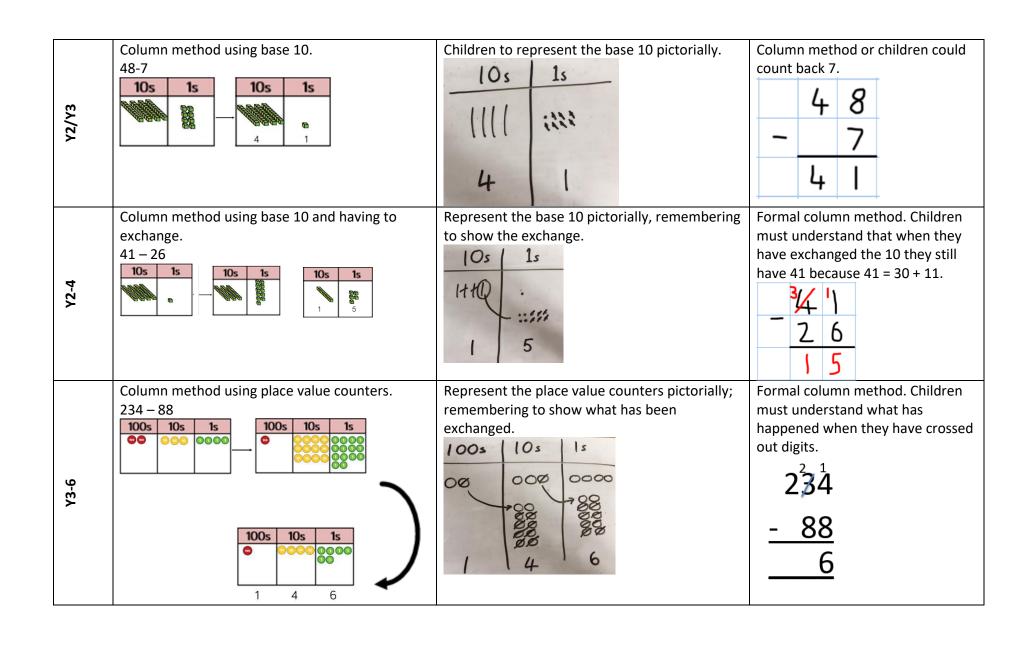
Missing digit problems:

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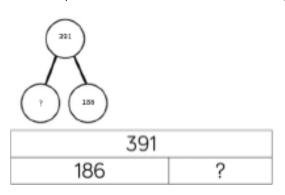
Subtraction

| Year | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
|---------|---|---|---|
| EYFS/Y1 | Physically taking away and removing objects from a whole (ten frames, Numicon, cubes and other items such as beanbags could be used). | Children to draw the concrete resources they are using and cross out the correct amount. The bar model can also be used. | 4-3 = = 4-3 |
| Y1 | Counting back (using number lines or number tracks) children start with 6 and count back 2. $6-2=4$ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 | Children to represent what they see pictorially e.g. | Children to represent the calculation on a number line or number track and show their jumps. Encourage children to use an empty number line |



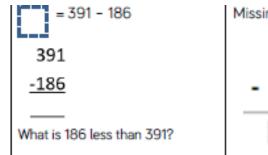


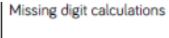
Varied representation will be used to encourage flexibility in methods. For example, 391 – 186 could be shown as:

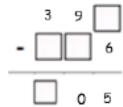


Raj spent £391, Timmy spent £186. How much more did Raj spend?

Calculate the difference between 391 and 186.

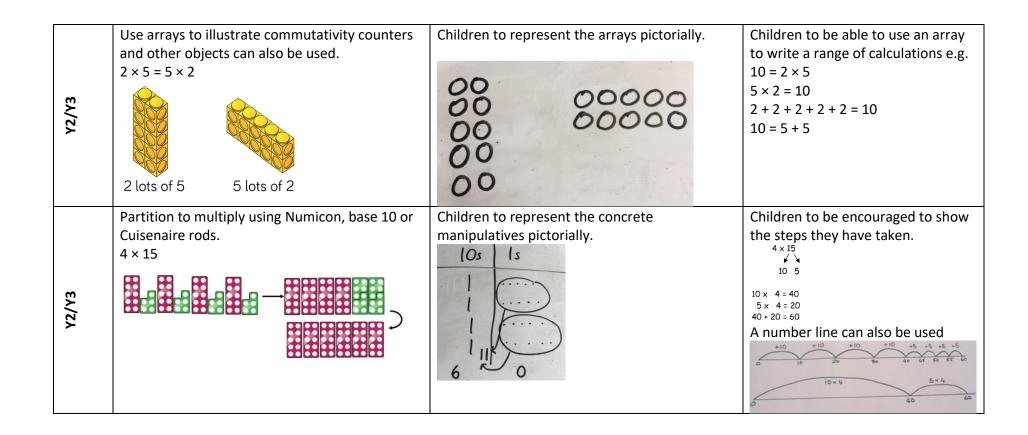


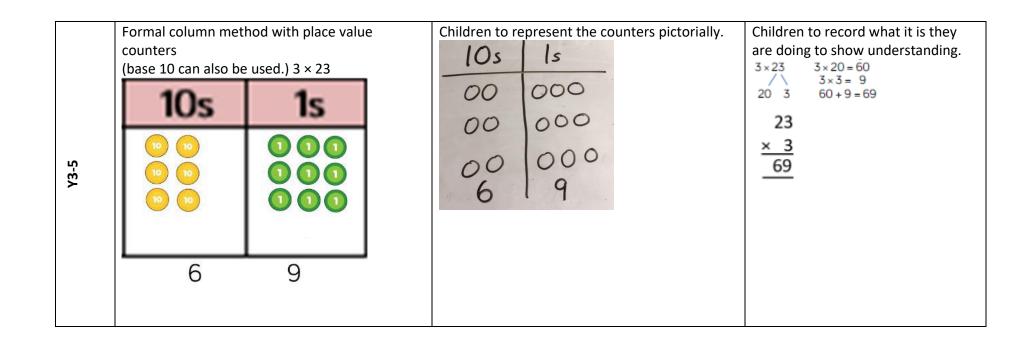


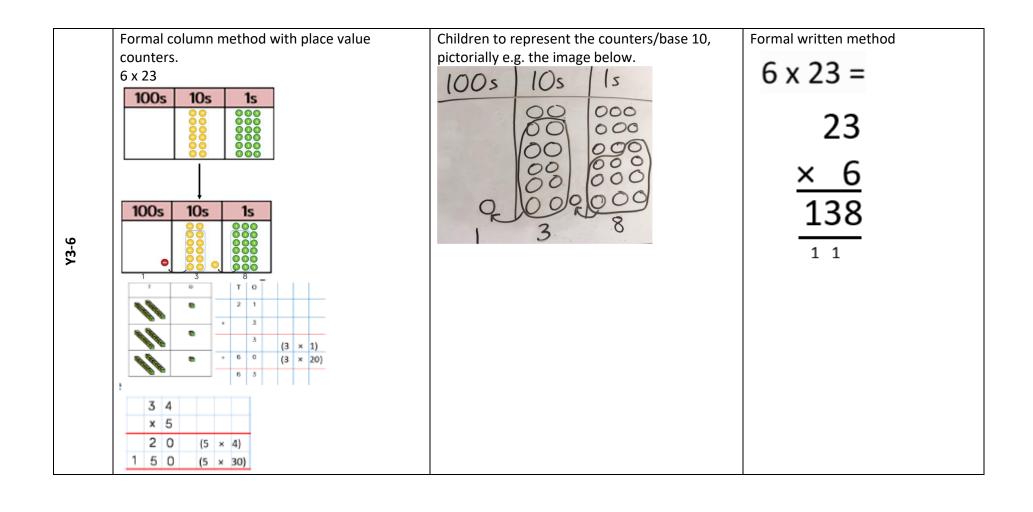


Multiplication

| Year | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
|-------|--|---|---|
| Y1 | Repeated grouping/repeated addition 3 × 4 4 + 4 + 4 There are 3 equal groups, with 4 in each group. | Children to represent the practical resources in a picture and use a bar model. | 3 × 4 = 12 4 + 4 + 4 = 12 |
| Y1/Y2 | Number lines to show repeated groups- 3 × 4 Cuisenaire rods can be used too. | Represent this pictorially alongside a number line e.g.: | Abstract number line showing three jumps of four. 3 × 4 = 12 |







| When children start to multiply 3 digits \times 3 digits and 4 digits \times 2 digits etc., they should be confident with the abstract: To get 744 children have solved 6×124 . | × 2 6 |
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| To get 2480 they have solved 20 × 124. | 2 4 8 0 3 2 2 4 Answer: 3224 |

Varied representation will draw on multiple stages to represent the same problem in differing ways. For example, 6 x 23:



Mai had to swim 23 lengths, 6 times Find the product of 6 and 23 a week.

How many lengths did she swim in one week?

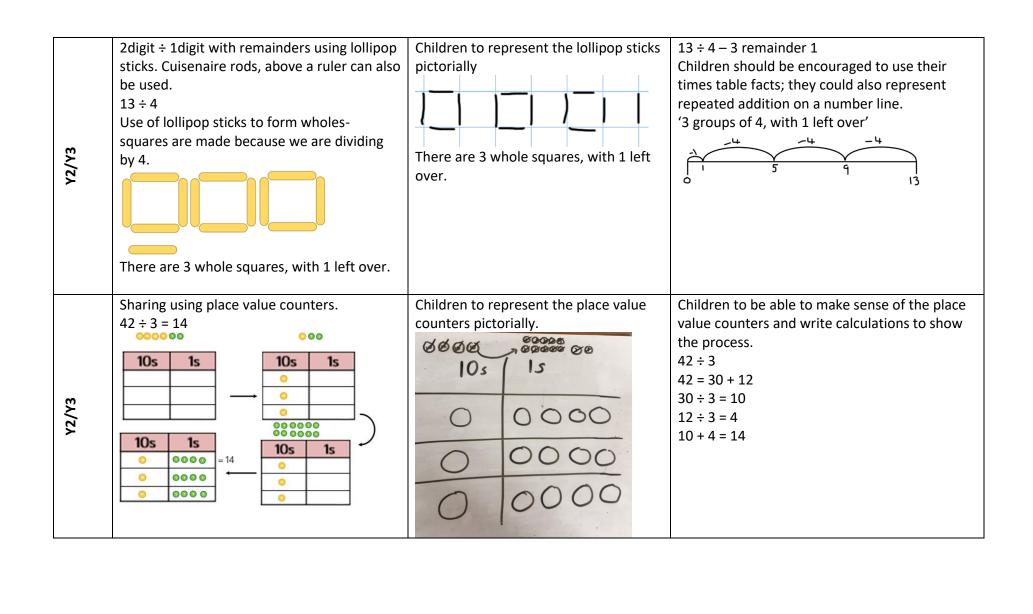
With the counters, prove that 6 x 23 = 138

What is the calculation? What is the product?

| 100s | 10s | 1s |
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Division

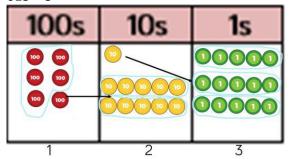
| Yea | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract |
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| Y1 | Sharing using a range of objects. 6 ÷ 2 | Represent the sharing pictorially. | 3 3 Children should also be encouraged to use their 2 times tables facts. |
| Y1/Y2 | Repeated subtraction using Cuisenaire rods above a ruler. $6 \div 2$ -2 -2 -2 -2 -2 -2 -3 groups of 2 | Children to represent repeated subtraction pictorially. | Abstract number line to represent the equal groups that have been subtracted. |



Y3-5

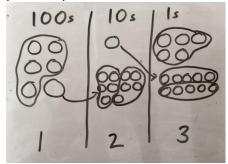
Short division using place value counters to group.

615 ÷ 5



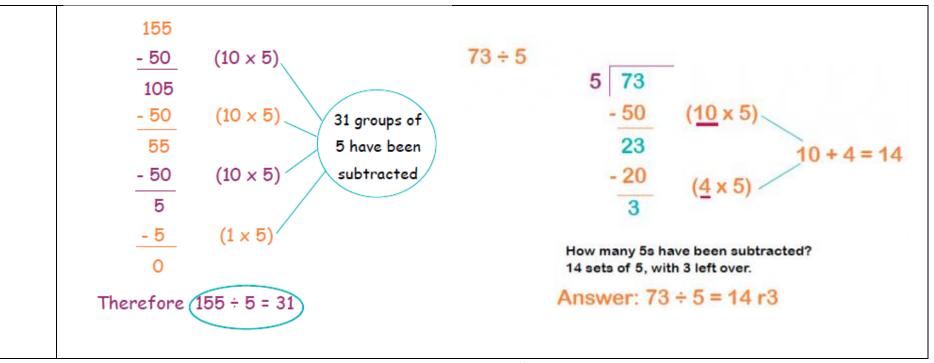
- 1. Make 615 with place value counters.
- 2. How many groups of 5 hundreds can you make with 6 hundred counters?
- 3. Exchange 1 hundred for 10 tens.
- 4. How many groups of 5 tens can you make with 11 ten counters?
- 5. Exchange 1 ten for 10 ones.
- 6. How many groups of 5 ones can you make with 15 ones?

Represent the place value counters pictorially.



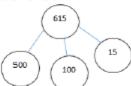
Children to the calculation using the short division scaffold.

123 5 615



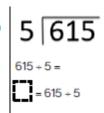
Varied representation will draw on multiple stages to represent the same problem in differing ways. For example, $615 \div 5$

Using the part whole model below, how can you divide 615 by 5 without using short division?



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?



What is the calculation? What is the answer?

| 100s | 10s | 1s |
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