Power Maths UKS2 Calculation Policy



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This policy covers many of the articles from the Unicef convention on the rights of the child. Some key ones are listed below.

Article 12 - Children have the right to give their opinion and their views must be taken seriously.

Article 13 – Children have the right to find out information and share what they think by writing, drawing or talking about it unless it harms anyone else.

Article 28 – Every child has the right to an education.

Article 29 – Every child's education must develop their talents and abilities.





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Power Maths calculation policy, UPPER KS2

KEY STAGE 2

In upper Key Stage 2, children build on secure foundations in calculation, and develop fluency, accuracy and flexibility in their approach to the four operations. They work with whole numbers and adapt their skills to work with decimals, and they continue to develop their ability to select appropriate, accurate and efficient operations.

Key language: decimal, column methods, exchange, partition, mental method, ten thousand, hundred thousand, million, factor, multiple, prime number, square number, cube number

Addition and subtraction: Children build on their column methods to add and subtract numbers with up to seven digits, and they adapt the methods to calculate efficiently and effectively with decimals, ensuring understanding of place value at every stage.

Children compare and contrast methods, and they select mental methods or jottings where appropriate and where these are more likely to be efficient or accurate when compared with formal column methods.

Bar models are used to represent the calculations required to solve problems and may indicate where efficient methods can be chosen.

Multiplication and division: Building on their understanding, children develop methods to multiply up to 4-digit numbers by single-digit and 2-digit numbers.

Children develop column methods with an understanding of place value, and they continue to use the key skill of unitising to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1,000.

Written division methods are introduced and adapted for division by single-digit and 2-digit numbers and are understood alongside the area model and place value. In Year 6, children develop a secure understanding of how division is related to fractions.

Multiplication and division of decimals are also introduced and refined in Year 6.

Fractions: Children find fractions of amounts, multiply a fraction by a whole number and by another fraction, divide a fraction by a whole number, and add and subtract fractions with different denominators. Children become more confident working with improper fractions and mixed numbers and can calculate with them.

Understanding of decimals with up to 3 decimal places is built through place value and as fractions, and children calculate with decimals in the context of measure as well as in pure arithmetic.

Children develop an understanding of percentages in relation to hundredths, and they understand how to work with common percentages: 50%, 25%, 10% and 1%.

| | Year 5 | | | |
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| | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract | |
| Year 5 Addition | | | | |
| Column addition with whole numbers | Use place value equipment to represent additions. Add a row of counters onto the place value grid to show 15,735 + 4,012. | Represent additions, using place value equipment on a place value grid alongside written methods. The The House of the start of the st | Use column addition, including exchanges. TTh Th | |
| Representing additions | | Bar models represent addition of two or more numbers in the context of problem solving. FIR.579 £28,370 £16,725 Jen | Use approximation to check whether answers are reasonable. TTh Th | |

| Adding tenths | Link measure with addition of decimals. | Use a bar model with a number line to add tenths. | Understand the link with adding fractions. |
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| | Two lengths of fencing are 0.6 m and 0.2 m. How long are they when added together? | 0.6 m 0.2 m | $\frac{6}{10} + \frac{2}{10} = \frac{8}{10}$ $6 \text{ tenths} + 2 \text{ tenths} = 8 \text{ tenths}$ |
| | 0·6 m 0·2 m | | 06+02=08 |
| | | 0.6 + 0.2 = 0.8 6 tenths + 2 tenths = 8 tenths | |
| Adding decimals using column addition | Use place value equipment to represent additions. | Use place value equipment on a place value grid to represent additions. | Add using a column method, ensuring that children understand the link with place value. |
| Column dadinon | Show 0·23 + 0·45 using place value counters. | Represent exchange where necessary. O Tth Hth $0 \cdot q \cdot 2$ $0 \cdot 3 \cdot 3$ $1 \cdot 2 \cdot 5$ Include examples where the numbers of decimal places are different. O Tth Hth $0 \cdot q \cdot 2$ $0 \cdot 3 \cdot 3$ $0 \cdot 2 \cdot 5$ Include examples where the numbers of decimal places are different. | $\frac{\text{O} \cdot \text{Tth Hth}}{\text{O} \cdot 2 3} + \frac{\text{O} \cdot 4 5}{\text{O} \cdot 6 8}$ Include exchange where required, alongside an understanding of place value. $\frac{\text{O} \cdot \text{Tth Hth}}{\text{O} \cdot \text{q} 2} + \frac{\text{O} \cdot 3 3}{\text{I} \cdot 2 5}$ Include additions where the numbers of decimal places are different. $3.4 + 0.65 = ?$ $\frac{\text{O} \cdot \text{Tth Hth}}{\text{O} \cdot 4 0} + \frac{\text{O} \cdot 6 5}{\text{O} \cdot 6 5}$ |
| Year 5 Subtraction | | | |

| Column subtraction with whole numbers | Use place value equipment to understand where exchanges are required. 2,250 – 1,070 | Represent the stages of the calculation using place value equipment on a grid alongside the calculation, including exchanges where required. 15,735 - 2,582 = 13,153 TTh Th H T O T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T | Use column subtraction methods with exchange where required. $ \frac{\text{TTh Th H T O}}{{}^{5}\cancel{8} {}^{1}\cancel{2} {}^{1}0 {}^{9} {}^{7}} $ $ - \frac{1}{4} \frac{8}{3} \frac{5}{5} \frac{6}{3} \frac{3}{3} $ $ 62,097 - 18,534 = 43,563 $ |
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| Checking strategies and representing subtractions | | Bar models represent subtractions in problem contexts, including 'find the difference'. Athletics Stadium 75,450 Hockey Centre 42,300 Velodrome 15,735 | Children can explain the mistake made when the columns have not been ordered correctly. Bella's working |
| Choosing efficient methods | | | To subtract two large numbers that are close, children find the difference by counting on. 2,002 – 1,995 = ? |

| Subtracting decimals | Explore complements to a whole number by working in the context of length. $ \boxed{0.49 \text{ m}} $ $ \boxed{1 \text{ m} - \boxed{\text{m}} = \boxed{\text{m}} } $ $ \boxed{1 - 0.49 = ?} $ | Use a place value grid to represent the stages of column subtraction, including exchanges where required. 5.74 - 2.25 = ? The Hth O Tth Hth 5 7 4 - 2 2 2 5 Exchange I tenth for I0 hundredths. O Tth Hth 5 6 7 14 - 2 2 2 5 Now subtract the 5 hundredths. O Tth Hth 5 6 7 14 - 2 2 2 5 Now subtract the 2 tenths, then the 2 ones. O Tth Hth 5 6 7 14 - 2 2 2 5 Now subtract the 2 tenths, then the 2 ones. | Use addition to check subtractions. I calculated 7,546 – 2,355 = 5,191. I will check using the inverse. Use column subtraction, with an understanding of place value, including subtracting numbers with different numbers of decimal places. 3:921 – 3:75 = ? O Tth Hth Thth 3 q 2 1 - 3 · 7 5 0 |
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| Year 5 Multiplication | | | |
| Understanding factors | Use cubes or counters to explore the meaning of 'square numbers'. 25 is a square number because it is made from 5 rows of 5. Use cubes to explore cube numbers. | Use images to explore examples and non-examples of square numbers. 8 × 8 = 64 | Understand the pattern of square numbers in the multiplication tables. Use a multiplication grid to circle each square number. Can children spot a pattern? |

| | | 8 ² = 64 | |
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| | 8 is a cube number. | 12 is not a square number, because you cannot multiply a whole number by itself to make 12. | |
| Multiplying by 10, 100 and 1,000 | Use place value equipment to multiply by 10, 100 and 1,000 by unitising. $4 \times 1 = 4 \text{ ones} = 4$ $4 \times 10 = 4 \text{ tens} = 40$ $4 \times 100 = 4 \text{ hundreds} = 400$ | Understand the effect of repeated multiplication by 10. | Understand how exchange relates to the digits when multiplying by 10, 100 and 1,000. H T O $17 \times 10 = 170$ $17 \times 100 = 17 \times 10 \times 10 = 1,700$ $17 \times 1,000 = 17 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 = 17,000$ |
| Multiplying by multiples of 10, 100 and 1,000 | Use place value equipment to explore multiplying by unitising. 5 groups of 3 ones is 15 ones. 5 groups of 3 tens is 15 tens. So, I know that 5 groups of 3 thousands would be 15 thousands. | Use place value equipment to represent how to multiply by multiples of 10, 100 and 1,000. 4 \times 3 = 12 | Use known facts and unitising to multiply. $5 \times 4 = 20$ $5 \times 40 = 200$ $5 \times 400 = 2,000$ $5 \times 4,000 - 20,000$ $5,000 \times 4 = 20,000$ |

| Multiplying up to 4-digit numbers by a single digit | Explore how to use partitioning to multiply efficiently. | Represent multiplications using place value equipment and add the 1s, then 10s, then 100s, then 1,000s. | Use an area model and then add the parts. |
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| , , | 8 × 17 = ? | | |
| | | H T O | 5 100 × 5 = 500 60 × 5 = 300 3 × 5 = 15 |
| | | | Use a column multiplication, including any |
| | | | required exchanges. |
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| | 8 × 10 = 80 8 × 7 = 56 | | 8 1 6 2 3 |
| | 80 + 56 = 136 | | |
| | So, 8 × 17 = 136 | | |
| Multiplying 2-digit numbers | Partition one number into 10s and 1s, then add the parts. | Use an area model and add the parts. | Use column multiplication, ensuring understanding of place value at each stage. |
| by 2-digit numbers | 23 × 15 = ? | 28 × 15 = ? | 3 4 |
| | 10 × 15 = 150 10 × 15 = 150 | 20 m 8 m H T O 20 x 10 = 200 m ² 8 x 10 = 80 m ² 1 0 0 8 x 0 = 80 m ² 1 0 0 8 x 0 1 4 4 0 4 2 0 | × 2 7 2 3 ₂ 8 34 × 7 ——————————————————————————————————— |
| | $ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | 28 × 15 = 420 | 3 4 × 2 7 2 3 8 34 × 7 6 8 0 34 × 20 |
| | 23 × 15 = 345 | | |

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| Multiplying up to 4-digits by 2-digits | Use the area model then add the parts. $ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | Use column multiplication, ensuring understanding of place value at each stage. 1 |

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| | | | 2 5 4 8 1,274 × 2 3 8 2 2 2 0 1,274 × 30 4 0 7 6 8 1,274 × 32 |
| | | | 1,274 × 32 = 40,768 |
| Multiplying decimals by 10, 100 and 1,000 | Use place value equipment to explore and understand the exchange of 10 tenths, 10 hundredths or 10 thousandths. | Represent multiplication by 10 as exchange on a place value grid. | Understand how this exchange is represented on a place value chart. |
| Too and 1,000 | | 0 Tth Hth 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | $ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ |
| Year 5 Division | | | |
| Understanding factors and | Use equipment to explore the factors of a given number. | Understand that prime numbers are numbers with exactly two factors. | Understand how to recognise prime and composite numbers. |
| prime numbers | 24 ÷ 3 = 8 24 ÷ 8 = 3 8 and 3 are factors of 24 because they divide 24 exactly. | 13 ÷ 1 = 13 13 ÷ 2 = 6 r 1 13 ÷ 4 = 4 r 1 1 and 13 are the only factors of 13. 13 is a prime number. | I know that 31 is a prime number because it can be divided by only 1 and itself without leaving a remainder. I know that 33 is not a prime number as it can be divided by 1, 3, 11 and 33. |
| | 24 ÷ 5 = 4 remainder 4. | | I know that 1 is not a prime number, as it has only 1 factor. |

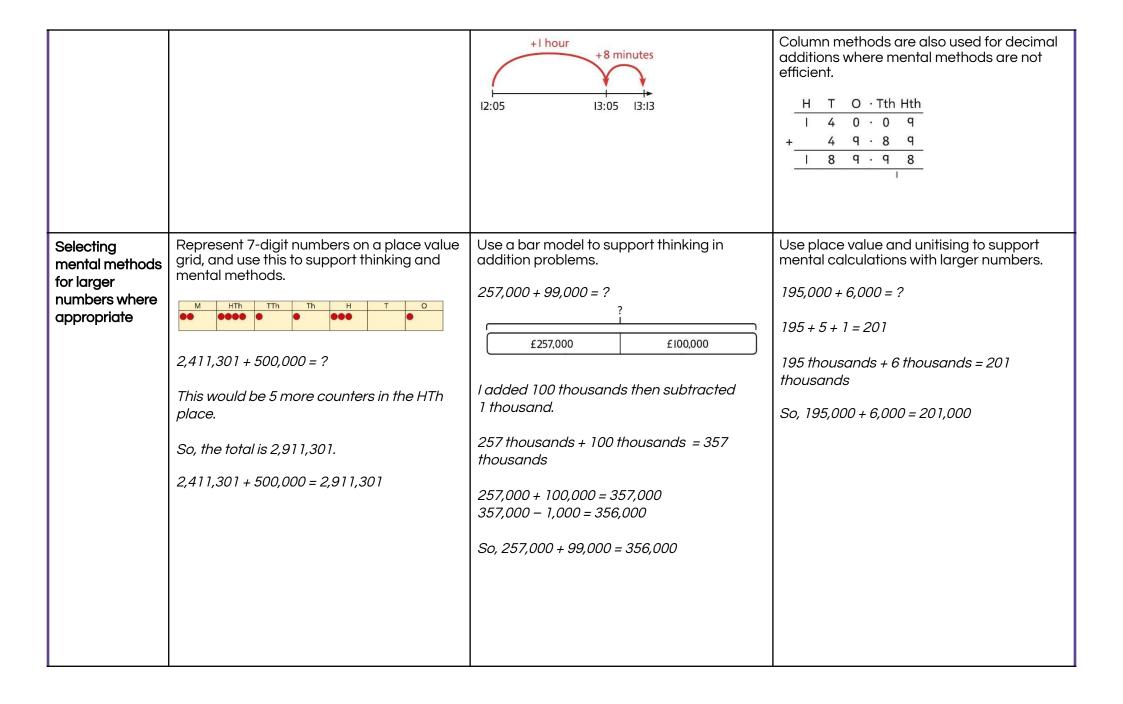
| | 5 is not a factor of 24 because there is a remainder. | | |
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| Understanding inverse operations and the link with multiplication, grouping and sharing | Use equipment to group and share and to explore the calculations that are present. I have 28 counters. I made 7 groups of 4. There are 28 in total. I have 28 in total. I shared them equally into 7 groups. There are 4 in each group. I have 28 in total. I made groups of 4. There are 7 equal groups. | Represent multiplicative relationships and explore the families of division facts. $60 \div 4 = 15$ $60 \div 15 = 4$ | Represent the different multiplicative relationships to solve problems requiring inverse operations. 2 ÷ 3 = 2 2 |
| Dividing whole numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000 | Use place value equipment to support unitising for division. $4,000 \div 1,000$ $4,000 \times 1,000 \times 1,000$ | Use a bar model to support dividing by unitising. $380 \div 10 = 38$ 380 | Understand how and why the digits change on a place value grid when dividing by 10, 100 or 1,000. The Head Tools of the second |

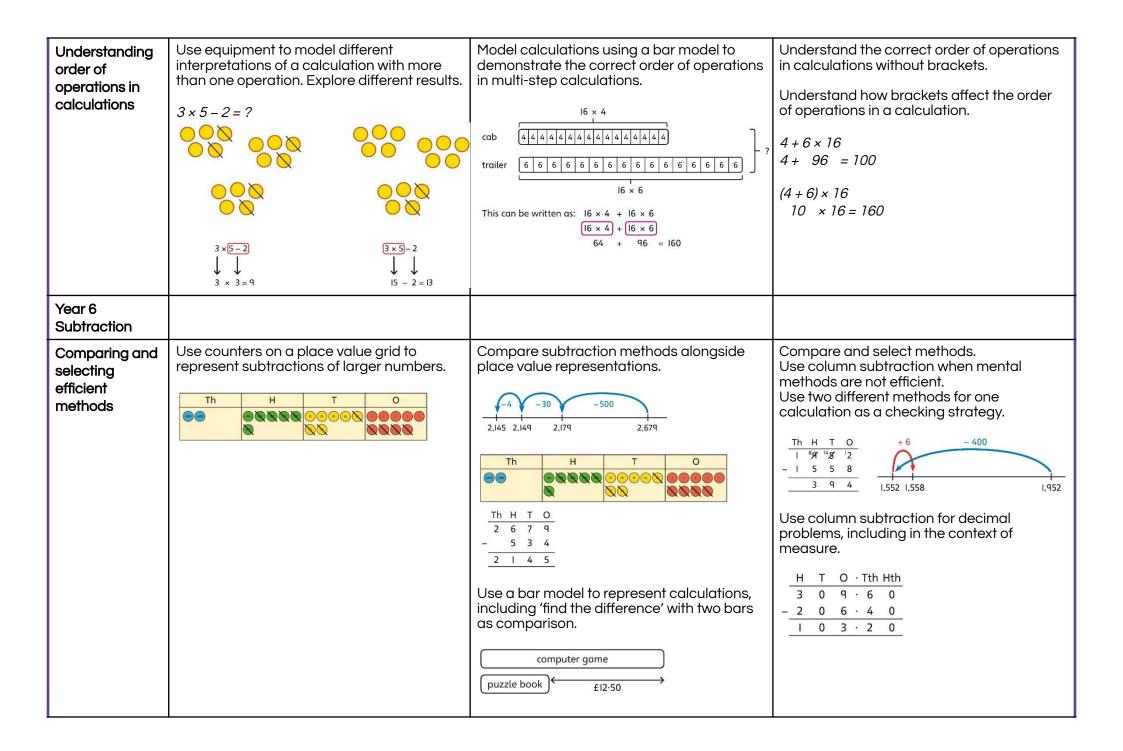
| Dividing by multiples of 10, 100 and 1,000 | Use place value equipment to represent known facts and unitising. | Represent related facts with place value equipment when dividing by unitising. | Reason from known facts, based on understanding of unitising. Use knowledge of the inverse relationship to check. |
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| | 15 ones put into groups of 3 ones. There are 5 groups. 15 ÷ 3 = 5 15 tens put into groups of 3 tens. There are 5 groups. 150 ÷ 30 = 5 | 180 is 18 tens. 18 tens divided into groups of 3 tens. There are 6 groups. 180 ÷ 30 = 6 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | $3,000 \div 5 = 600$ $3,000 \div 50 = 60$ $3,000 \div 500 = 6$ $5 \times 600 = 3,000$ $50 \times 60 = 3,000$ $500 \times 6 = 3,000$ |
| Dividing up to | Explore grouping using place value | 1200 ÷ 400 = 3 Use place value equipment on a place value | Use short division for up to 4-digit numbers |
| four digits by a single digit using short division | equipment. 268 ÷ 2 = ? There is 1 group of 2 hundreds. There are 3 groups of 2 tens. There are 4 groups of 2 ones. | grid alongside short division. The model uses grouping. A sharing model can also be used, although the model would need adapting. | divided by a single digit. $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ |

| Understanding | Understand remainders using concrete | Lay out the problem as a short division. There is 1 group of 4 in 4 tens. There are 2 groups of 4 in 8 ones. Work with divisions that require exchange. 4 9 2 First, lay out the problem. 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 | Use multiplication to check. $556 \times 7 = ?$ $6 \times 7 = 42$ $50 \times 7 = 350$ $500 \times 7 = 3500$ $3,500 + 350 + 42 = 3,892$ In problem solving contexts, represent |
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| remainders | versions of a problem. 80 cakes divided into trays of 6. | remainders as the last remaining 1s. | divisions including remainders with a bar model. 683 136 136 136 136 3 |

| | 80 cakes in total. They make 13 groups of 6, with 2 remaining. | Lay out the problem as short division. Lay out the problem as short division. Lay out the problem as short division. How many groups of 6 go into 8 tens? There are 2 tens remaining. How many groups of 6 go into 20 ones? There are 3 groups of 6 ones. There are 2 ones remaining. | |
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| Dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1,000 | Understand division by 10 using exchange. 2 ones are 20 tenths. 20 tenths divided by 10 is 2 tenths. | Represent division using exchange on a place value grid. The Hth Hth Hth Property of the Pro | Understand the movement of digits on a place value grid. O Tth Hth Thth 0 8 5 0 • 30 48 5 0 • $70 = 0.085$ O Tth Hth Thth 8 • 5 0 • 0 8 8 8 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 |

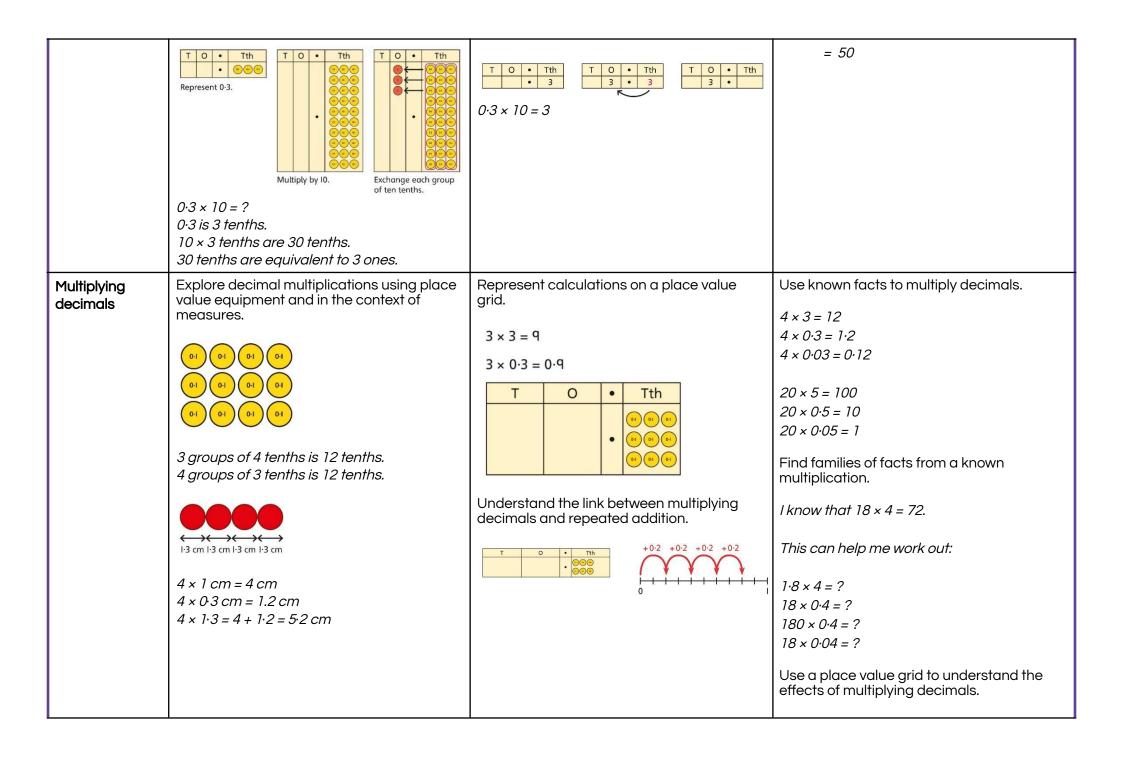
| Understanding the relationship between fractions and division | Use sharing to explore the link between fractions and division. 1 whole shared between 3 people. Each person receives one-third. | 1.5 divided by 10 is 1 tenth and 5 hundredths. 1.5 ÷ 10 = 0.15 Use a bar model and other fraction representations to show the link between fractions and division. I ÷ 3 = $\frac{1}{3}$ | Use the link between division and fractions to calculate divisions. $5 \div 4 = \frac{5}{4} = 1\frac{1}{4}$ $11 \div 4 = \frac{11}{4} = 2\frac{3}{4}$ | |
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| Year 6 | | | | |
| | Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract | |
| Year 6 Addition | | | | |
| Comparing and selecting efficient methods | Represent 7-digit numbers on a place value grid, and use this to support thinking and mental methods. M HTh TTH TH T O | Discuss similarities and differences between methods, and choose efficient methods based on the specific calculation. Compare written and mental methods alongside place value representations. The The Head of the specific calculation and methods alongside place value representations. The The Head of the specific calculation and methods alongside place value representations. The The Head of the specific calculation and measure contexts. | Use column addition where mental methods are not efficient. Recognise common errors with column addition. 32,145 + 4,302 = ? TTh Th H T O 3 2 1 4 5 4 3 0 2 1 4 5 5 4 4 3 0 2 7 5 1 6 5 Which method has been completed accurately? What mistake has been made? | |

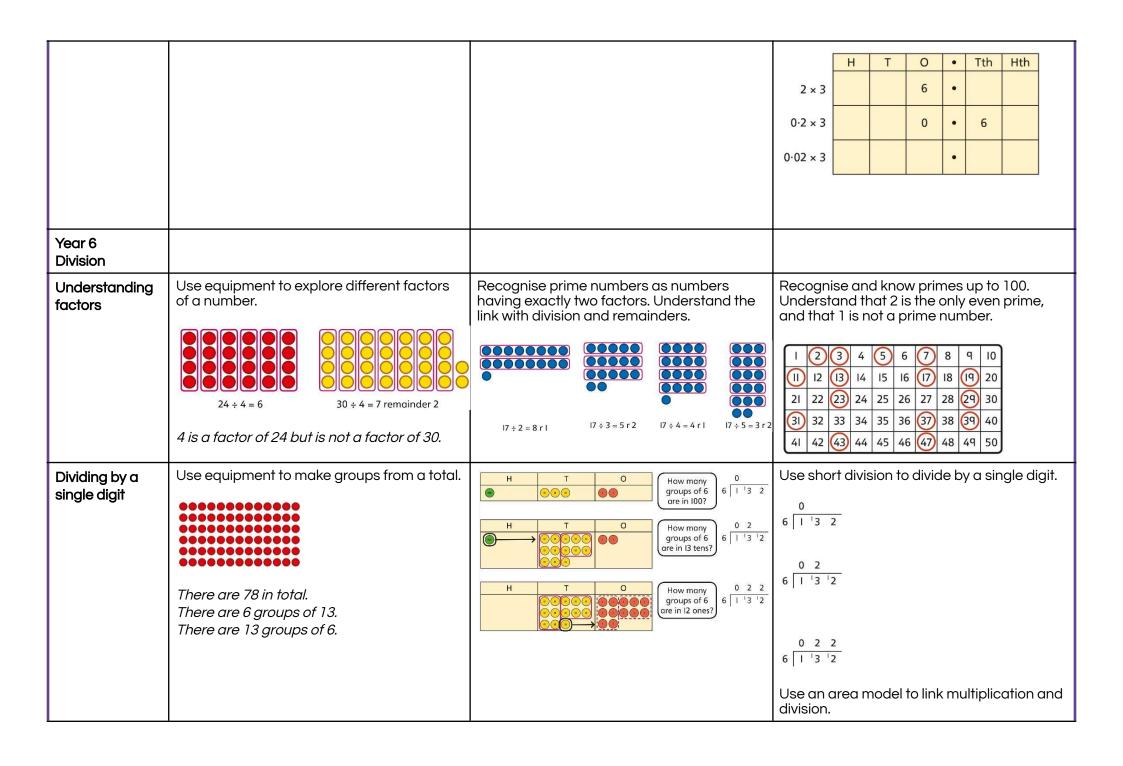




| Subtracting mentally with larger numbers | | Use a bar model to show how unitising can support mental calculations. 950,000 – 150,000 That is 950 thousands – 150 thousands 950 So, the difference is 800 thousands. 950,000 – 150,000 = 800,000 | Subtract efficiently from powers of 10. 10,000 – 500 = ? |
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| Year 6 Multiplication | | | |
| Multiplying up to a 4-digit number by a single digit number | Use equipment to explore multiplications. Th T O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O | Use place value equipment to compare methods. Method I Method I Method I Method I Method Z | Understand area model and short multiplication. Compare and select appropriate methods for specific multiplications. Method 3 3,000 200 20 5 4 12,000 800 80 20 12,000 + 800 + 80 + 20 = 12,900 Method 4 3 2 2 5 × 4 1 2 9 0 0 0 1 2 |
| Multiplying up to a 4-digit number by a 2-digit number | | Use an area model alongside written multiplication. Method I 1,000 200 30 5 20 20,000 4,000 600 100 1 1,000 200 30 5 | Use compact column multiplication with understanding of place value at all stages. 1 2 3 5 × |

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| Using knowledge of factors and partitions to compare methods for multiplications | Use equipment to understand square numbers and cube numbers. $5 \times 5 = 5^2 = 25$ $5 \times 5 \times 5 = 5^3 = 25 \times 5 = 125$ | Compare methods visually using an area model. Understand that multiple approaches will produce the same answer if completed accurately. 20 5,200 × 20 5,200 × 25 5,2 | Use a known fact to generate families of related facts. 170 × |
| Multiplying by 10, 100 and 1,000 | Use place value equipment to explore exchange in decimal multiplication. | Understand how the exchange affects decimal numbers on a place value grid. | = 240 Use knowledge of multiplying by 10, 100 and 1,000 to multiply by multiples of 10, 100 and 1,000. $8 \times 100 = 800$ $8 \times 300 = 800 \times 3$ $= 2,400$ $2.5 \times 10 = 25$ $2.5 \times 20 = 2.5 \times 10 \times 2$ |



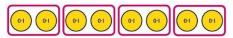


| Dividing by a 2-digit number using factors | Understand that division by factors can be used when dividing by a number that is not prime. | Use factors and repeated division. $1,260 \div 14 = ?$ $1,260 \div 2 = 630$ $1,260 \div 2 = 90$ | ? 10 10 1 1 6 132 6 60 60 6 6 6 6 6 6 |
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| Dividing by a 2-digit number using long division | Use equipment to build numbers from groups. 182 divided into groups of 13. There are 14 groups. | 1,260 ÷ 14 = 90 Use an area model alongside written division to model the process. 377 ÷ 13 = ? 13 10 ? 13 10 ? 13 130 130 117 377 ÷ 13 = 29 | Use long division where factors are not useful (for example, when dividing by a 2-digit prime number). Write the required multiples to support the division process. $377 \div 13 = ?$ $0 \times 13 1 \times 13 2 \times 13 3 \times 13 4 \times 13 5 \times 13 6 \times 13 7 \times 13 8 \times 13 9 \times 13$ $13 3 7 7$ $- 1 3 0 10$ $2 4 7$ $- 1 3 0 10$ $1 1 7 7$ $- 1 1 7 9$ $0 29$ |

| Use place value equipment to explore division as exchange. Divide 20 counters by 10. 0.2 is 2 tenths. 2 tenths is equivalent to 20 hundredths. 20 hundredths divided by 10 is 2 hundredths. | Represent division to show the relationship with multiplication. Understand the effect of dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000 on the digits on a place value grid. Understand how to divide using division by 10, 100 and 1,000. 12 ÷ 20 = ? A slighthe divithe divithe size of the size of | $\frac{3}{9} \frac{8}{8}$ $\frac{3}{3} \frac{0}{6} \frac{8}{8}$ $\frac{3}{6} \frac{0}{8}$ Ons with a remainder explored in em-solving contexts. In the embedding of factors to divide by coles of 10, 100 and 1,000. $0 \div 50 = \boxed{}$ |
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Dividing decimals

Use place value equipment to explore division of decimals.



8 tenths divided into 4 groups. 2 tenths in each group.

Use a bar model to represent divisions.

| 0.8 | | | |
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| ? | ? | ? | ? |

 $4 \times 2 = 8$

 $8 \div 4 = 2$

So,
$$4 \times 0.2 = 0.8$$
 $0.8 \div 4 = 0.2$

Use short division to divide decimals with up to 2 decimal places.