



**Calculations Policy**  
**Addition and Subtraction**

**Addition**

**5 Counting Principles (Early Years) :**

**1. The one-one principle.**

- Children assign one number name to each object that is being counted.
- Children must ensure that they count each object only once.



1



2



3



4



5

**2. The stable-order principle**

- Children understand that, when counting, the numbers have to be said in a certain order.

**3. The cardinal principle**

- Children understand that the number name assigned to the final object in the group is the total number of objects in that group.

**4. The abstraction principle**

- Children understand that anything can be counted, including things that cannot be touched eg. Sounds and movements

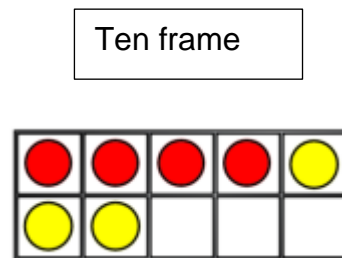
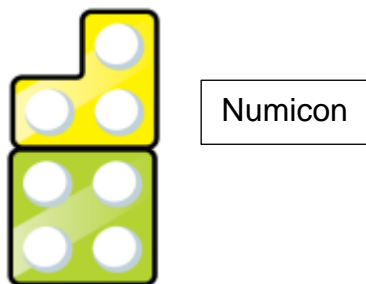
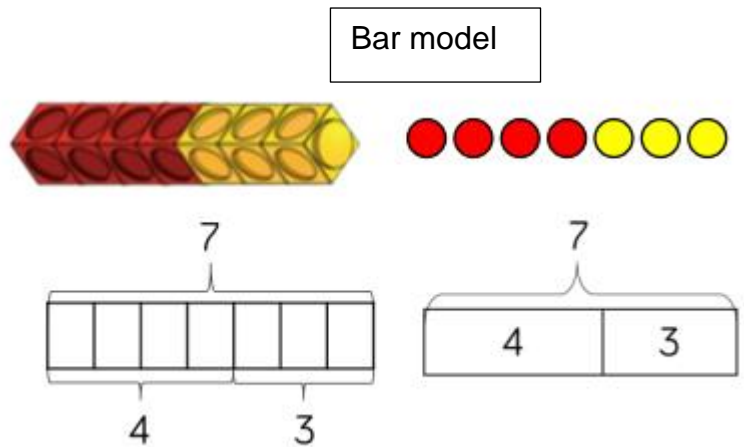
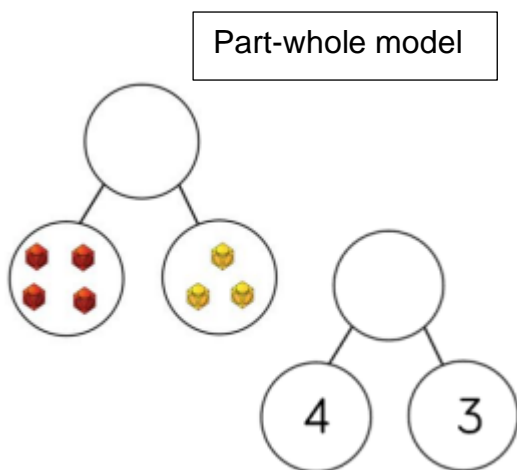
**5. The order-irrelevance principle**

- Children understand that whatever order we count a group of objects in, there will still be the same number.

### Add two 1-digit numbers to 10 (Early Years and Year 1)

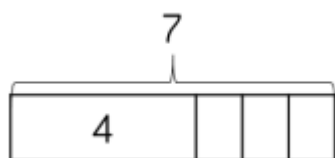
When adding numbers to 10, children can explore both aggregation and augmentation.

#### Models to support aggregation:

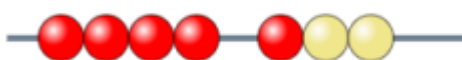


#### Models to support augmentation:

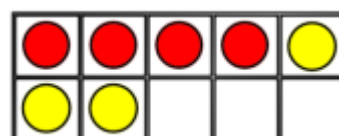
Combination bar model



Bead string



Ten frame



Number track



### Add 1 and 2-digit numbers to 20 (Year 1 and 2)

The knowledge that 10 ones equal 1 ten supports children in adding 1-digit numbers that cross 10.

In Year 1 this is done by counting on using the following models to support:

The image shows three mathematical models for the addition  $8 + 7 = 15$ . On the left is a part-whole model with a large empty circle on the left and two smaller circles on the right containing the numbers 7 and 8. In the middle is a bar model consisting of a horizontal bar divided into two sections labeled 8 and 7, with a bracket above the entire bar labeled 15. On the right are Numicon blocks: a blue block with 8 dots (4 on top, 4 on bottom) and a green block with 7 dots (3 on top, 4 on bottom), with a label 'Numicon' to their right.

Part-whole model

Bar model

Numicon

In Year 2, different manipulatives can be used to represent the exchanging of ten 1s for one 10 alongside number lines to support children in understanding how to partition their jumps:

The image shows three mathematical models for the addition  $8 + 7 = 15$ . On the left, there are two rows of 10 straws each, with a downward arrow pointing to a bundle of 10 straws and 5 individual straws. In the middle, there are two ten frames. The first ten frame has 8 red dots in the top row and 2 yellow dots in the bottom row. The second ten frame has 5 red dots in the top row and 5 yellow dots in the bottom row. To the right of the ten frames is the equation  $8 + 7 = 15$  with a bracket under 8 and 7, and arrows pointing to 2 and 5. Below this is a label 'Ten frame filled to make 10'. On the right, there is a number line from 0 to 20. A blue oval encircles the equation  $8 + 7 = 15$  with arrows pointing to 2 and 5. Two blue curved arrows on the number line show a jump of 2 from 8 to 10, and a jump of 5 from 10 to 15.

Straws bundles to make 10

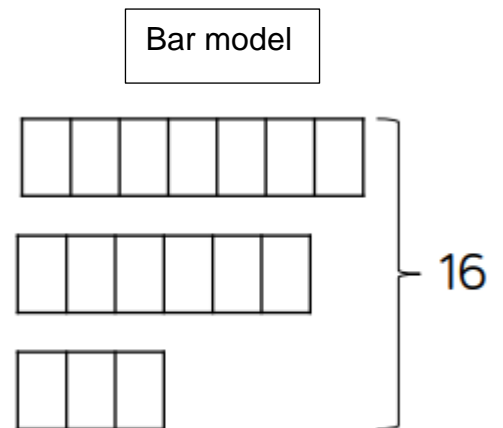
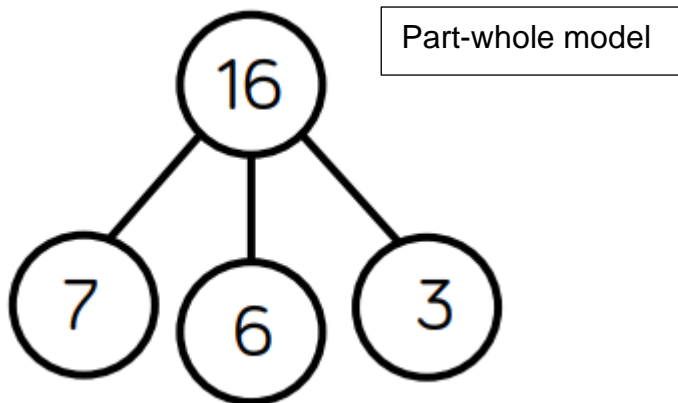
Ten frame filled to make 10

Number line

### Add three 1-digit numbers (Year 2)

When adding three 1-digit numbers, children should be encouraged to look for number bonds to 10 or doubles to add more efficiently. This also supports their understanding of commutativity.

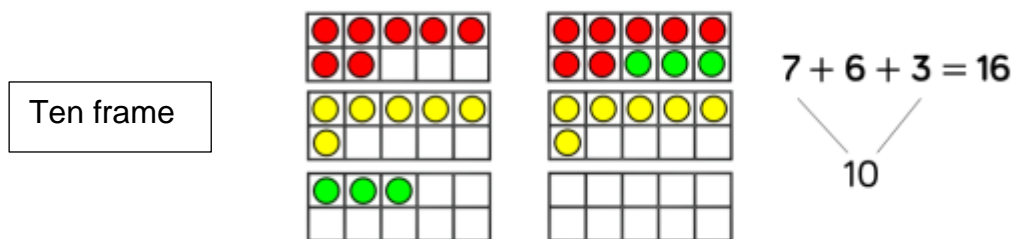
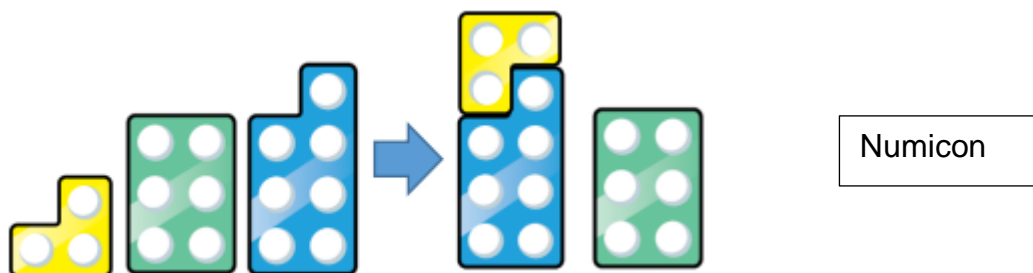
The following representations may be used:



$7 + 6 + 3 = 16$

Abstract

Representations that highlight number bonds to 10 are effective when adding three 1-digit numbers:



### Add 1-digit and 2-digit numbers to 100 (Year 2 and 3)

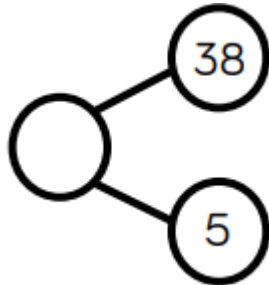
When adding 1-digit to a 2-digit number, children should be encouraged to count on from the larger number.

They should apply their knowledge of number bonds to add more efficiently

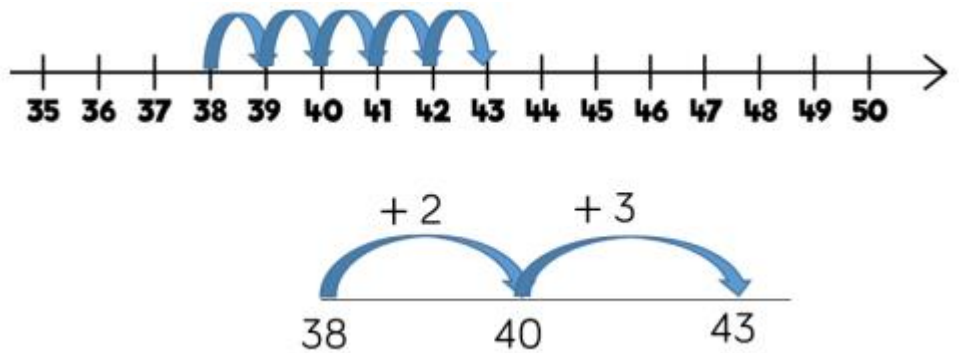
eg.  $8 + 5 = 13$  so  $38 + 5 = 43$

The following representations may be used (hundred squares and straws help children to find the number bond to 10):

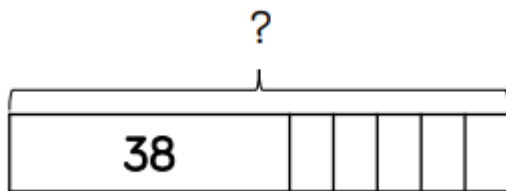
Part-whole model



Numberlines

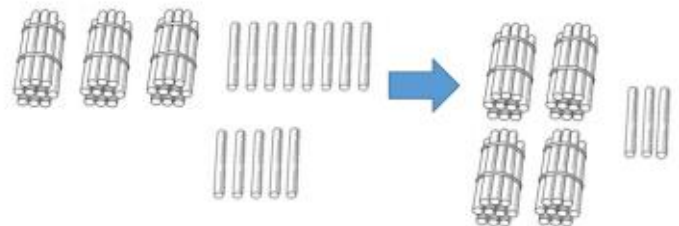


Bar model



$$38 + 5 = 43$$

Abstract



Straws

Hundred square

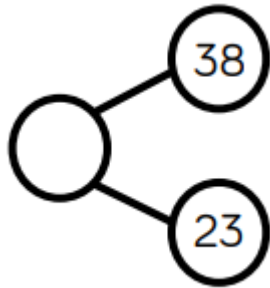
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

### Add 2-digit numbers to 100 (Year 2 and 3)

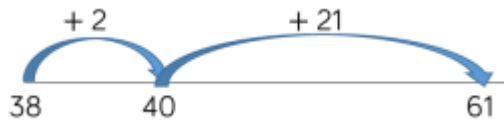
Children can count on to find the total. They should be encouraged to jump to multiples of 10 to be more efficient.

The following representations may be used:

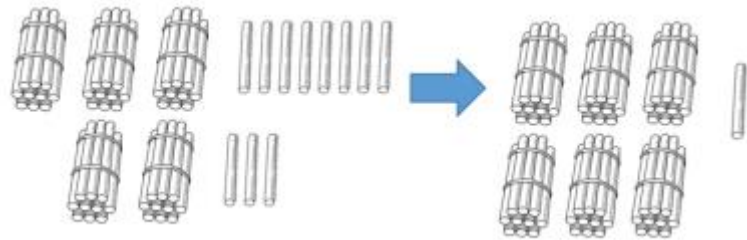
Part-whole model



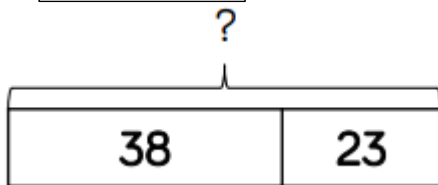
Numberline



Straws



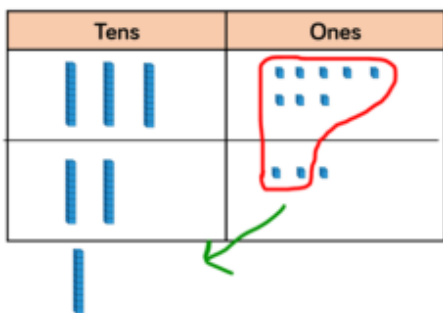
Bar model



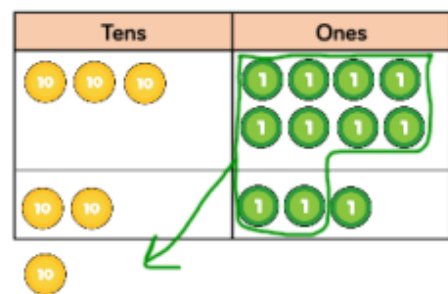
Abstract

$$38 + 23 = 61$$

From year 3, children should be encouraged to use the formal column method, firstly calculating alongside base ten or place value counters:



$$\begin{array}{r} 38 \\ + 23 \\ \hline 61 \\ 1 \end{array}$$

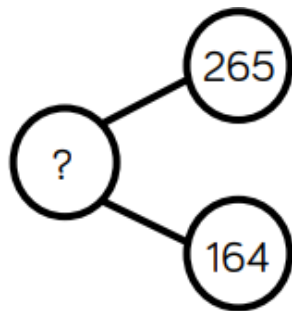


### Add numbers with up to 3 digits (year 3)

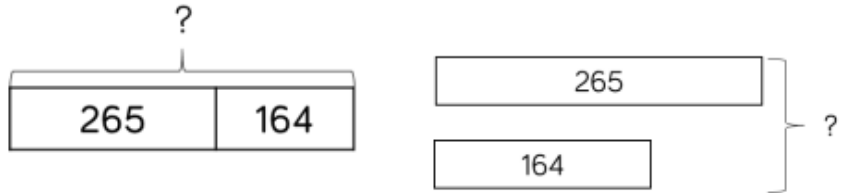
Children should write their calculation alongside any concrete resources so that they can make links to the written column method.

The following representations may be used to support:

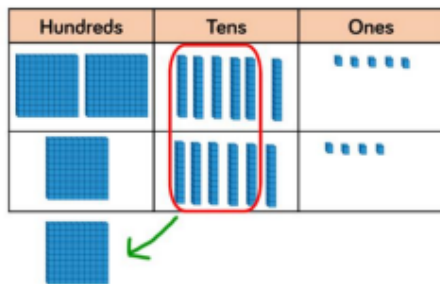
Part-whole model



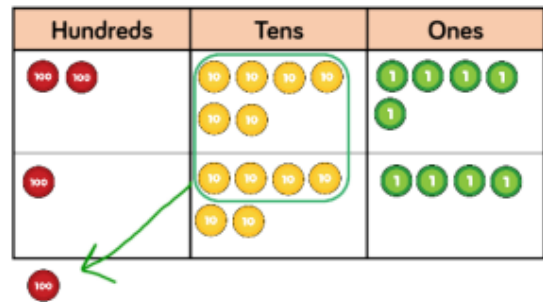
Bar models



Base ten and place value counters alongside formal column method



$$\begin{array}{r} 265 \\ + 164 \\ \hline 429 \\ \hline 1 \end{array}$$

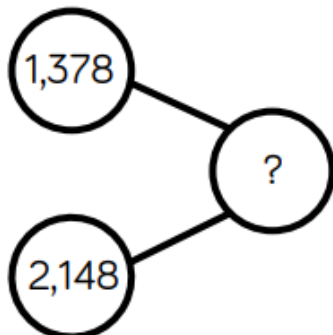


### Add numbers with up to 4 digits (Year 4)

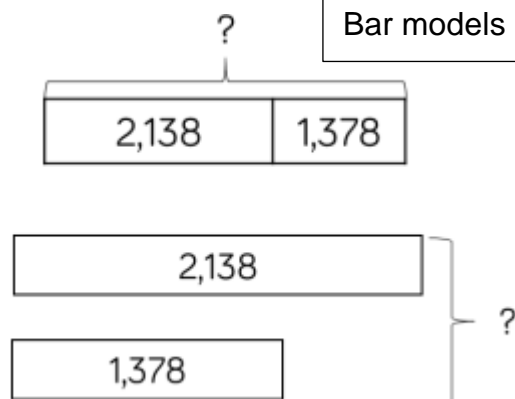
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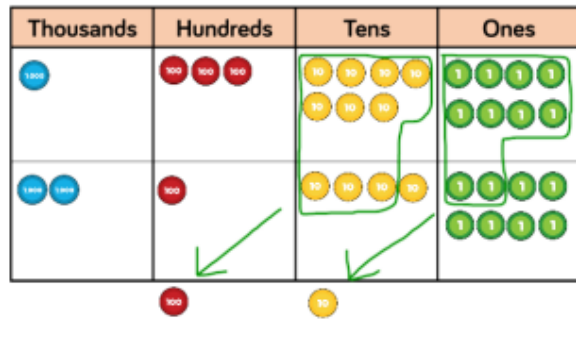
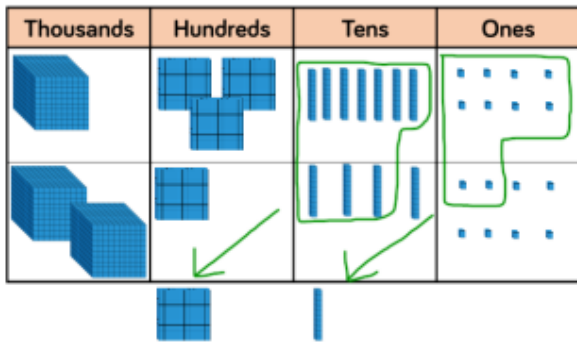
The following representations may be used to support:

Part-whole model



Bar models





Base ten and place value counters alongside formal column method

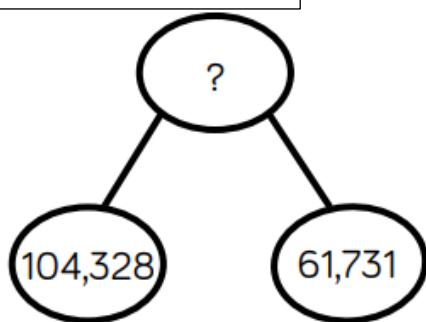
	1	3	7	8
+	2	1	4	8
	3	5	2	6
		1	1	

**Add numbers with more than 4 digits (Year 5 and 6)**

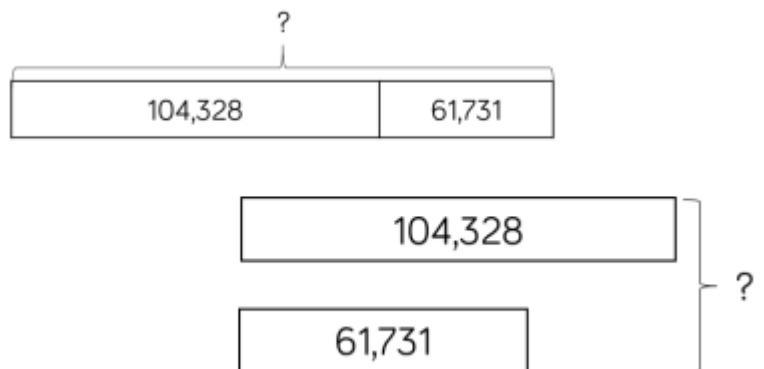
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The following representations may be used:

Part-whole model

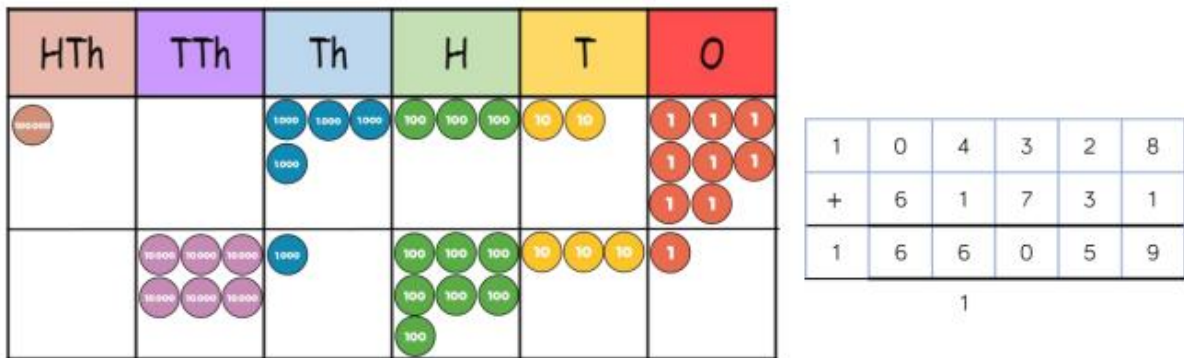


Bar models





Place value counters on a place value chart alongside formal column method

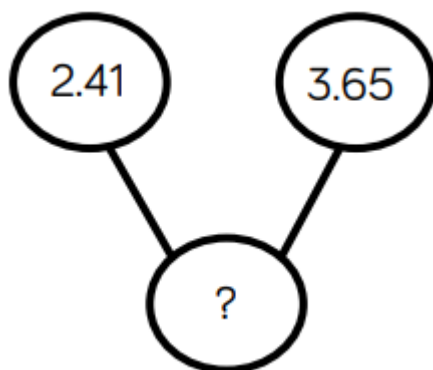


### Add numbers with up to 3 decimal places (Year 5)

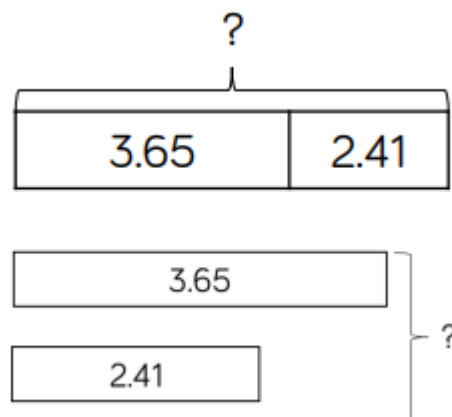
Children should have experience of adding decimals with a variety of decimal places. This should also be put into context when adding money and other measures.

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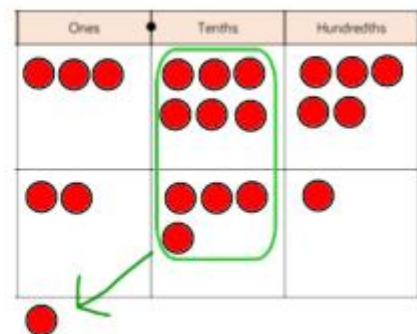
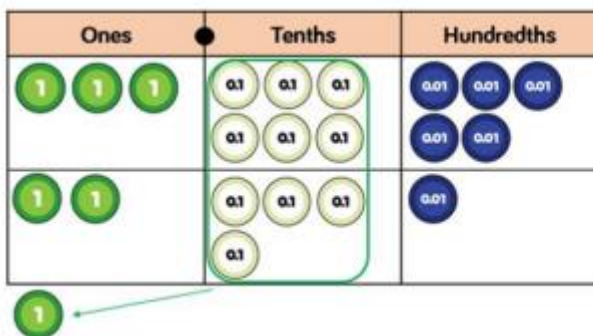
Part-whole model



Bar models



Place value counters or plain counters on a place value chart



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

Abstract

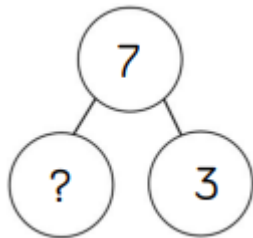
## Subtraction

### Subtract 1-digit numbers within 10 (Year 1)

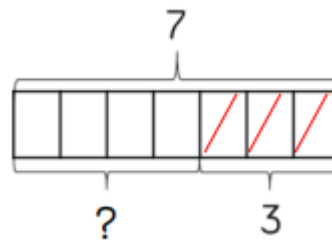
1-digit numbers within 10 can be subtracted using partitioning, reduction and finding the difference.

The following representations support partitioning:

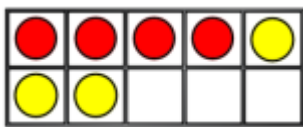
Part-whole model



Bar models



Ten frame



Numicon

The following representations support reduction:

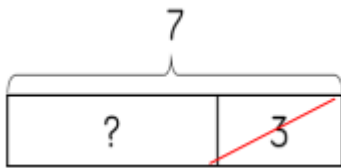


Bead strings

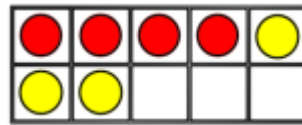


Number tracks

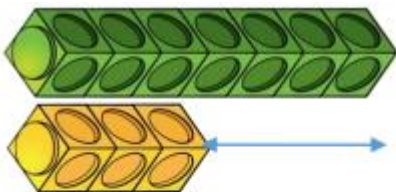
Single bar models



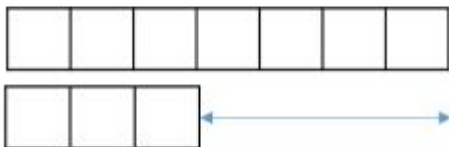
Ten frame



The following representations support finding the difference:



Cubes



Bar models with two bars

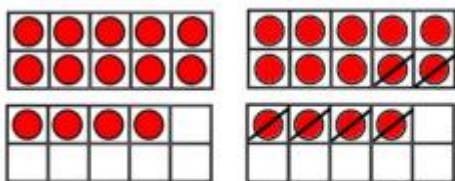
### Subtract 1 and 2-digit numbers to 20 (year 1 and 2)

When subtracting 1-digit numbers that cross 10, it is important to highlight the importance of ten 1s equalling one 10.

Children should be encouraged to find the number bond to 10 when partitioning the subtracted number.

The following representations are particularly useful for this alongside the abstract:

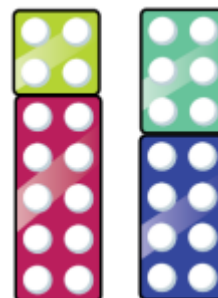
Ten frames



$$14 - 6 = 8$$

The number 14 is circled. A line connects the 4 to the 6, and another line connects the 1 to the 2, illustrating the decomposition of 14 into 10 and 4, and 6 into 2 and 4.

Numicon

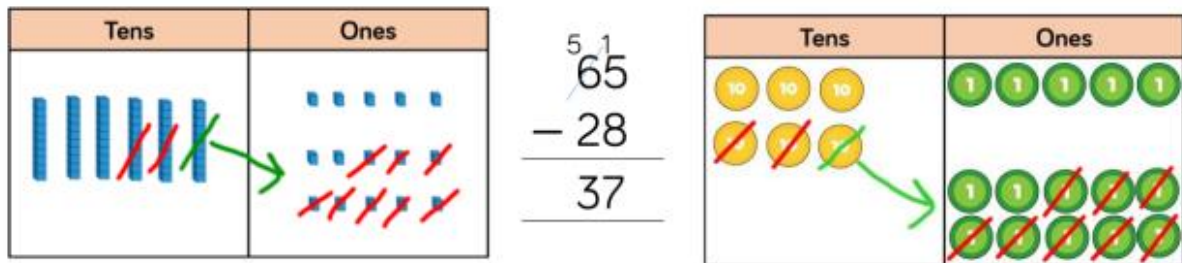


Number lines

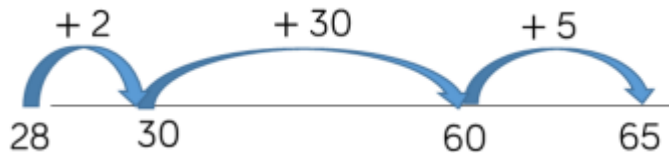


**Subtract 1 and 2 digit numbers to 100 (year 2)**

At this stage, children should be encouraged to use the formal column method alongside base ten and place value counters.

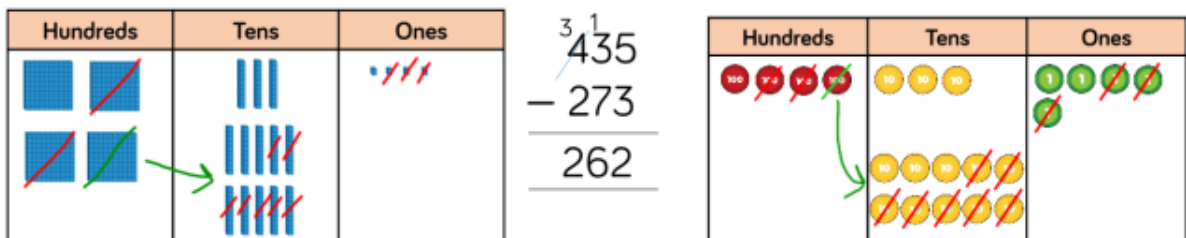


Children can also use a blank number line to count on to find the difference. They should be encouraged to jump to multiples of 10 to work efficiently.



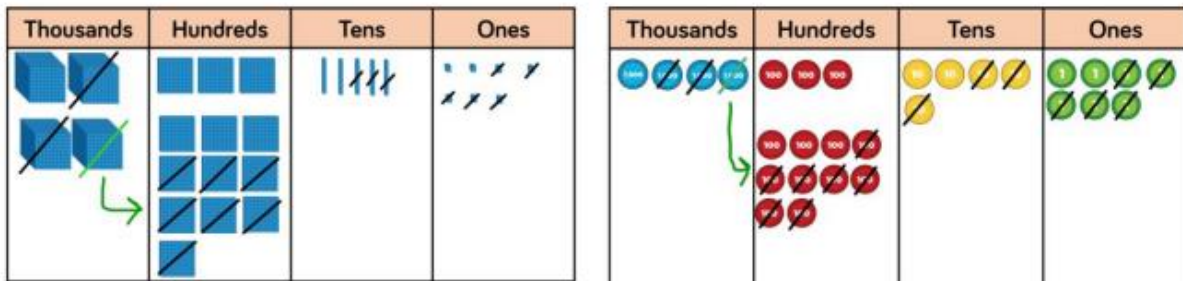
**Subtract numbers with up to 3 digits (year 3)**

Children should be encouraged to write out any calculations in a formal column method alongside the use of manipulatives so that they can make links between the two.



### Subtract numbers with up to 4 digits (year 4)

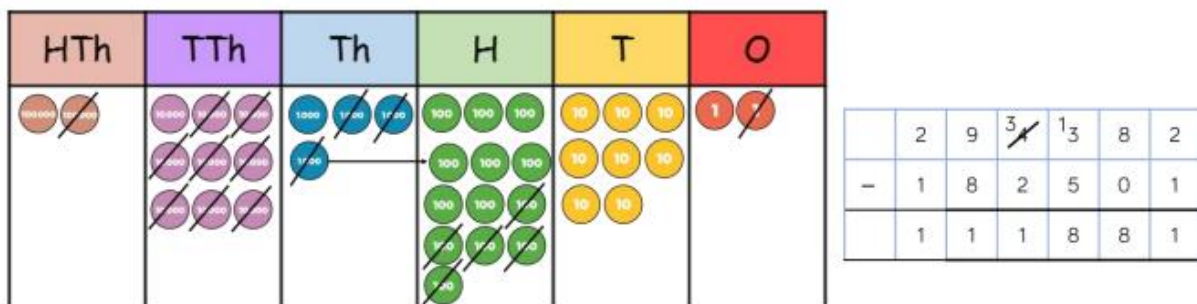
Children should be encouraged to write out any calculations in a formal column method alongside the use of manipulatives so that they can make links between the two.



$$\begin{array}{r}
 \phantom{0}^3 \phantom{0}^1 \\
 4357 \\
 - 2735 \\
 \hline
 1622
 \end{array}$$

### Subtract numbers with more than 4 digits (year 5 and 6)

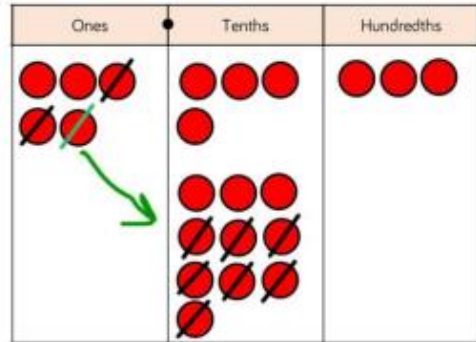
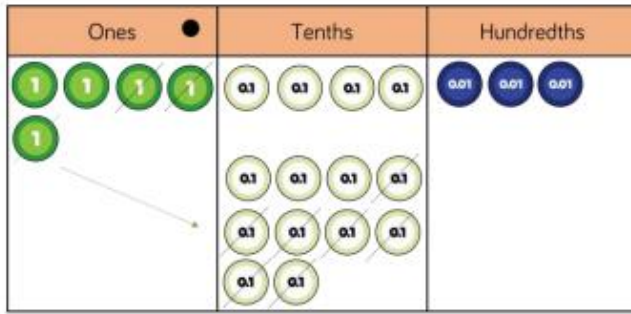
At this stage, children should be encouraged to work in the abstract, using column method to subtract larger numbers efficiently. However, place value counters and place value charts may be used to support learning.



### Subtract with up to 3 decimal places (year 5)

Children should have experience of subtracting decimals with a variety of decimal places. This includes putting into context when subtracting money or other measures.

Place value counters or plain counters on a place value chart may support a written column method.



$$\begin{array}{r}
 \phantom{0}^4 \phantom{0}^1 \\
 5.43 \\
 - 2.7 \\
 \hline
 2.73
 \end{array}$$

**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 eg.300 is the complement to 700 to make 1000

**Difference:** The numerical difference between two numbers is found by comparing the quantity of 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