Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School

Power Maths **calculation policy, Year 6**

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KEY STAGE 2

In Years 3 and 4, children develop the basis of written methods by building their skills alongside a deep understanding of place value. They should use known addition/subtraction and multiplication/division facts to calculate efficiently and accurately, rather than relying on counting. Children use place value equipment to support their understanding, but not as a substitute for thinking.

Key language: partition, place value, tens, hundreds, thousands, column method, whole, part, equal groups, sharing, grouping, bar model

Addition and subtraction: In Year 3 especially, the column methods are built up gradually. Children will develop their understanding of how each stage of the calculation, including any exchanges, relates to place value. The example calculations chosen to introduce the stages of each method may often be more suited to a mental method. However, the examples and the progression of the steps have been chosen to help children develop their fluency in the process, alongside a deep understanding of the concepts and the numbers involved, so that they can apply these skills accurately and efficiently to later calculations. The class should be encouraged to compare mental and written methods for specific calculations, and children should be encouraged at every stage to make choices about which methods to apply.

In Year 4, the steps are shown without such fine detail, although children should continue to build their understanding with a secure basis in place value. In subtraction, children will need to develop their understanding of exchange as they may need to exchange across one or two columns.

By the end of Year 4, children should have developed fluency in column methods alongside a deep understanding, which will allow them to progress confidently in upper Key Stage 2.

Multiplication and division: Children build a solid grounding in times-tables, understanding the multiplication and division facts in tandem. As such, they should be as confident knowing that 35 divided by 7 is 5 as knowing that 5 times 7 is 35. Children develop key skills to support multiplication methods: unitising, commutativity, and how to use partitioning effectively.

Unitising allows children to use known facts to multiply and divide multiples of 10 and 100 efficiently. Commutativity gives children flexibility in applying known facts to calculations and problem solving. An understanding of partitioning allows children to extend their skills to multiplying and dividing 2- and 3-digit numbers by a single digit.

Children develop column methods to support multiplications in these cases.

For successful division, children will need to make choices about how to partition. For example, to divide 423 by 3, it is effective to partition 423 into 300, 120 and 3, as these can be divided by 3 using known facts.

Children will also need to understand the concept of remainder, in terms of a given calculation and in terms of the context of the problem.

Fractions: Children develop the key concept of equivalent fractions, and link this with multiplying and dividing the numerators and denominators, as well as exploring the visual concept through fractions of shapes. Children learn how to find a fraction of an amount, and develop this with the aid of a bar model and other representations alongside.

in Year 3, children develop an understanding of how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator and find complements to the whole. This is developed alongside an understanding of fractions as numbers, including fractions greater than 1. In Year 4, children begin to work with fractions greater than 1.

Decimals are introduced, as tenths in Year 3 and then as hundredths in Year 4. Children develop an understanding of decimals in terms of the relationship with fractions, with dividing by 10 and 100, and also with place value.

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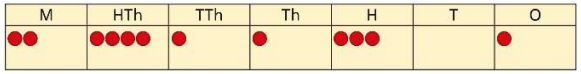
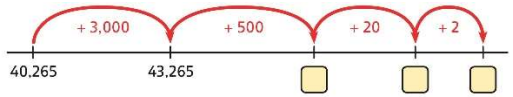
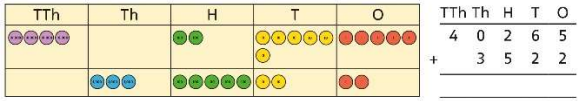
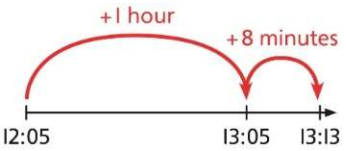
Year 6			
	Concrete	**Pictorial**	**Abstract**
Year 6 Addition			
Comparing and selecting efficient methods	Represent 7-digit numbers on a place value grid, and use this to support thinking and mental methods. 	Discuss similarities and differences between methods, and choose efficient methods based on the specific calculation. Compare written and mental methods alongside place value representations.   Use bar model and number line representations to model addition in problem-solving 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 3 6 4 4 7 TTh Th H T O 3 2 1 4 5 + 4 3 0 2 7 5 1 6 5 *Which method has been completed accurately?* *What mistake has been made?* Column methods are also used for decimal additions where mental methods are not efficient. H T O · Tth Hth 1 4 0 · 0 9 + 4 9 · 8 9 1 8 9 · 9 8 1

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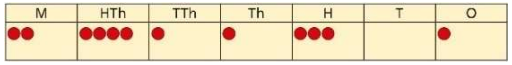
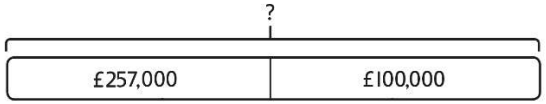
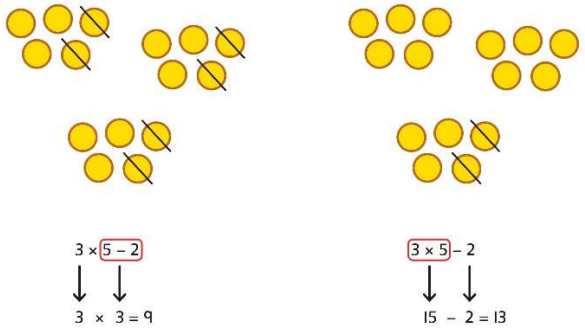
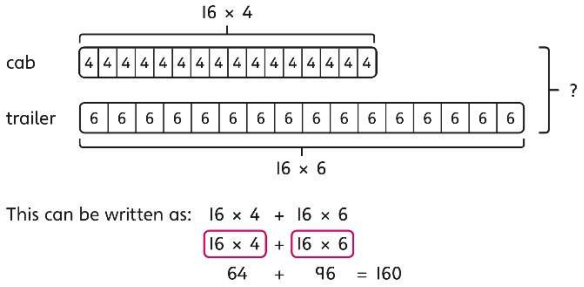
Selecting mental methods for larger numbers where appropriate	Represent 7-digit numbers on a place value grid, and use this to support thinking and mental methods.  *2,411,301 + 500,000 = ?* *This would be 5 more counters in the HTh place.* *So, the total is 2,911,301.* *2,411,301 + 500,000 = 2,911,301*	Use a bar model to support thinking in addition problems. *257,000 + 99,000 = ?*  *I added 100 thousands then subtracted 1 thousand.* *257 thousands + 100 thousands = 357 thousands* *257,000 + 100,000 = 357,000* *357,000 – 1,000 = 356,000* *So, 257,000 + 99,000 = 356,000*	Use place value and unitising to support mental calculations with larger numbers. *195,000 + 6,000 = ?* *195 + 5 + 1 = 201* *195 thousands + 6 thousands = 201 thousands* *So, 195,000 + 6,000 = 201,000*
Understanding order of operations in calculations	Use equipment to model different interpretations of a calculation with more than one operation. Explore different results. *3 × 5 − 2 = ?*  	Model calculations using a bar model to demonstrate the correct order of operations in multi-step calculations.  	Understand the correct order of operations in calculations without brackets. Understand how brackets affect the order of operations in a calculation. *4 + 6 × 16* *4 + 96 = 100* *(4 + 6) × 16* *10 × 16 = 160*

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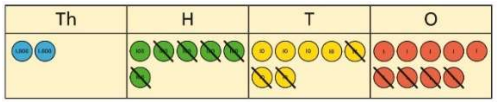
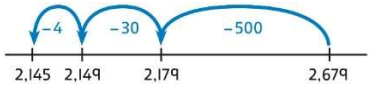
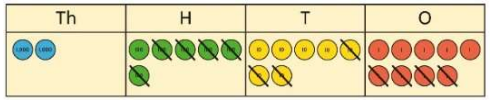
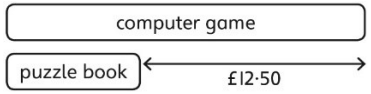
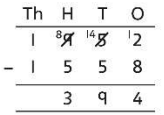
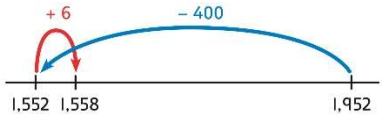
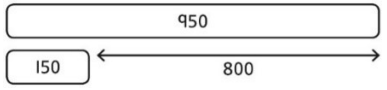
Year 6 Subtraction			
Comparing and selecting efficient methods	Use counters on a place value grid to represent subtractions of larger numbers. 	Compare subtraction methods alongside place value representations.   Th H T O 2 6 7 9 − 5 3 4 2 1 4 5 Use a bar model to represent calculations, including 'find the difference' with two bars as comparison. 	Compare and select methods. Use column subtraction when mental methods are not efficient. Use two different methods for one calculation as a checking strategy.   Use column subtraction for decimal problems, including in the context of measure. H T O · Tth Hth 3 0 9 · 6 0 − 2 0 6 · 4 0 1 0 3 · 2 0
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*  *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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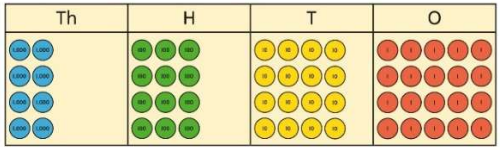
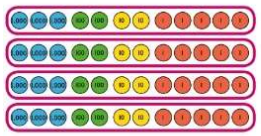
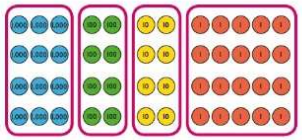
Year 6 Multiplication			
Multiplying up to a 4-digit number by a single digit number	Use equipment to explore multiplications.  *4 groups of 2,345* *This is a multiplication:* *4 × 2,345* *2,345 × 4*	Use place value equipment to compare methods. **Method 1**  3 2 2 5 3 2 2 5 3 2 2 5 + 3 2 2 5 1 2 9 0 0 1 1 2 **Method 2**  4 × 3,000 4 × 200 4 × 20 4 × 5 12,000 + 800 + 80 + 20 = 12,900	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 1 2
Multiplying up to a 4-digit number by a 2-digit number		Use an area model alongside written multiplication. **Method 1** 1,000 200 30 5 20 | 20,000 | 4,000 | 600 | 100 1 | 1,000 | 200 | 30 | 5 1 2 3 5 × 2 1 5 1 × 5 3 0 1 × 30 2 0 0 1 × 200 1 0 0 0 1 × 1,000 1 0 0 20 × 5 6 0 0 20 × 30 4 0 0 0 20 × 200 2 0 0 0 0 20 × 1,000 2 5 9 3 5 21 × 1,235	Use compact column multiplication with understanding of place value at all stages. 1 2 3 5 × 2 1 1 2 3 5 1 × 1,235 2 4 7 0 0 20 × 1,235 2 5 9 3 5 21 × 1,235

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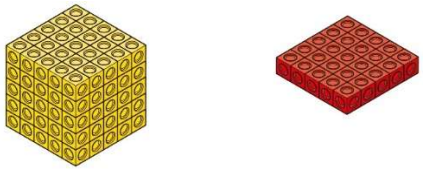
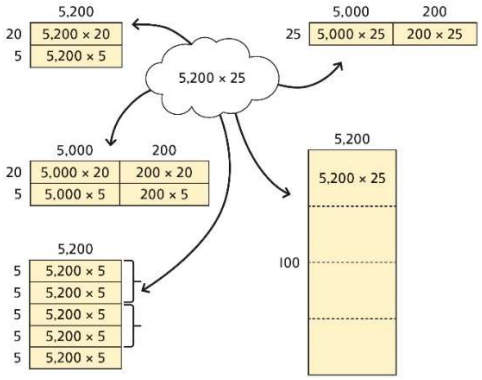
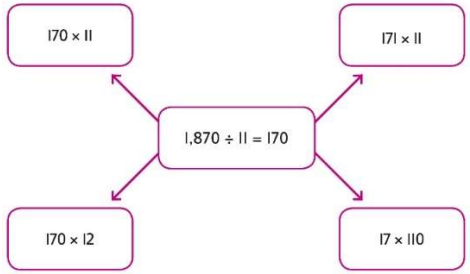
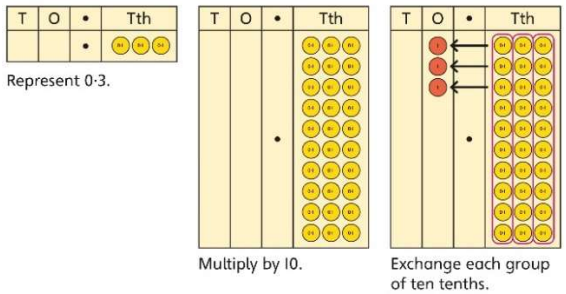
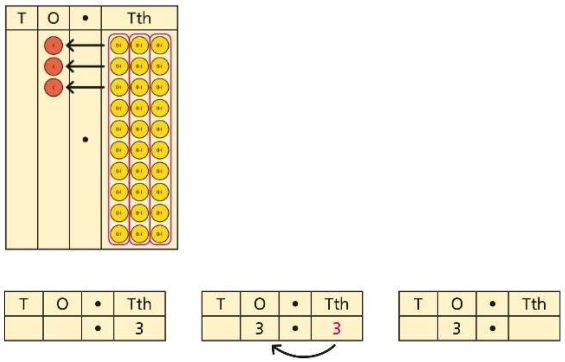
Using knowledge of factors and partitions to compare methods for multiplications	Use equipment to understand square numbers and cube numbers.  $5 \times 5 = 5^2 = 25$ $5 \times 5 \times 5 = 5^3 = 25 \times 5 = 125$	Compare methods visually using an area model. Understand that multiple approaches will produce the same answer if completed accurately.  Represent and compare methods using a bar model.	Use a known fact to generate families of related facts.  Use factors to calculate efficiently. 15×16 $= 3 \times 5 \times 2 \times 8$ $= 3 \times 8 \times 2 \times 5$ $= 24 \times 10$ $= 240$
Multiplying by 10, 100 and 1,000	Use place value equipment to explore exchange in decimal multiplication.  $0{\cdot}3 \times 10 = ?$ $0{\cdot}3$ is 3 tenths. 10 × 3 tenths are 30 tenths. 30 tenths are equivalent to 3 ones.	Understand how the exchange affects decimal numbers on a place value grid.  $0{\cdot}3 \times 10 = 3$	Use knowledge of multiplying by 10, 100 and 1,000 to multiply by multiples of 10, 100 and 1,000. $8 \times 100 = 800$ $8 \times 300 = 800 \times 3$ $= 2{,}400$ $2{\cdot}5 \times 10 = 25$ $2{\cdot}5 \times 20 = 2{\cdot}5 \times 10 \times 2$ $= 50$

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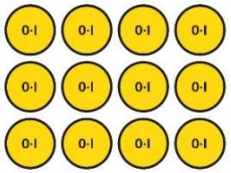
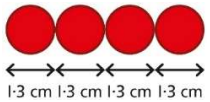
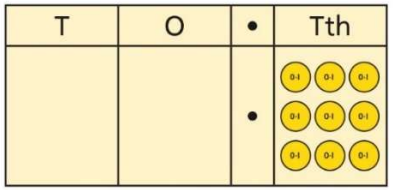
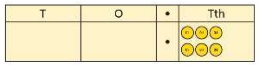
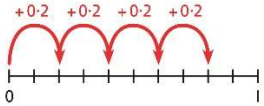
Multiplying decimals	Explore decimal multiplications using place value equipment and in the context of measures.  *3 groups of 4 tenths is 12 tenths.* *4 groups of 3 tenths is 12 tenths.*  *4 × 1 cm = 4 cm* *4 × 0·3 cm = 1.2 cm* *4 × 1·3 = 4 + 1·2 = 5·2 cm*	Represent calculations on a place value grid. 3 × 3 = 9 3 × 0·3 = 0·9  Understand the link between multiplying decimals and repeated addition.   	Use known facts to multiply decimals. *4 × 3 = 12* *4 × 0·3 = 1·2* *4 × 0·03 = 0·12* *20 × 5 = 100* *20 × 0·5 = 10* *20 × 0·05 = 1* Find families of facts from a known multiplication. *I know that 18 × 4 = 72.* *This can help me work out:* *1·8 × 4 = ?* *18 × 0·4 = ?* *180 × 0·4 = ?* *18 × 0·04 = ?* Use a place value grid to understand the effects of multiplying decimals. H T O • Tth Hth 2 × 3: 6 • 0·2 × 3: 0 • 6 0·02 × 3: •

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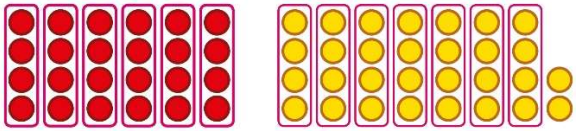
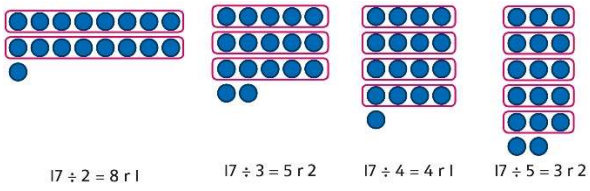
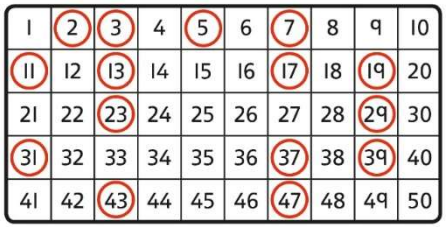
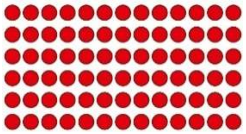
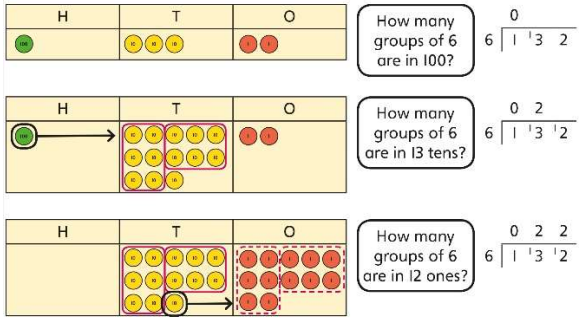
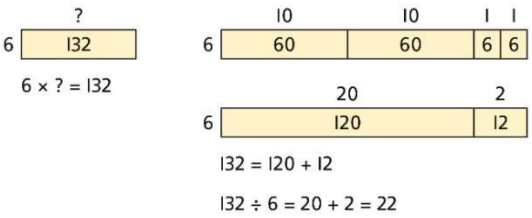
Year 6 Division			
Understanding factors	Use equipment to explore different factors of a number.  24 ÷ 4 = 6 30 ÷ 4 = 7 remainder 2 *4 is a factor of 24 but is not a factor of 30.*	Recognise prime numbers as numbers having exactly two factors. Understand the link with division and remainders.  17 ÷ 2 = 8 r 1 17 ÷ 3 = 5 r 2 17 ÷ 4 = 4 r 1 17 ÷ 5 = 3 r 2	Recognise and know primes up to 100. Understand that 2 is the only even prime, and that 1 is not a prime number.  1 **2** **3** 4 **5** 6 **7** 8 9 10 **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
Dividing by a single digit	Use equipment to make groups from a total.  *There are 78 in total.* *There are 6 groups of 13.* *There are 13 groups of 6.*	 0 r 1 3 2 0 2 r 1 3 2 0 2 2 r 1 3 2	Use short division to divide by a single digit. 0 6) 1 1 3 2 0 2 6) 1 1 3 1 2 0 2 2 6) 1 1 3 1 2 Use an area model to link multiplication and division.  ? 10 10 1 1 6 132 6 60 60 6 6 6 × ? = 132 20 2 6 120 12 132 = 120 + 12 132 ÷ 6 = 20 + 2 = 22

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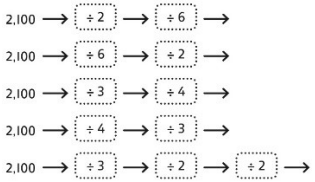
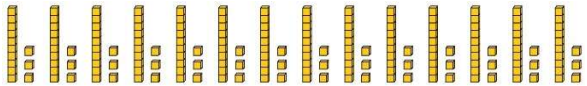
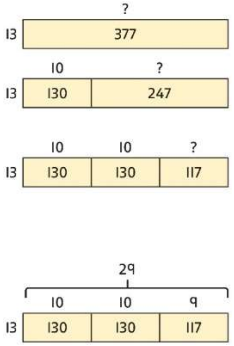
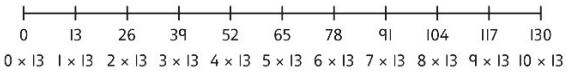
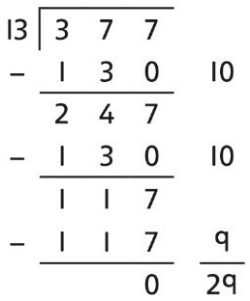
Dividing by a 2-digit number using factors	Understand that division by factors can be used when dividing by a number that is not prime.	Use factors and repeated division. *1,260 ÷ 14 = ?*  *1,260 ÷ 2 = 630* *630 ÷ 7 = 90* *1,260 ÷ 14 = 90*	Use factors and repeated division where appropriate. *2,100 ÷ 12 = ?* 
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.*	Use an area model alongside written division to model the process. *377 ÷ 13 = ?*  *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 ÷ 13 = ?*   *377 ÷ 13 = 29*

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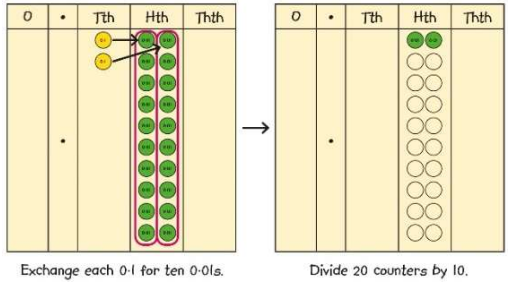
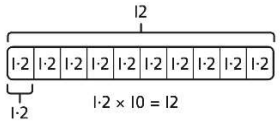
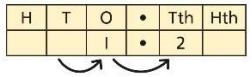
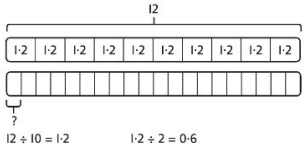
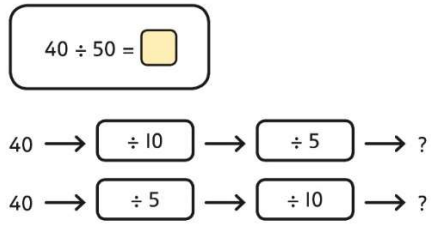
			A slightly different layout may be used, with the division completed above rather than at the side. $\begin{array}{r} \quad 3 \\ 21 \overline{)\,7\;9\;8} \\ -\;6\;3\;0 \\ \hline \quad 1\;6\;8 \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r} \quad 3\;8 \\ 21 \overline{)\,7\;9\;8} \\ -\;6\;3\;0 \\ \hline \quad 1\;6\;8 \\ -\;1\;6\;8 \\ \hline \quad\quad 0 \end{array}$ Divisions with a remainder explored in problem-solving contexts.
Dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000	Use place value equipment to explore division as exchange.  Exchange each 0·1 for ten 0·01s. 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 = ?*  	Use knowledge of factors to divide by multiples of 10, 100 and 1,000.  *40 ÷ 5 = 8* *8 ÷ 10 = 0·8* *So, 40 ÷ 50 = 0·8*

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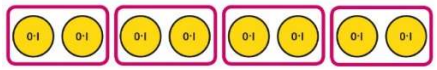
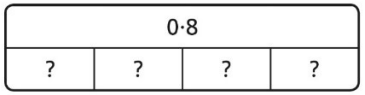
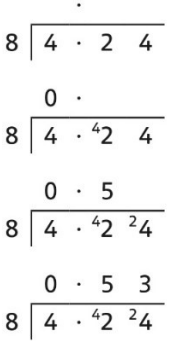
Dividing decimals	Use place value equipment to explore division of decimals.  *8 tenths divided into 4 groups. 2 tenths in each group.*	Use a bar model to represent divisions.  $4 \times 2 = 8$ $\quad 8 \div 4 = 2$ So, $4 \times 0{\cdot}2 = 0{\cdot}8$ $\quad 0{\cdot}8 \div 4 = 0{\cdot}2$	Use short division to divide decimals with up to 2 decimal places. 

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