# Maths Calculation Policy



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### **About Our Calculation Policy**

This documents is written for all adults working with our pupils; including teachers, teaching assistants, students, supply teachers and parents. It should be part of an induction package for all staff with inset as appropriate.

Our Calculation Policy has been devised to meet the requirements of the National Curriculum 2014, but most importantly the learning needs of our children at the Russell. The policy has been designed to give pupils a consistent and smooth progression of learning calculations across the school. Teachers should refer to this policy in all planning for calculations including cross curricular links.

The calculation policy is organised according to the requirements that need to be embedded in each year group of the primary curriculum as set out in the National Curriculum 2014; one set of mathematical concepts and big ideas for all. One of our fundamental mathematical Key principles; that this policy has been derived from, is the assumption that children use the language of maths correctly, so that children can develop mathematical concepts and also allows teachers to address misconceptions early and ensure that children have a firm understanding of key mathematical concepts before moving on.

It is vital that children are taught according to the 'stage' that they are working at, the transition between stages should not be hurried as not all children will be ready to move on to the next stage at the same time. Throughout this policy stages have been developed which introduces new concepts, outlines appropriate manipulatives and visual models, and what mathematical language is involved for a particular concept. Latter stages are for those children who are showing to have 'mastered' a concept, allowing them to apply their learning in a real life context further deepening their understanding. The new curriculum focuses on skills and mastery and is not about moving children on to the next method as soon as they can do the one before.

Written methods of calculations are based on mental strategies that have been taught using appropriate manipulatives and are only expected once a child has a clear understanding of the processes involved. This policy uses pictorial models that are consistent across year groups which means that skills can be taught, practised and reviewed constantly. These skills lead to more formal written methods of calculation.

Strategies for calculation need to be supported by familiar models and methods to reinforce understanding, such as the whole part model which children are exposed to throughout this policy. The written methods in this document are important but they by no means replace the superb mental methods we have developed. It is important for children to handle manipulatives to develop and reinforce understanding at all stages from Foundation to Year Six. A sound understanding of the number system and the value of a given number (place value) is essential for children to carry out calculations efficiently and accurately. Efficiency in calculation requires having a variety of mental strategies, which are carefully taught at a particular stage in a child's learning. Another key principle is the importance of 10, referred to as 'magic 10' (NCETM, 2015), which allows children to partition numbers to bridge 10, for example 9+6=9+1+5=15, which is helpful to make 10 as this makes this calculation easier.

Children need to be taught and encouraged to communicate their reasoning and thinking at all stages. Confidence in their ability in mathematics and calculations should be encouraged and supported with all children, fostering a 'can do' attitude. The long term aim is for our children to be able to select an efficient method of their own choice asking systematically:

Can I do this in my head?

Can I do this using drawings or jottings?

Do I need to use a pencil and paper procedure?

What resources could I use to help me?

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## Year Four

Children in Year Four begin to extend their knowledge of the number system to include the decimal numbers and fractions that they have met so far. They connect estimation and rounding numbers to the use of measuring instruments.

Children are taught to recognise and write Roman numerals to 100 (I and C) and begin to understand that there have been different ways to write whole numbers and that the important concepts of zero and place value were introduced over a period of time.

By the end of Year Four, children should be fluent in recalling and using all multiplication tables and related division facts and be able to use mental methods to solve a given problem. Pupils should also apply their mathematical knowledge of fact families to three-digit numbers to derive facts, (for example  $600 \div 3 = 200$  can be derived from  $2 \times 3 = 6$ ).

**Key Vocabulary:** place value, thousands, hundreds, tens, ones, digit, operation, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, expanded method, compact method, exchanging, inverse operation, fact family, part, whole, part, array, partition, remainder, multiple, divisor, whole number, fraction, denominator, tenths, hundredths, decimal.

#### Key Instant Recall Facts

Autumn 1: I know number bonds to 100.

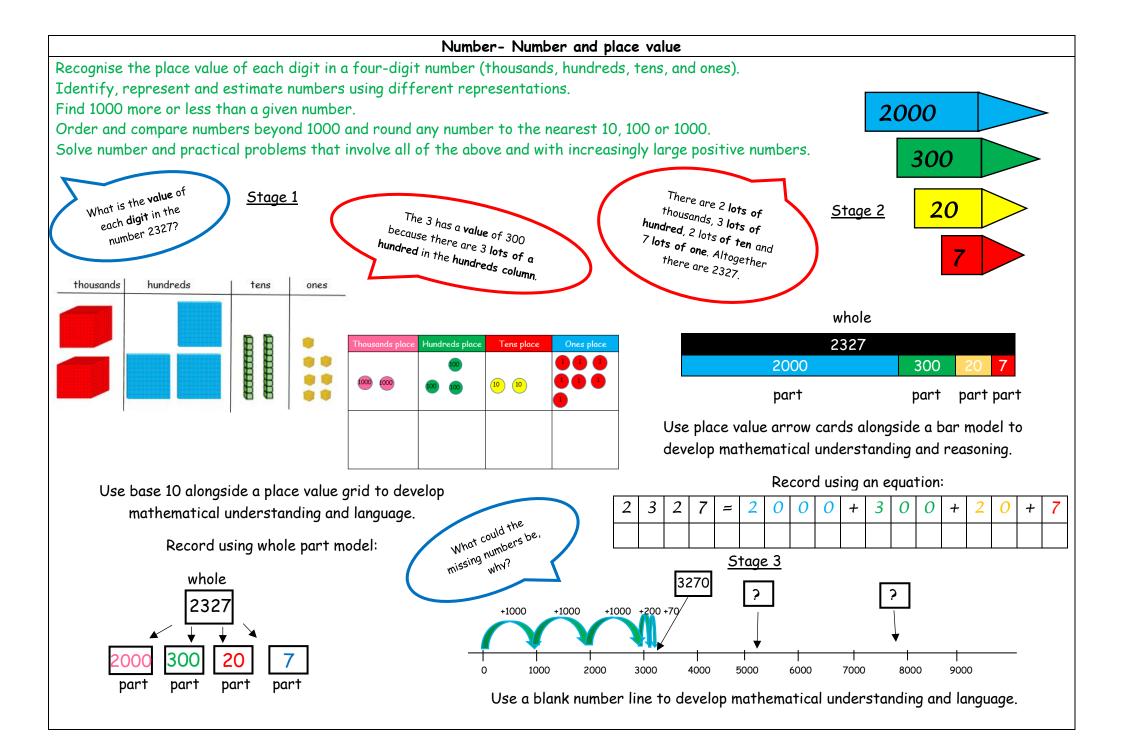
Autumn 2: I know the multiplication and division facts for the 6 times table.

Spring 1: I know the multiplication and division facts for the 9 and 11 times table.

Spring 2: I can recognise decimal equivalents of fractions.

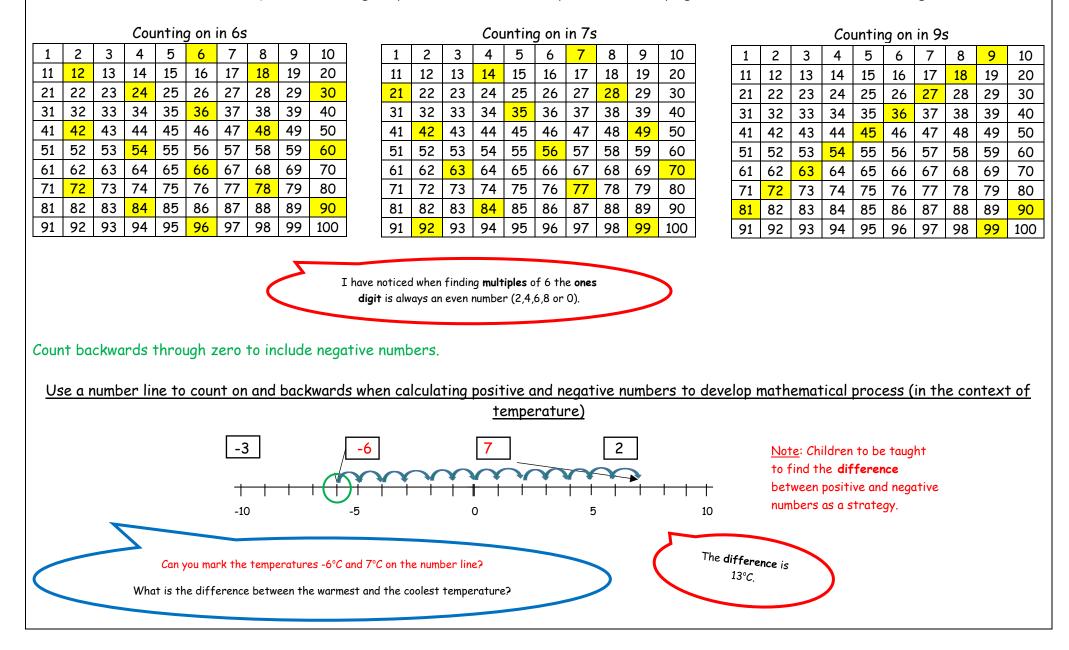
Summer 1: I know the multiplication and division facts for the 7 times table.

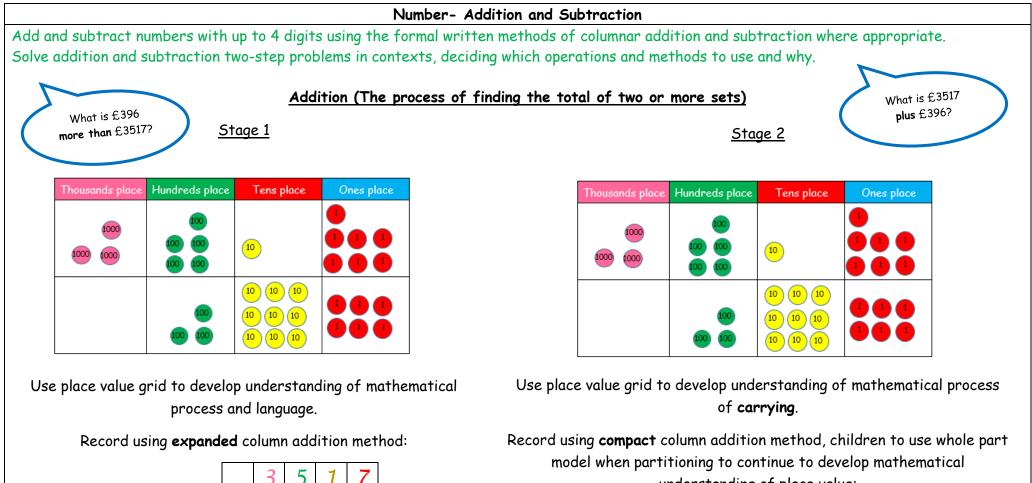
Summer 2: I can multiply and divide single-digit numbers by 10 and 100.



#### Count in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000.

Use a hundred square to investigate place value and number patterns developing children's mathematical reasoning.



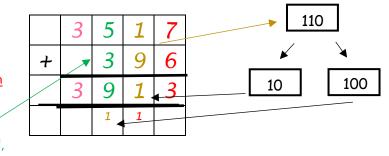


understanding of place value:

<u>Note</u>: Children should begin by adding the ones first and to carry any numbers underneath the bottom line.

<u>Don't forget to remind children</u> of the correct **place value**.

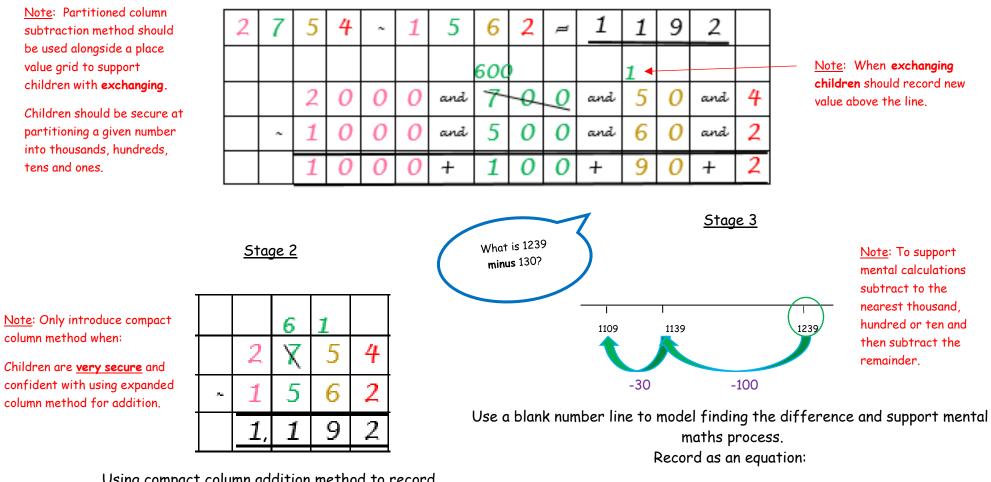
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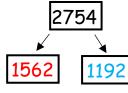
<u>Note</u>: Children should be secure in partitioning a given number into thousands, hundreds, tens and ones without recording using partitioning.

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			1	3
		1	0	0
		8	0	0
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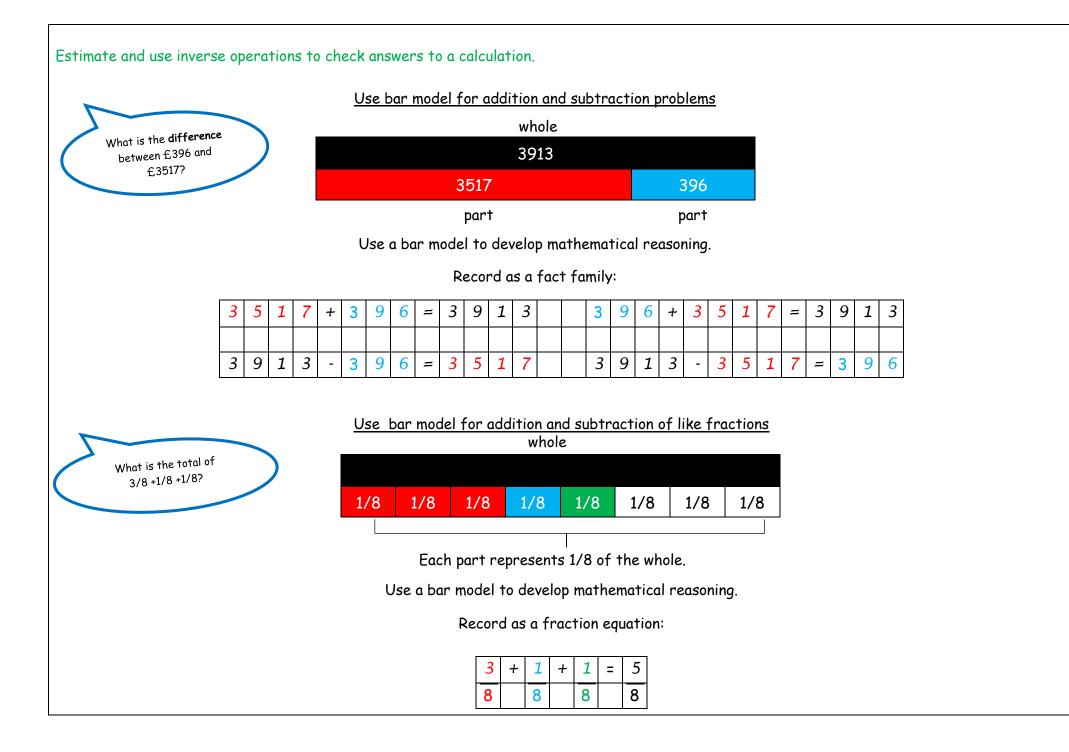




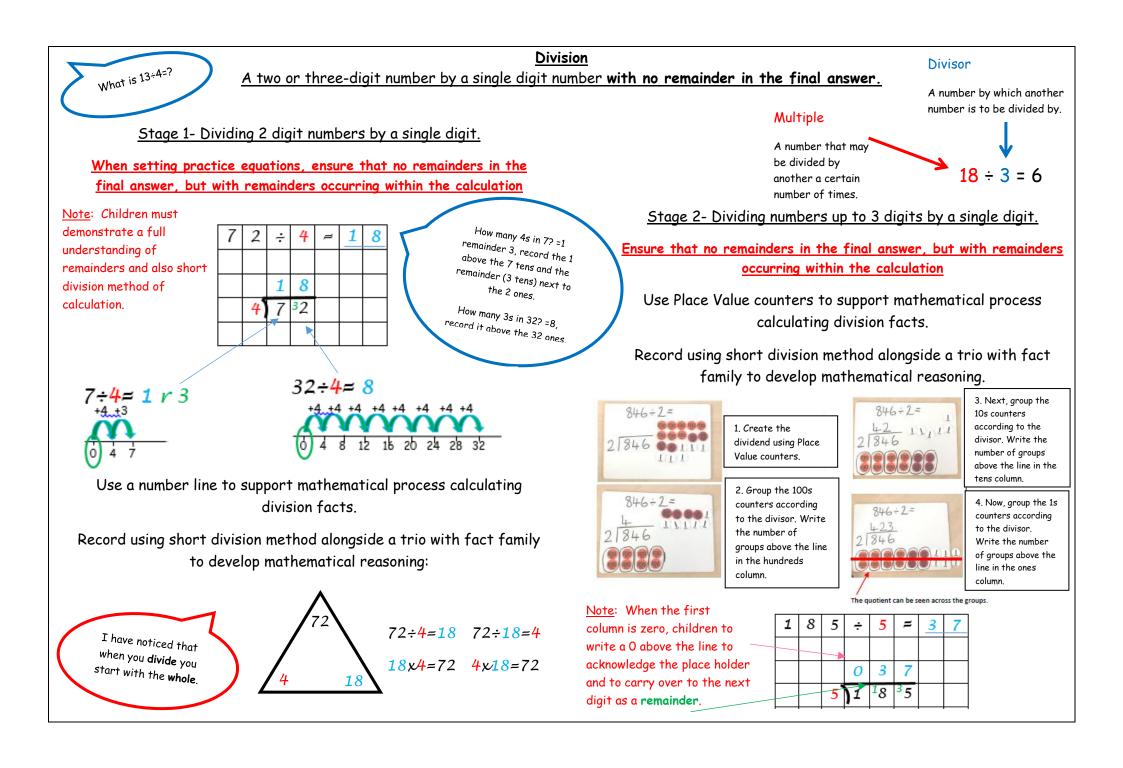
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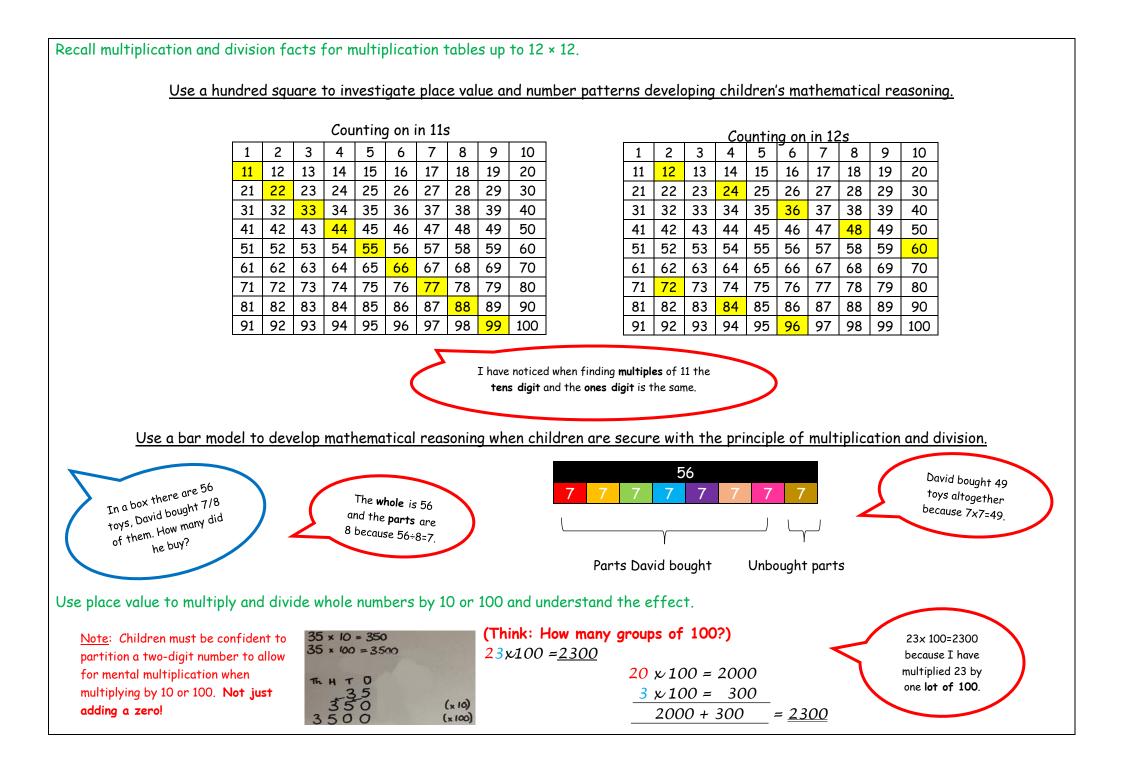


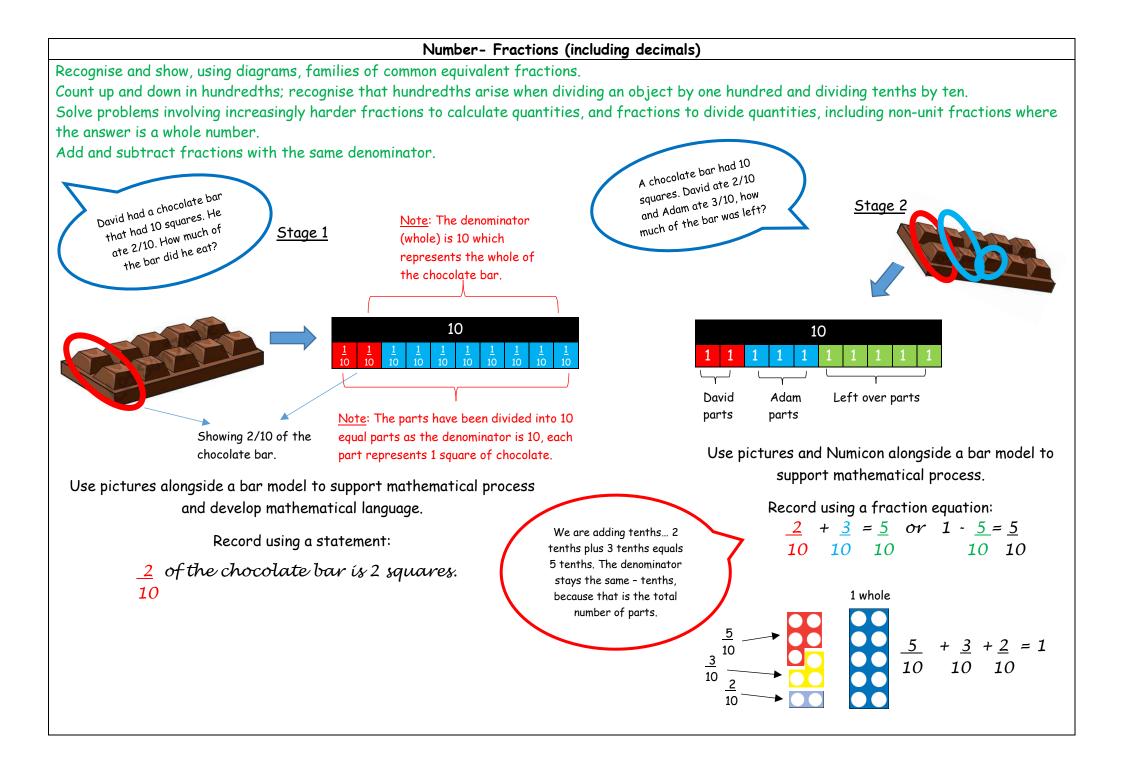
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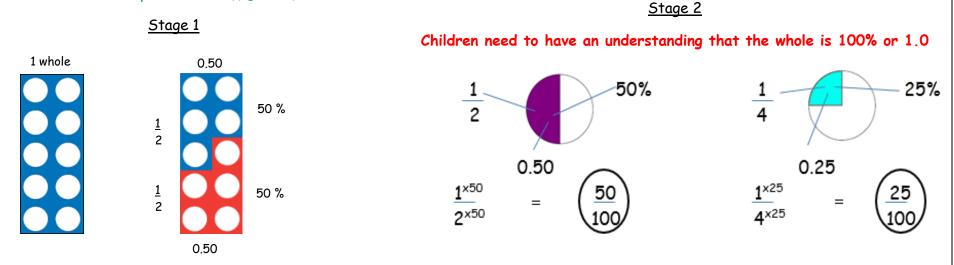
#### Number- Multiplication and Division Use place value, known and derived facts to multiply and divide mentally, including: multiplying by 0 and 1; dividing by 1; multiplying together three numbers. Recognise and use factor pairs and commutativity in mental calculations. Multiply two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using formal written layout. Solve problems involving multiplying and adding, including using the distributive law to multiply two digit numbers by one digit, integer scaling problems and harder correspondence problems such as n objects are connected to m objects. David found 5 boxes Multiplication with 135 toys in each Multiply a two or three digit number by a single one digit number box, how many toys were Stage 2 there altogether? Stage 1 Encourage children to check their answer using an $135 \times 5 = 675$ estimation equation rounding to the nearest hundred and ten so that they can mentally multiply using know 5 X multiplication facts. Note: Children 500 100 (E.g. 135 x 5 is approximately 140 x 5, encourage children to should be secure record their estimation to compare final calculation) at partitioning a Note: Once 30 150 calculated given number into $135 \times 5 = (approximately) 140 \times 5 = 700$ hundreds, tens 5 25 children can use and ones. expanded column Use expanded multiplication method alongside place value 675 addition to find counters to develop mathematical understanding. the total. Use grid method alongside place value counters to develop mathematical 3 5 understanding. 5 V Record using a trio to develop mathematical reasoning: 5 2 I have noticed that 5 0 1 you can multiply 135 5×135=675 135×5=675 675÷135=5 675÷5=135 × 5 or 5 × 135 and it 5 0 0 +still totals 675. 5 6







Recognise and show, using diagrams, families of common equivalent fractions. Recognise and write decimal equivalents to  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$ .



Use pictures alongside a fraction wheel to support mathematical process and Use Numicon to support mathematical process and understanding of understanding of relationship between fractions, percentages and decimals.

Record as an equation fact family:



5 = 50 = 50% = 0.50

Recognise and write decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundredths.

Hundreds	Tens	Ones	Tenths	Hundredths
		3	0	4
0	2	7	5	
	4	3	1	1
5	6	0	3	

Use a decimal grid with a **fixed decimal point** alongside a place value grid or fraction wheel to support mathematical process.