Year 3 and 4 Subtraction	
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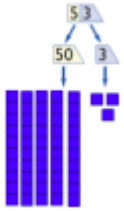
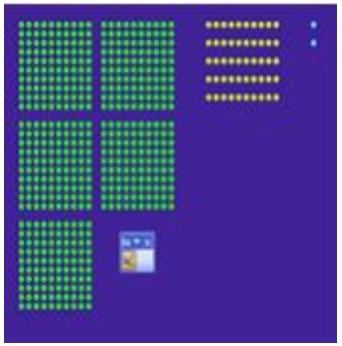
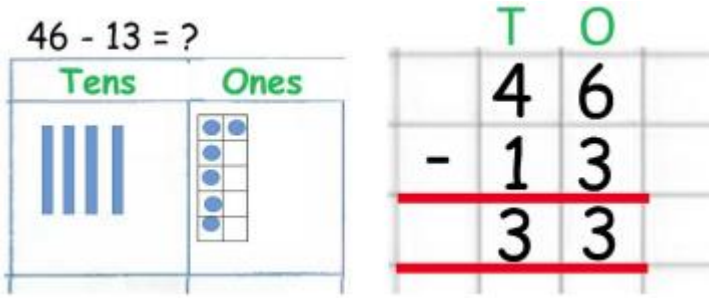
Mental strategies	
Children should continue to count regularly, on and back, now including multiples of 4, 8, 50, and 100, and steps of 1/10. The number line should continue to be used as an important image to support thinking, and the use of informal jottings should be encouraged. Children should continue to partition numbers in different ways.  *53 is 5 tens and 3 ones, but it is also 40 and 13 (drop the language of tens and ones). Also using HTU. E.g 552 is 500 and 50 and 3, and 500 and 40 and 12.* 	Children should continue to count regularly, on and back, now including multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000, and steps of 1/100. The number line should continue to be used as an important image to support thinking, and the use of informal jottings should be encouraged where appropriate. Children should continue to partition numbers in different ways. They should be encouraged to choose from a range of strategies: • Counting forwards and backwards: 124 – 47, count back 40 from 124, then 4 to 80, then 3 to 77 • Reordering: 28 + 75, 75 + 28 (thinking of 28 as 25 + 3) • Partitioning: counting on or back: 5.6 + 3.7, 5.6 + 3 + 0.7 = 8.6 + 0.7 • Partitioning: bridging through multiples of 10: 6070 – 4987, 4987 + 13 + 1000 + 70 • Partitioning: compensating – 138 + 69, 138 + 70 - 1 • Partitioning: using 'near' doubles - 160 + 170 is double 150, then add 10, then add 20, or double 160 and add 10, or double 170 and subtract 10 • Partitioning: bridging through 60 to calculate a time interval – What was the time 33 minutes before 2.15pm? • Using known facts and place value to find related facts. Use place value counters. Start with one exchange before moving onto subtractions with 2 exchanges. (Dienes could be used for those who need a less abstract representation). Make the larger number with the place value counters.

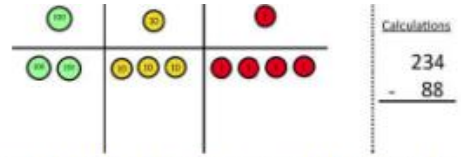
They should be encouraged to choose the mental strategies which are most efficient for the numbers involved, e.g. counting up (difference, or complementary addition) for 201 – 198; counting back (taking away / partition into tens and ones) for 201 – 12.

Children were introduced to column method in year 2. Review learning of column subtraction without crossing the boundary first. Ensure you refer to the value of the digits g. 4 ones subtract 3 ones is equal to 1 one1. 3 tens subtract 1 tens is equal to 2 tens.

Children should use jottings alongside to support their understanding and then move away as soon as they are secure. Make sure the columns are



labelled and images are used alongside the written method.



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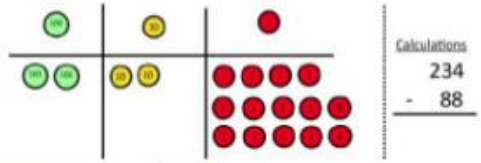
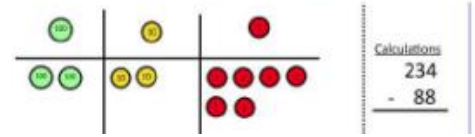


Now I can subtract my ones.



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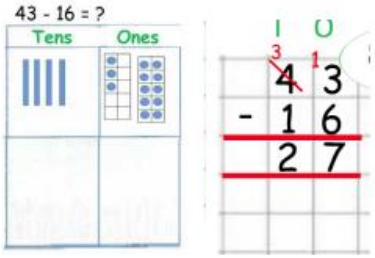
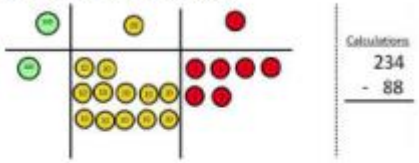
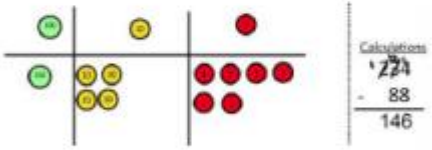
 

When doing subtraction:
- Keep digits aligned in the correct column
- Calculate from the ones place
- When the digit in the ones place is not large enough to subtract, exchange 1 tens for 10 ones.</td>
<td>Now look at the tens, can I take away 8 tens easily? I need to exchange 1 hundred for 10 tens.
 

Now I can take away 8 tens and complete my subtraction.
 

Show children how the concrete method links to the written method alongside your working. Cross out the numbers when exchanging and show where we write our new amount.</td>
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<td>Children can start their formal written method by partitioning the number into clear place value columns</td>
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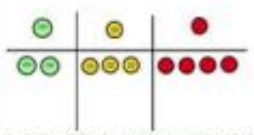
754	700	50	4	
- 42		40	2	
	700	10	2	=668

Column method with regrouping

Use Base 10 to start with before moving on to place value counters. Start with one exchange before moving onto subtractions with 2 exchanges.

Make the larger number with the place value counters



Calculations
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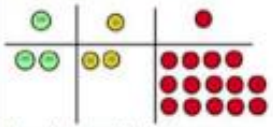

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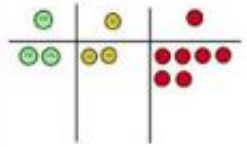

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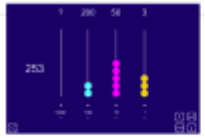
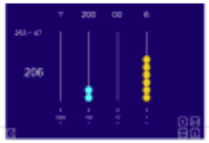
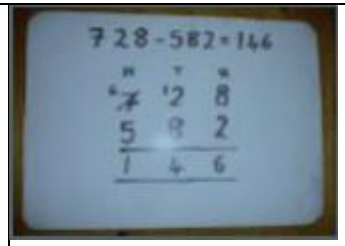


253 – 47 = 206



Moving onto to exchange (decomposition) using expanded method as below.



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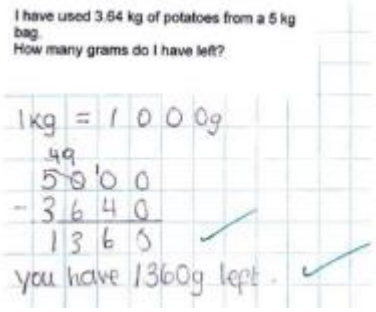
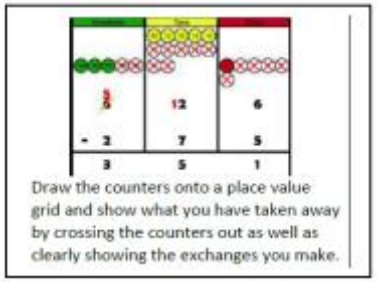
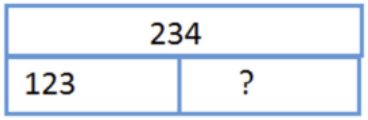
234	
123	?

Start with one exchange before moving onto subtractions with 2 exchanges. Moving forward the children use a more compact method. This will lead to an understanding of subtracting any number including decimals.

	5	12		1
	2	~~6~~	~~3~~	. 0
-		2	6	. 5
	2	3	6	. 5



754 - 86 = 668 700 50 4 80 6 600 60 8 =668 754 - 86 = 668 600 140 14 80 6 600 60 8 =668 Decomposition (Continue with Dienes and/or money as appropriate)  *"It's tricky to take 6 ones from 4 ones and 8 tens from 5 tens. I need to rearrange the number. I will exchange one ten from 50 which leaves 40 and makes 14 in the ones. 4 tens to subtract 8 tens is tricky. I will exchange one hundred from 700 and make 140 (14 tens). 14 tens subtract 8 tens equals 6 tens"* 6 14 1 7 ~~3~~ ~~5~~ 4 - 2 8 6 4 6 8 Move onto compact method. You must use the appropriate images alongside the calculation. Emphasis on language of place value, i.e. 14 ones subtract 6 ones, 14 tens subtract 8 tens, and 6 hundreds subtract 2 hundreds.	

The bar model should be used to secure children's understanding of the whole, part, part relationship. Ask children if they know the whole. Yes. Draw the bar which represents the whole. Do you know the part? This the bar which represents the part. Do you know the other part? No. draw this bar and put ? – call it something. 234 – 123 = something (the other part). You can create different number sentences from the addition and subtraction facts.  Ask children if they know the whole. Yes. Draw the bar which represents the whole. Do you know the part? This the bar which represents the part. Do you know the other part? No. draw this bar and put ? – call it something. 234 – 123 = something (the other part). You can create different number sentences from the addition and subtraction facts. Teach exchange using concrete equipment eg. place value counters	