

Calculation Policy: Subtraction

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<p>EYFS / Year 1 Taking away ones.</p>	<p>Physically taking away and removing objects from a whole (ten frames, Numicon, cubes and other items such as beanbags could be used).</p> <p>$4 - 3 = 1$</p>	<p>Children to draw the concrete resources they are using and cross out the correct amount. The bar model can also be used.</p>	<p>$4 - 3 = ?$ $? = 4 - 3$</p>
<p>EYFS / Year 1 / Year 2 counting back</p>	<p>Counting back (using number lines or number tracks) children start with 6 and count back 2.</p> <p>$6 - 2 = 4$</p>	<p>Children to represent what they see pictorially.</p>	<p>Children to represent the calculation on a number line or number track and show their jumps. Encourage children to use an empty number line.</p>
<p>EYFS / Year 1 / Year 2 Find the difference</p>	<p>Finding the difference (using cubes, Numicon or Cuisenaire rods, other objects can also be used).</p> <p>Calculate the difference between 8 and 5.</p>	<p>Children to draw the cubes/other concrete objects which they have used or use the bar model to illustrate what they need to calculate.</p>	<p>Find the difference between 8 and 5. $8 - 5$, the difference is...</p> <p>Children to explore why $9 - 6 = 8 - 5 = 7 - 4$ have the same difference.</p>
<p>EYFS / Year 1 / Year 2 Part whole model</p>	<p>$10 - 6$ Link to addition- use the part whole model to help explain the inverse between addition and subtraction.</p> <p>If 10 is the whole and 6 is one of the parts. What is the other part?</p>	<p>Use a pictorial representation of objects to show the part whole model.</p>	<p>Move to using numbers within the part whole model.</p>

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<p>EYFS / Year 1 Make 10 using the 10 frame.</p>	<p>Making 10 using ten frames. 14 - 5</p>	<p>Children to present the ten frame pictorially and discuss what they did to make 10.</p>	<p>Children to show how they can make 10 by partitioning the subtrahend.</p> $14 - 5 = 9$ $14 - 4 = 10$ $10 - 1 = 9$
<p>Year 2 Column method - regrouping $10 + 0$</p>	<p>Column method using base 10. 48 - 7</p>	<p>Children to represent the base 10 pictorially.</p>	<p>Column method or children could count back 7.</p>
<p>Year 2 / Year 3 Column method with regrouping</p>	<p>Column method using base 10 and having to exchange. 41 - 26</p>	<p>Represent the base 10 pictorially, remembering to show the exchange.</p>	<p>Formal column method. Children must understand that when they have exchanged the 10 they still have 41 because $41 = 30 + 11$.</p>
<p>Year 3 Column method with regrouping (up to 3 digits)</p>	<p>Column method using place value counters. 234 - 88</p>	<p>Represent the place value counters pictorially; remembering to show what has been exchanged.</p>	<p>Formal column method. Children must understand what has happened when they have crossed out digits.</p>