Subtraction: Year 1

## Finding the difference

Place the smaller number on top of the larger number.
Look at the difference. Find the matching shape.


Repeat with cubes, share bears, counters etc. on a tens frame


Vary representation using cuisenaire rod.
Take out larger rod and place smaller rod underneath.
Ensure they are aligned. Look for rod that fits to make the larger number. This is the difference.


Counting on, on a number line from the smaller number to the larger number


Represented in a bar model to show the difference (follows on from Cuisenaire rods)


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| How many more? <br> Lay out the first Numicon shape. <br> Place | Jumps on a number line to 8. How many more to make 8? <br> 5 and three more make 8 <br> 3 and five more make 8 6 and two more make 8 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Counting back in ones <br> Example $13-4=9$ <br> Make the larger number using Numicon shapes. <br> Use ones shape to count back $X$ number of times. <br> Make larger number on a bead string. <br> Use pause, point and push one bead at a time | Jumps on a number line - counting back <br> Circle the number you are starting at. Jump back one each time and draw jumps. | $\begin{aligned} & 13-4=9 \\ & 9=13-4 \end{aligned}$ |


regroup, minus, subtract, take away
minuend - subtrahend = difference
Subtraction: Year 3-6

| Concrete |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Column method without regrouping |  |  |
| Hundreds | Tens | Ones |
|  |  | (4) 80 |
|  | 事 | 8 |



Numicon shapes are used as digit replacement.
Children work from the one's column through to the tens, then hundreds and subtract the digit by placing it on top to see the difference (or what's left).

Teacher modelling of vocabulary will reinforce the value of the "three" in the ten's column as three tens or thirty.

| Pictorial |
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| Counters/circles/jottings to represent |

## each digit.

Children can cross out correct number.


## Abstract

Expanded

| $H$ | T | O |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 3 | 3 |
| - | I | I |

## Compact




## Years 4-6

Column method for subtraction continues with numbers increasing in magnitude (size). In Year 4, children are expected to subtract 4-digit numbers from 4-digit numbers. In Year 5 and 6 children subtract numbers with greater than 4 -digits from numbers with greater than 4 -digits. Children are expected to complete calculations where they have to regroup more than once within a single calculation.

In Year 5 and 6, there is then the addition of decimals.

| Concrete |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Column method with regrouping |  |  |  |  |
| Thousens | Thousens | Hundeds | Tens | ones |
| $\square$ | $8$ | 88 | $\square$ | $\square$ |
|  | 88 | $88$ | $\infty$ | $8$ |

## Pictorial $\quad$ Bar model to represent calculation and to support visualisation

| Ten <br> Thousonds | Thousands | Hundreds | Tens | Ones |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 08 | 08 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 08 |  |  | 0.8 |
|  |  | 08 | 08 | 00 |
|  | 08 |  |  | 08 |


| Ten <br> Thousands | Thousands | Hundreds | Tens | Ones |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | -8 | 08 |  | -8 |
|  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 4 |

Abstract


## Adjusting method.

Particularly for contexts with measure (money, mass, length).
Built upon foundational principles of difference, children adjust both numbers to keep the difference the same. This removes need for multiple exchanging.
Example: 1000-324 = 676


Th H T O
$9 \quad 9 \quad 9$
323
6.76


