## Progression in Calculation - Division

## Methods should be introduced with the support of resources that enable pictorial representation and so develop conceptual understanding.

Before recording, it is essential that pupils have experience of division (sharing \& grouping) using practical apparatus. This practical apparatus is also essential when developing mental calculation methods. The inverse relationship between multiplication and division is clear and pupils should have developed understanding of the relevant steps for multiplication before developing written division methods.

This can then be represented pictorially.
eg 1. There are 6 sweets for Tom and James to share. How many do they have each?

eg 2. Tom has 6 sweets. 3 sweets fill a bag. How many bags can he fill?


Once this conceptual understanding is in place, pupils can start developing meaningful mental methods. These should then be supported by written methods. Concrete resources should be used until the pupil no longer feels the need for them. Every new step must be supported by concrete resources, then pictorial representations before becoming abstract calculations.

## 1. Introduction of arrays

Arrays are important elements to conceptual understanding of multiplication and the commutative nature of this operation. They are a useful ways for pupils to start organising their apparatus when counting large quantities etc It is useful for pupils to be introduced to the idea of remainders with each of these stages.

There are 18 sweets. 3 sweets fit in a packet. How many packets does Tom have?


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There are 18 sweets. Tom has 6 packets. How many sweets are in each packet?

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=3
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## 2. Introduction of a numberline

Numberlines and hundred squares are useful tools in helping count on or back but are not always conceptually easy to use for division. Further experience sharing and grouping practical apparatus can often be more valuable, with the numberlines used as a recording device rather than as the method itself. They can be useful for identifying the size of remainders.

There are 20 balloons. 4 balloons make a bunch.
How many bunches can be made?
Step 1 - Represent the problem


Step 2 - Use a numberline (Backwards or forwards)

## Count the jumps/groups



Count the jumps/groups


Step 3 - Use a blank numberline (Backwards or forwards)
Count the jumps/groups
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Count the jumps/groups.


## 3. Chunking

Before developing this method, pupils must have developed their understanding of multiplying and dividing by ten and multiples of ten.

Tom has 96 sweets to share with his 3 friends. How many sweets will they each have?
Step 1 - Represent the problem

| 96 |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\boldsymbol{?}$ | $\boldsymbol{?}$ | $\boldsymbol{?}$ | $\boldsymbol{?}$ |

Step 2 - Partition


## 4. Introduction of short division

Tom has 24 marbles in a box. 6 fit in a box. How many boxes does he need?
Step 1 - Represent the problem


Step 2 - Use place value counters to partition the number.


## 5. Introducing long division

Pupils should have a good understanding of short division and be able to complete short division algorithms, without apparatus, before beginning to use long division.

Tom has 432 marbles. 24 fit in a box. How many boxes does he need?


## 6. Recording short and long division

## (From DfE - National Curriculum calculation guidance)

## a) Short division

$98 \div 7$ becomes

4 | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 7 | $\mathbf{9}^{2}$ |
| 8 |  |

Answer: 14
$432 \div 5$ becomes


Answer: 86 remainder 2
$496 \div 11$ becomes

|  | 4 |  |  |  |  | 5 | $r 1$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1 | ${ }^{4}$ | 9 | 5 |  |  |  |

Answer: $45 \frac{1}{11}$
b) Long division

Answer: 28 remainder 12

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\begin{aligned}
& 432 \div 15 \text { becomes } \\
& \begin{array}{l}
\mathbf{1} \\
\mathbf{5} \\
\begin{array}{|lll} 
& \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{8} \\
\mathbf{4} & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{2} \\
\mathbf{3} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\
\hline \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{2} \\
\mathbf{1} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{0} \\
\hline & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{2}
\end{array} \\
\hline
\end{array}
\end{aligned}
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\frac{12}{15}=\frac{4}{5}
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Answer: $28 \frac{4}{5}$
$432 \div 15$ becomes


Answer: 28-8

