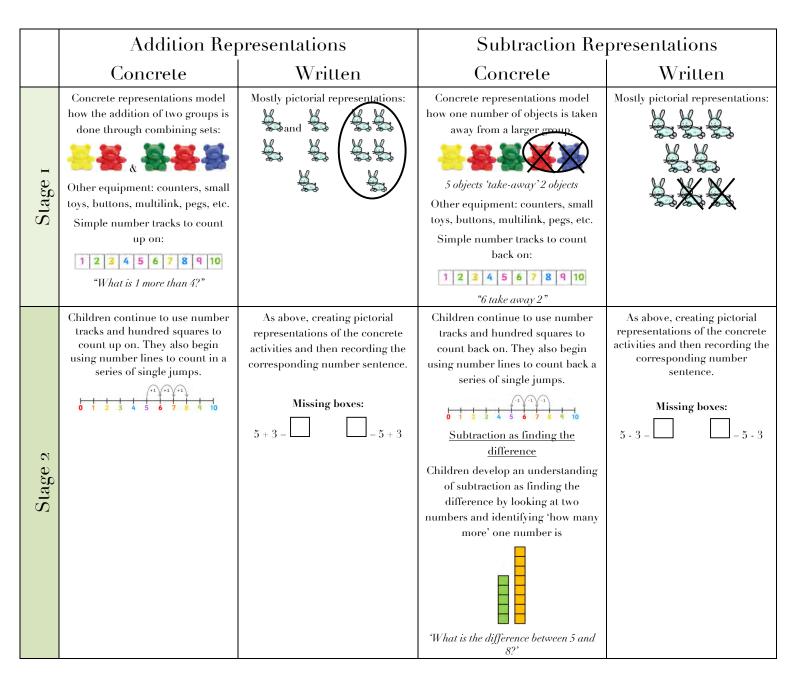
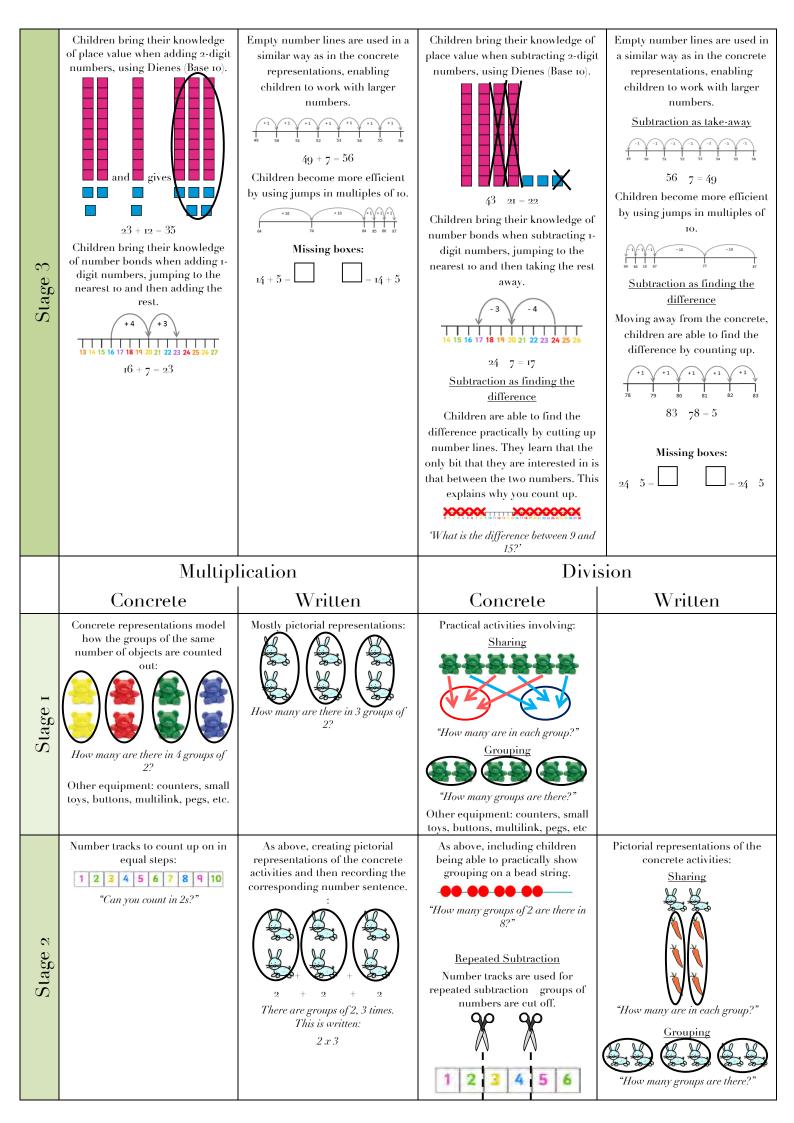
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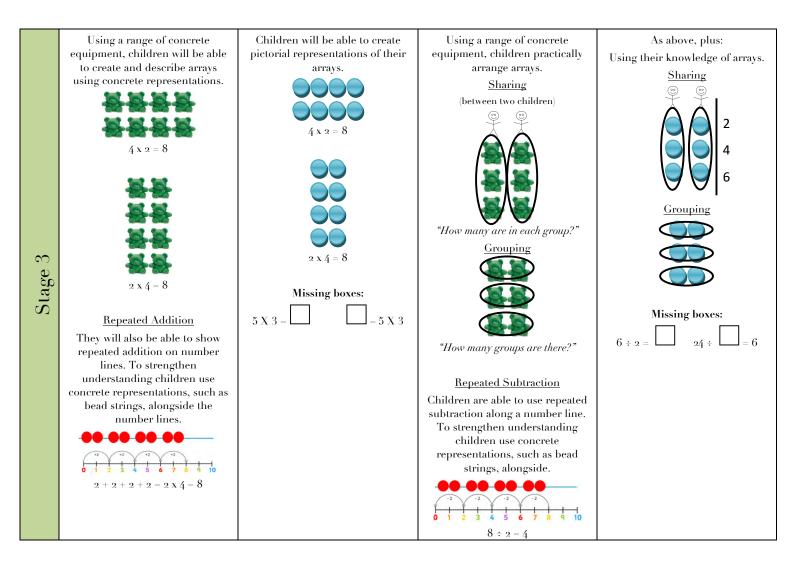


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During their time at this school children will be encourages to see Mathematics as both a written and spoken language.







Teachers will support and guide children through the following important stages:

- developing the use of concrete resources, pictures and a mixture of words and symbols to represent numerical activities;
- using standard symbols and conventions;
- use of jottings to aid a mental strategy;
- use of pencil and paper procedures.

It is important that children do not abandon jottings and mental methods once pencil and paper procedures are introduced. Therefore children will always be encouraged to look at a calculation or problem and then decide which is the best method to choose concrete resources, pictures, mental calculations (with or without jottings) or structured recording.

Our long term aim is for children to be able to select an efficient method of their choice (whether it is mental or written) that is appropriate for a given task. They will do this by always asking themselves:

- * "Can I do this in my head?"
- * "Can I do this in my head using drawings or jottings?"
- * "Do I need a pencil and paper procedure?"

For further information about how to help your child with Mathematics, visit the following website:

http://www.familymathstoolkit.org .uk/

