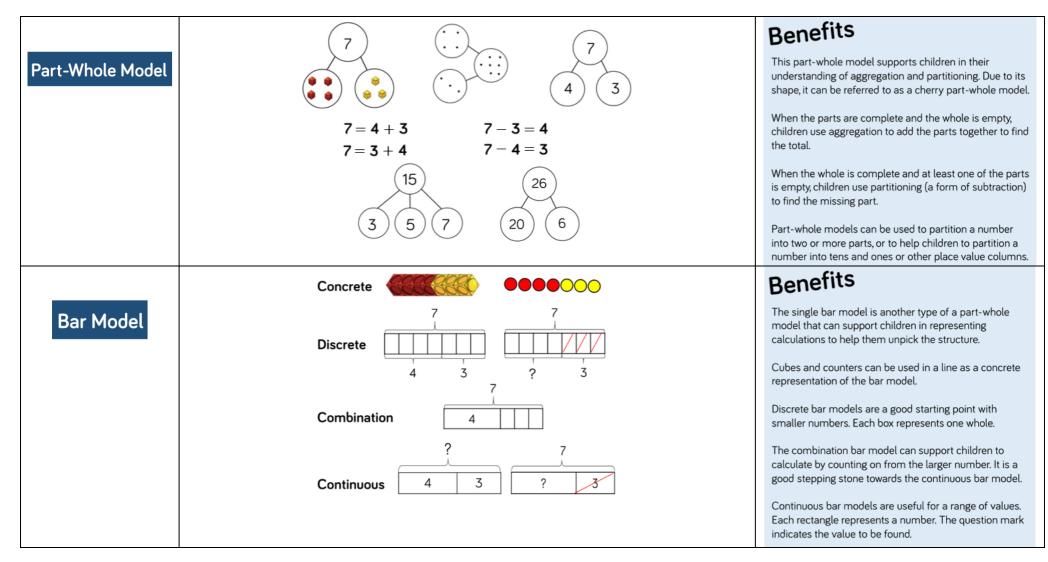
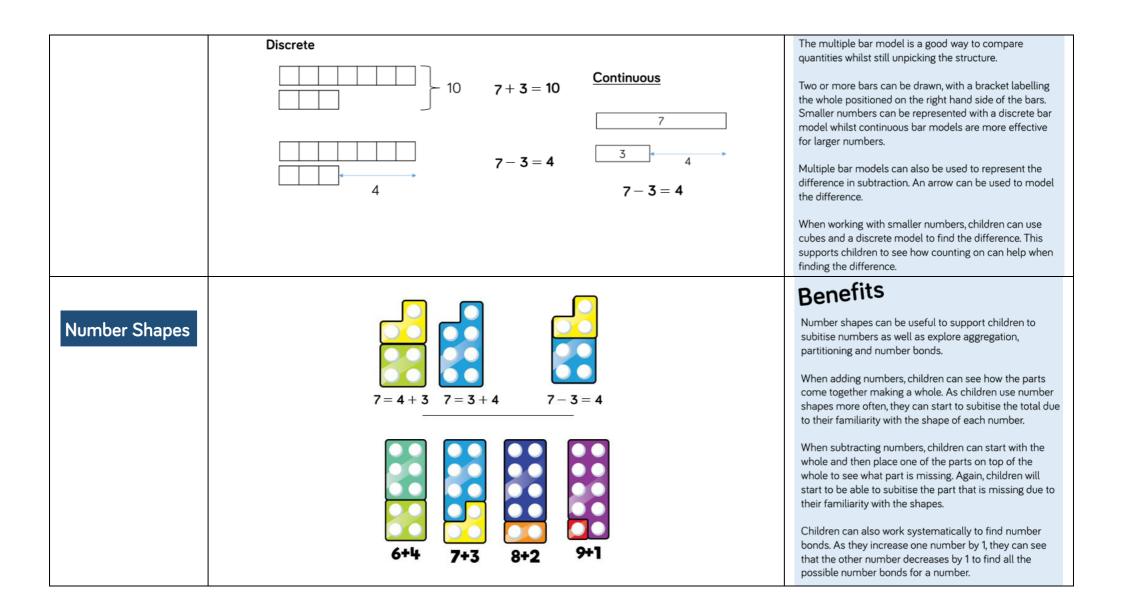
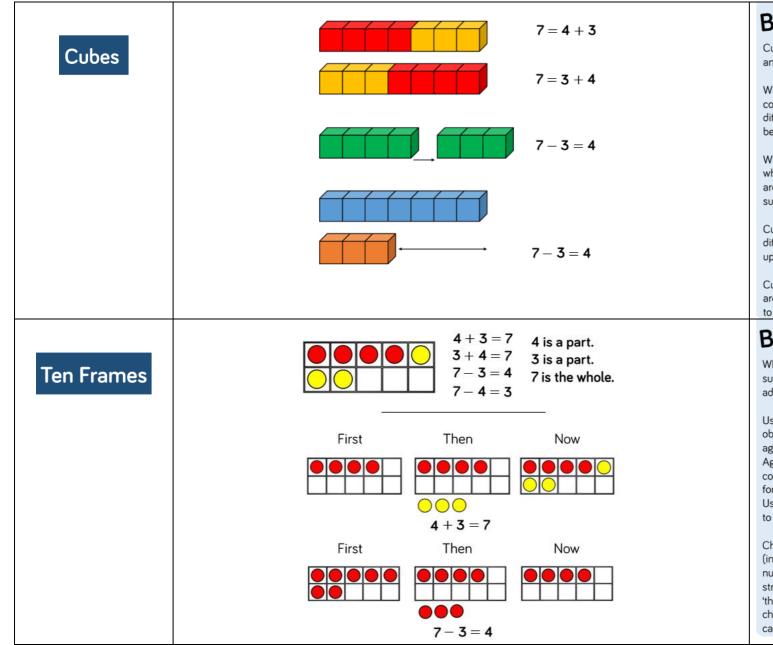


Calculation Models and Images

Addition and Subtraction







Benefits

Cubes can be useful to support children with the addition and subtraction of one-digit numbers.

When adding numbers, children can see how the parts come together to make a whole. Children could use two different colours of cubes to represent the numbers before putting them together to create the whole.

When subtracting numbers, children can start with the whole and then remove the number of cubes that they are subtracting in order to find the answer. This model of subtraction is reduction, or take away.

Cubes can also be useful to look at subtraction as difference. Here, both numbers are made and then lined up to find the difference between the numbers.

Cubes are useful when working with smaller numbers but are less efficient with larger numbers as they are difficult to subitise and children may miscount them.

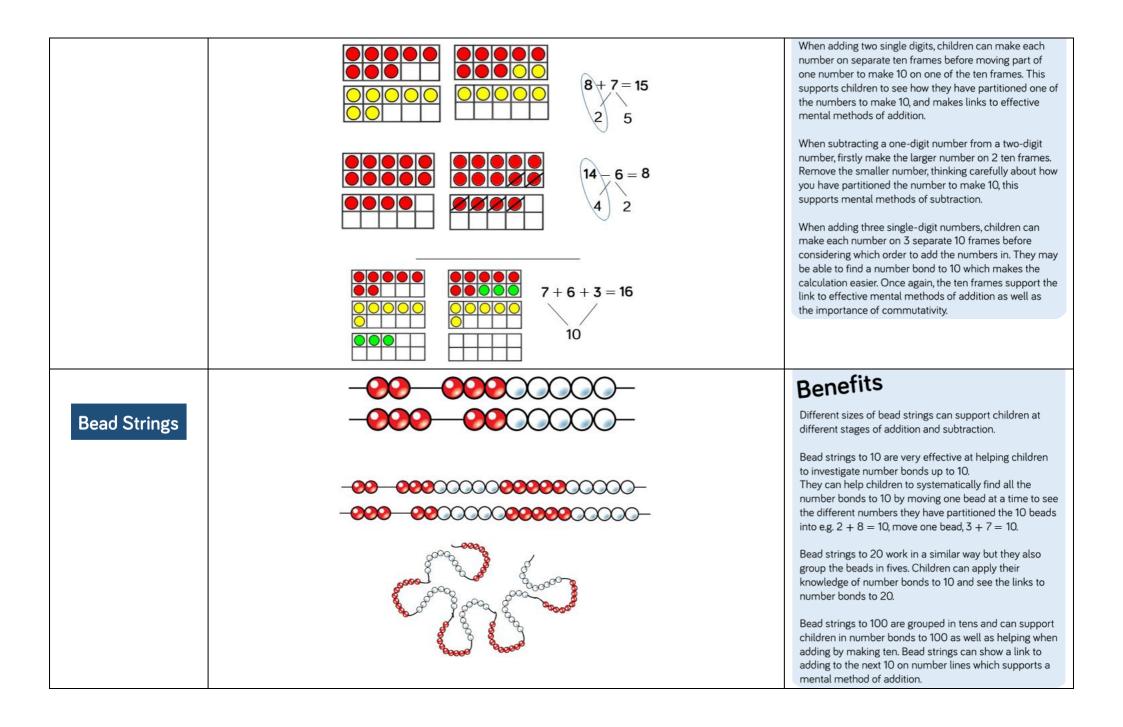
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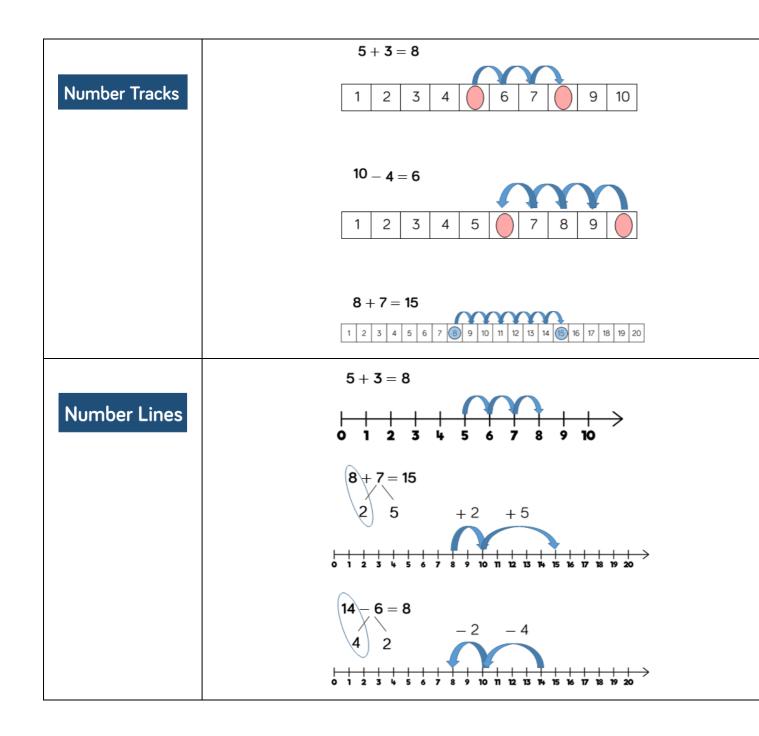
When adding and subtracting within 10, the ten frame can support children to understand the different structures of addition and subtraction.

Using the language of parts and wholes represented by objects on the ten frame introduces children to aggregation and partitioning.

Aggregation is a form of addition where parts are combined together to make a whole. Partitioning is a form of subtraction where the whole is split into parts. Using these structures, the ten frame can enable children to find all the number bonds for a number.

Children can also use ten frames to look at augmentation (increasing a number) and take-away (decreasing a number). This can be introduced through a first, then, now structure which shows the change in the number in the 'then' stage. This can be put into a story structure to help children understand the change e.g. First, there were 7 cars. Then, 3 cars left. Now, there are 4 cars.





Benefits

Number tracks are useful to support children in their understanding of augmentation and reduction.

When adding, children count on to find the total of the numbers. On a number track, children can place a counter on the starting number and then count on to find the total.

When subtracting, children count back to find their answer. They start at the minuend and then take away the subtrahend to find the difference between the numbers.

Number tracks can work well alongside ten frames and bead strings which can also model counting on or counting back.

Playing board games can help children to become familiar with the idea of counting on using a number track before they move on to number lines.

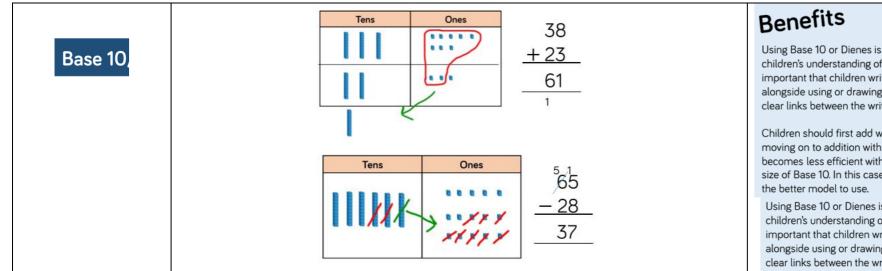
Benefits

Labelled number lines support children in their understanding of addition and subtraction as augmentation and reduction.

Children can start by counting on or back in ones, up or down the number line. This skill links directly to the use of the number track.

Progressing further, children can add numbers by jumping to the nearest 10 and then jumping to the total. This links to the making 10 method which can also be supported by ten frames. The smaller number is partitioned to support children to make a number bond to 10 and to then add on the remaining part.

Children can subtract numbers by firstly jumping to the nearest 10. Again, this can be supported by ten frames so children can see how they partition the smaller number into the two separate jumps.



Using Base 10 or Dienes is an effective way to support children's understanding of column addition. It is important that children write out their calculations alongside using or drawing Base 10 so they can see the clear links between the written method and the model.

Children should first add without an exchange before moving on to addition with exchange.. The representation becomes less efficient with larger numbers due to the size of Base 10. In this case, place value counters may be the better model to use.

Using Base 10 or Dienes is an effective way to support children's understanding of column subtraction. It is important that children write out their calculations alongside using or drawing Base 10 so they can see the clear links between the written method and the model.

Multiplication and Division

