

# Written Subtraction

## Year 6

Compact column subtraction for large numbers

e.g.  $34\ 685 - 16\ 458$

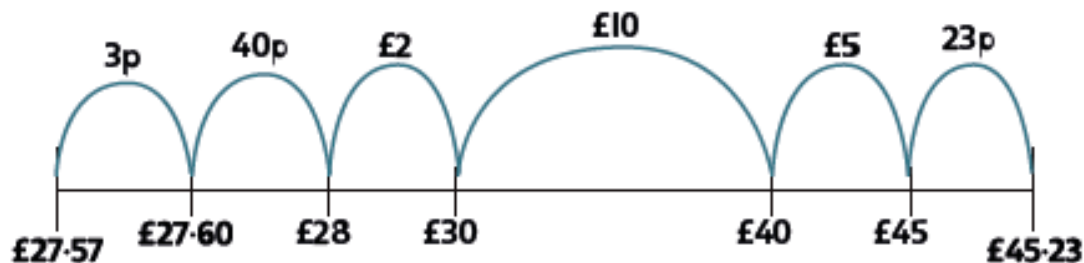
$$\begin{array}{r} 2\ 14\ \quad 7\ 15 \\ \cancel{3}\ \cancel{4}\ 6\ \cancel{8}\ \cancel{5} \\ - 1\ 6\ 4\ 5\ 8 \\ \hline 1\ 8\ 2\ 2\ 7 \end{array}$$

Use counting up for subtractions where the larger number is a multiple or near multiple of 1000 or 10 000

Use counting up subtraction when dealing with money

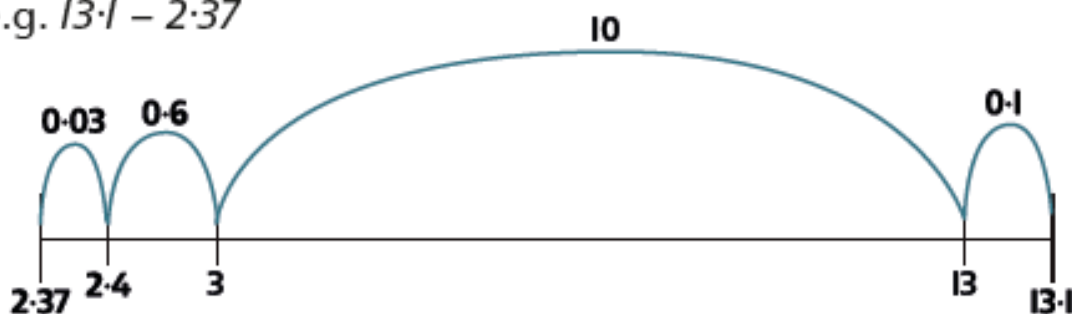
e.g.  $£100 - £78.56$

e.g.  $£45.23 - £27.57$



Use counting up subtraction to subtract decimal numbers

e.g.  $13.1 - 2.37$



Subtract unlike fractions, including mixed numbers

e.g.  $\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{12}$

e.g.  $2\frac{3}{4} - 1\frac{1}{3} = 1\frac{5}{12}$

**NB** Counting up subtraction provides a default method for ALL children