St George's Church of England Primary School



Fractions policy

This document shows the progression of fractions in stages. It give ideas for each objective: concrete, pictorial, abstract and problem solving. Ensure children have completed a stage before moving them on.

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Key vocabulary when teaching fractions

Word	Definition	Example
Fraction	A part of a whole number, quantity or shape. 2. Expressing a	I have shared my sweets into four equal parts.
	division relationship between two integers in the form	Everyone will get a fraction of the whole quantity of
	<u>a</u> <u>b</u>	sweets. One group is a quarter of the whole
Numerator	The number written above the fraction line in a fraction. It	In the fraction one quarter, one is the numerator.
	indicates the specified number of parts out of the whole. In a	
	division context, it is the dividend.	
Denominator	The number written below the fraction line in a fraction. In a	In the fraction one quarter, four is the denominator.
	measure context, it indicates the number of equal parts into which	
	the whole is divided. In a division context, it is the divisor.	
Unit fraction	A fraction with a numerator of one.	One-third is a unit fraction.
Non-unit fraction	A fraction with a numerator greater than one.	Two thirds is a non-unit fraction.
Equivalent	Equivalent means having the same value. Equivalent fractions have	
	the same value.	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
		$\frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$
Proper fraction	A fraction with a value less than one.	
•		$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{5}{8}$
		$\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{8}$
Improper fraction	A fraction where the numerator is bigger than the denominator.	12
	These fractions are therefore greater than one whole.	11
Mixed numbers	Numbers consisting of an integer and fractional part.	
		$1\frac{1}{2}$; $3\frac{3}{4}$
Decimal fraction	A fraction expressed in its decimal form.	Half written as a decimal fraction is 0.5
Proportion	A comparison between two or more parts of a whole or group.	Two thirds of a class were boys. The proportion of the
	Proportion expresses a part-whole relationship. This may be	class that is girls is one third.
	represented as a fraction, a percentage or a decimal.	

Counting in fractional steps

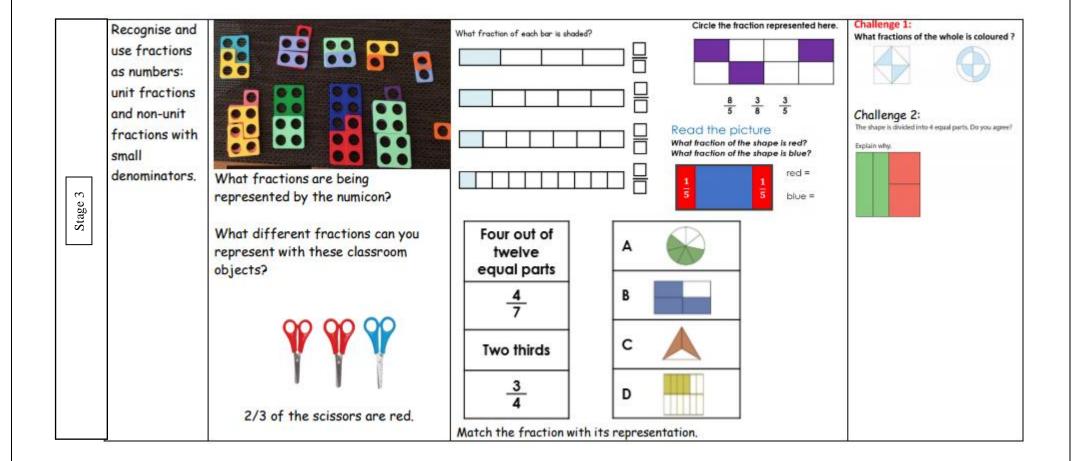
	Objectives	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract	Challenges
Stage 1	Pupils should count in fractions up to 10, starting from any number and	How many halves in?	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	0 1 1 1 2 11 3 11 3 11 4 12 11 11 6 11 7 71 8 11 5 11 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	Spot the mistake 7, 7½, 8, 9, 108½, 8, 7, 6½, and correct it
	using the 1/2 and 2/4 equivalence on the number line,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			What comes next? $5\frac{1}{2}$, $6\frac{1}{2}$, $7\frac{1}{2}$,, $9\frac{1}{2}$, 9, $8\frac{1}{2}$,,
Stage 2	Count up and down in tenths	Lucie is using counters to show tenths.	0 1 10 2 10 3 10 4 10	5 10 10 10 10 10 10	I count backwards four tenths. My answer is $\frac{10}{10}$. What fraction did I start with? What comes next? 6/10, 7/10, 8/10,,
Sta		Using tens frames and counters, show the next tenth in the sequence.	Draw the next tenth in the sequence.		12/10, 11/10,,

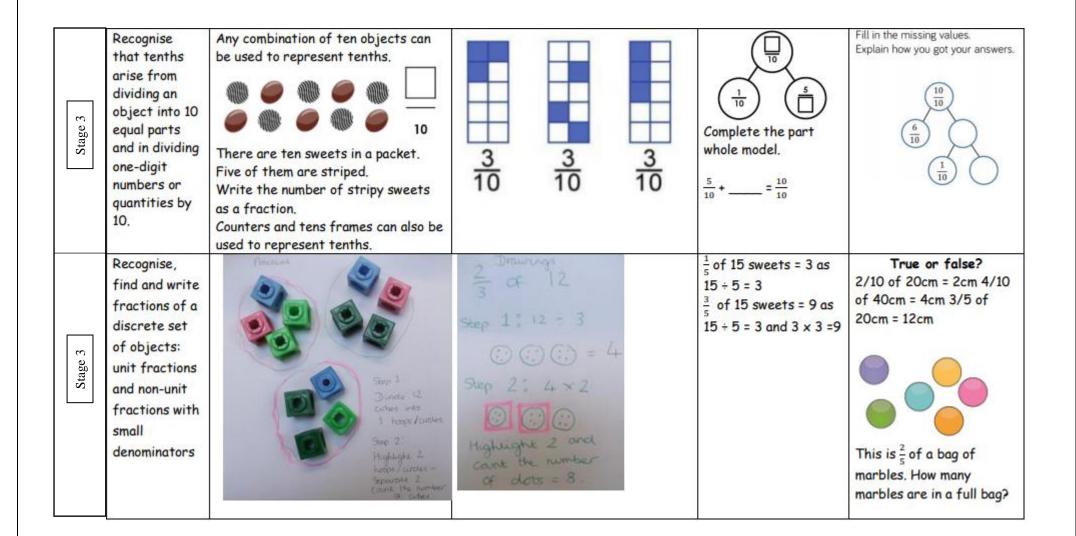
Stage 3	Count up and down in hundredths	Using base 10, children can show counting in hundredths. Base 10 can also be used to show the link between tenths and hundredths.	Use a hundred square to shade in a sequence of hundredths.	As a class, count up and down in hundredths. Children to continue the following pattern: $1 \div 100 = \frac{1}{100}$, $2 \div 100 = \frac{2}{100}$, What do they notice? What is a hundredths? How many hundredths make up a whole?	Spot the mistake sixty hundredths, seventy hundredths, eighty hundredths, ninety hundredths, eleven hundredths and correct it.
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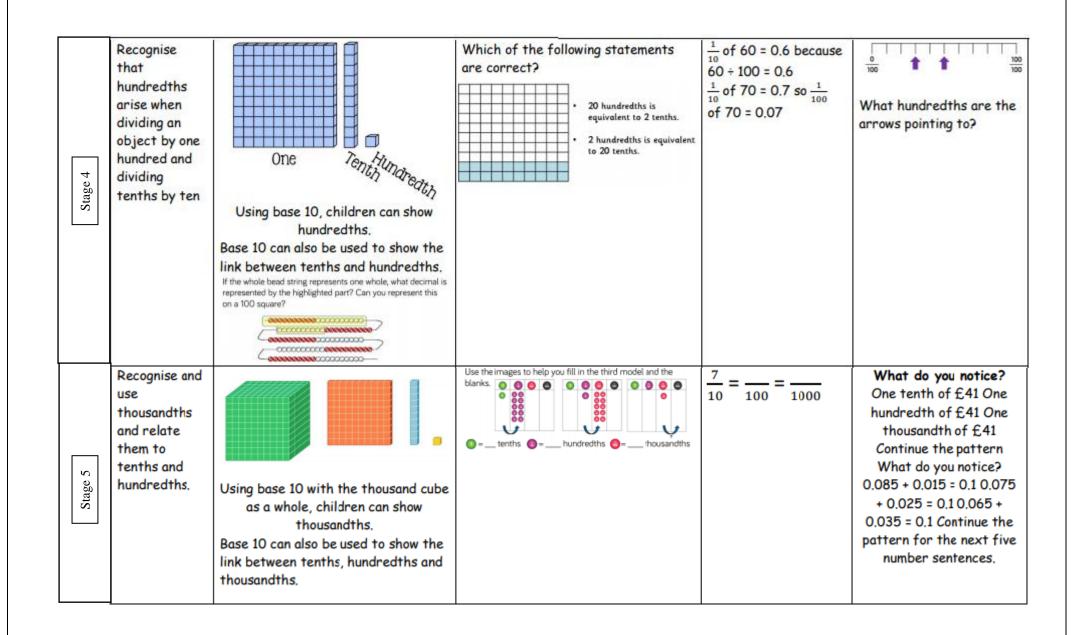
Recognising fractions

	Objectives	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract	Challenges
Stage 1	Recognise, find and name a half as one of two equal parts of an object, shape or quantity.	Cutting up objects (fruit, paper shapes, jaffa cakes) into halves and quarters. Finding a half and a quarter of an object (smarties, beads, multi-link tower).	Different representations of a half:	One half	Shading fractions of a range of shapes.
Stage 1	Recognise, find and name a quarter as one of four equal parts of an object, shape or quantity.	Cutting up objects into quarters. Finding a quarter of an object (smarties, beads, multi-link tower).		14 One quarter	Identifying halves and quarters from different representations.

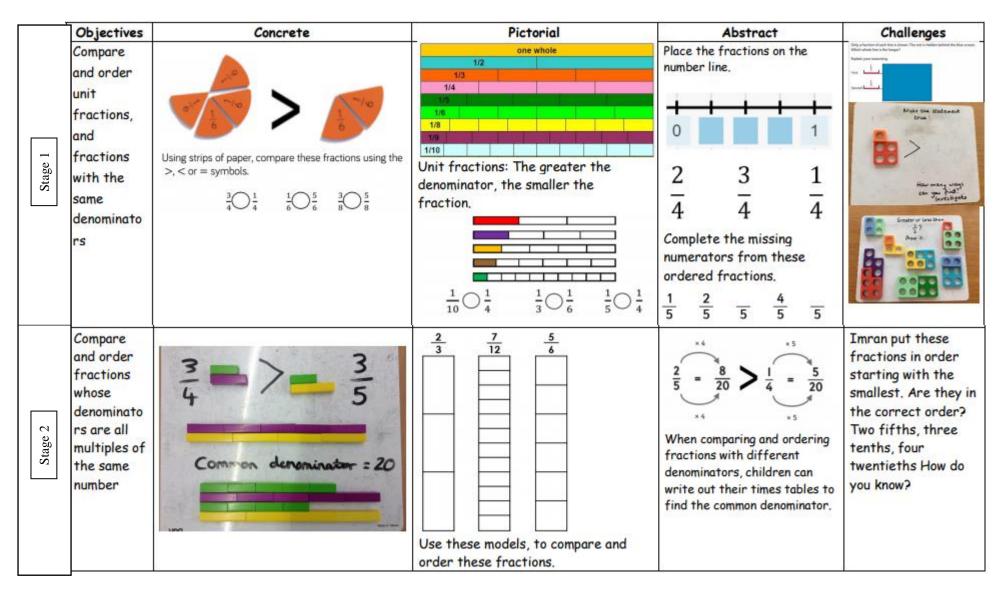
Stage 2	Recognise, find, name and write fractions $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity	Sharts 2 4 07 this Sharts 3 green Sharts 3 of thus Sharts 3 of thus Sharts or share or	Who Le (c)	$\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 cubes = 3 6 ÷ 2 = 3	Which of these shapes are ½ green?
Stage 2	Write simple fractions for example, $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 = 3 and recognise the equivalence of $\frac{1}{2}$ and a $\frac{2}{4}$.	Finding a $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4'}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ set of objects (less than 20 objects). $\frac{1}{3}$ of 9 cubes = 3	of 6 cubes = 3 WHOLE (6) 2 WHOLE (2) = 3 Divide the 6 unto 2 hoops.	1 of 6 cubes = 3 6 ÷ 2 = 3	Leo lost ½ his marbles in a game. This is what he has left. How many did he start with?

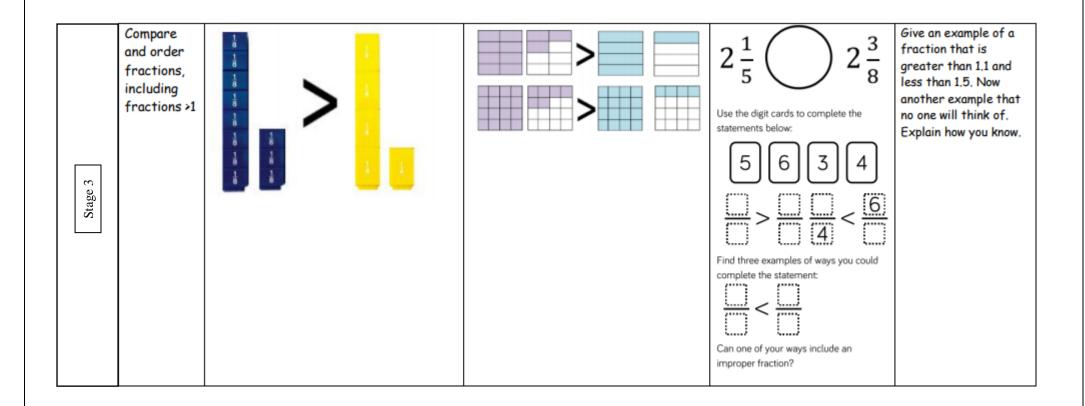






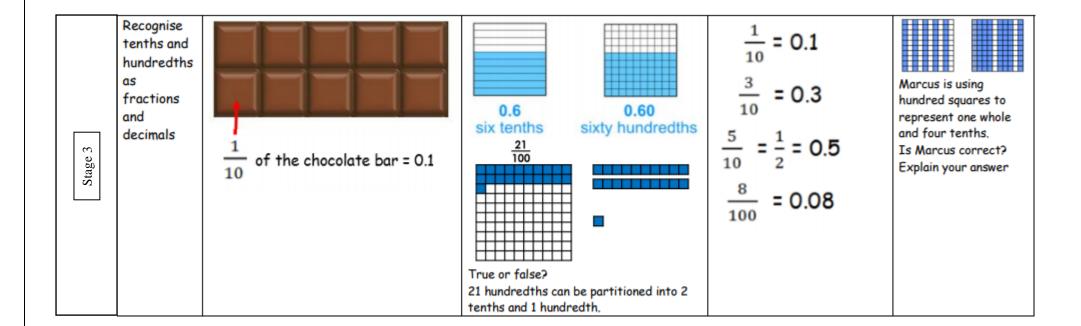
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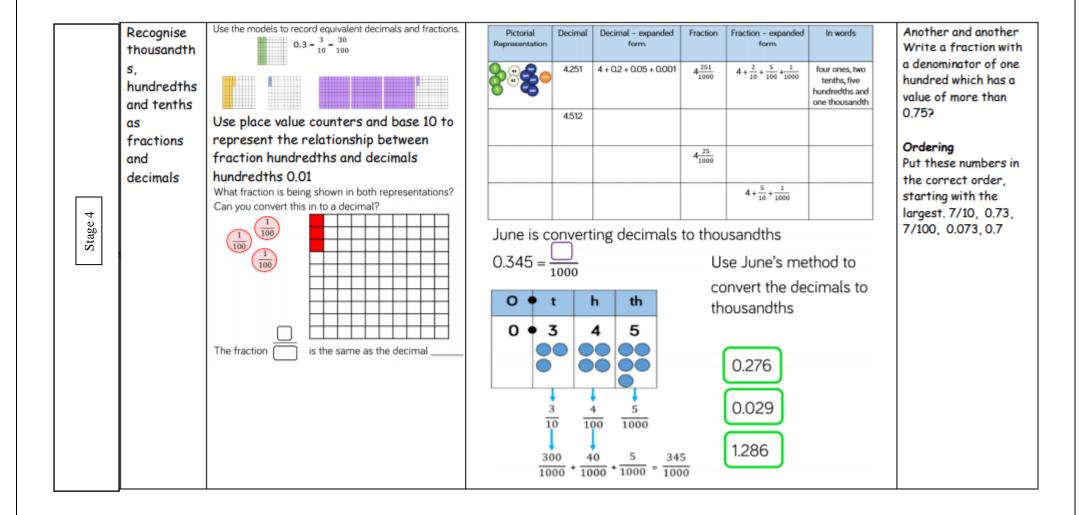


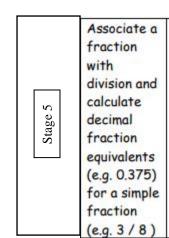


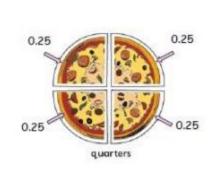
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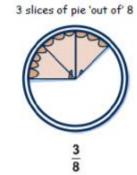
	Objectives	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract	Challenges
Stage 1	Recognise tenths as fractions and decimals	0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1	True or false? The arrow shows 0.5	$\frac{3}{10} = $	Which is the odd one out? A 5 five tenths C. 0.5 Ones tenths Convince me.
Stage 2	Recognise and write decimal equivalents to $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$	Use base 10 to see how many hundredths are needed to cover $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ and this can be used to show the decimal equivalence.	$\frac{1}{4} = 0.25$ $\frac{1}{2} = 0.5$ $\frac{3}{4} = 0.75$	$\frac{1}{4} = 0.25$ $\frac{1}{2} = 0.5$ $\frac{3}{4} = 0.75$	Ordering Put these numbers in the correct order, starting with the smallest. \$\frac{1}{4}\$ 0.75 5/10 Explain your thinking

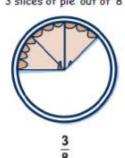












3 'out of' 8 is the same as 3 'divided by' 8

$$3 \div 8 = 0.375$$

$$So^{\frac{3}{8}} = 0.375$$

Another and another

Write a unit fraction which has a value of less than 0.5?

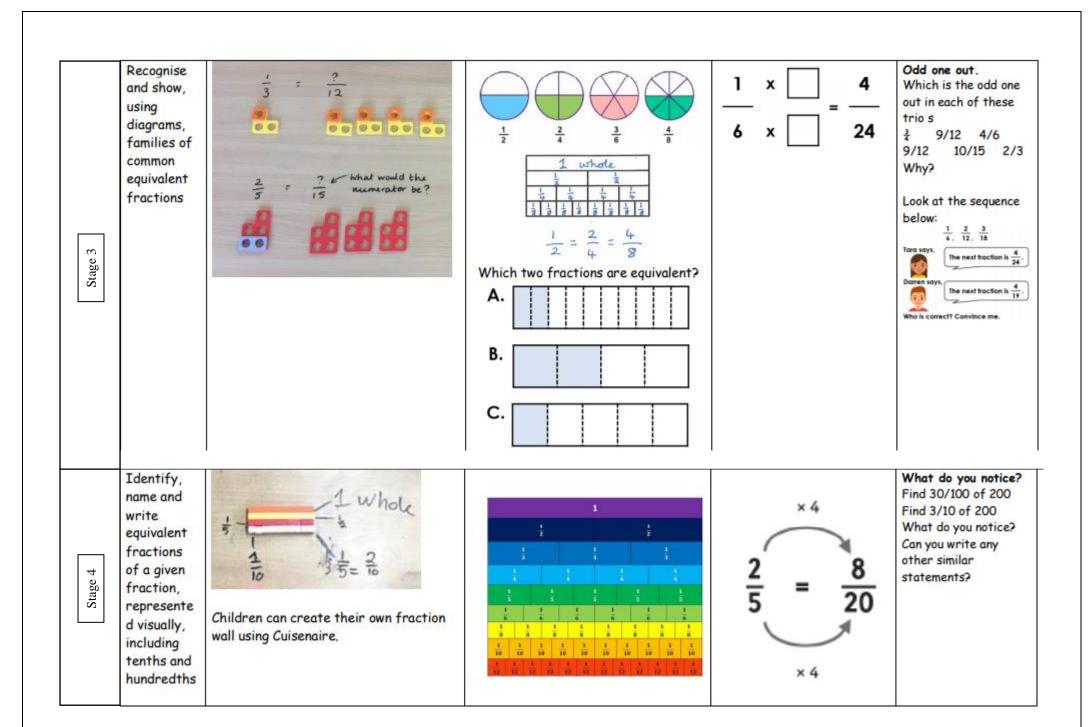
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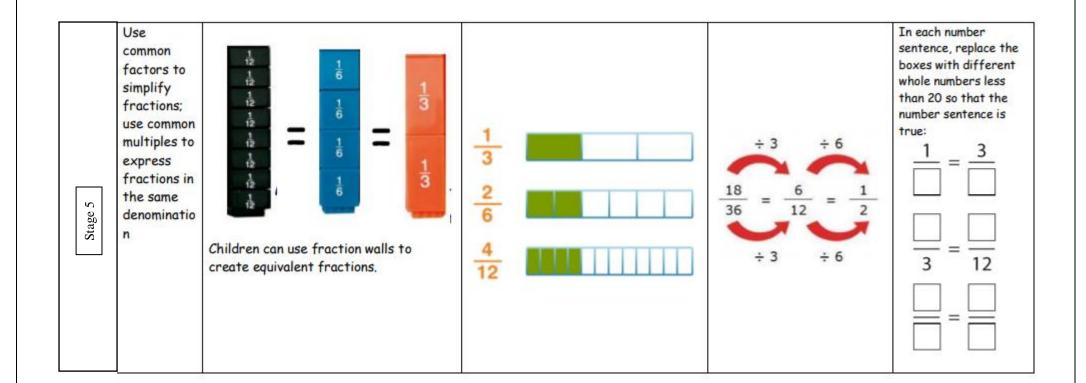
complete the pattern						
1	2	3	4			
8	8	8	8			
0.375	777	777	777			

Complete the table.

Equivalent fractions

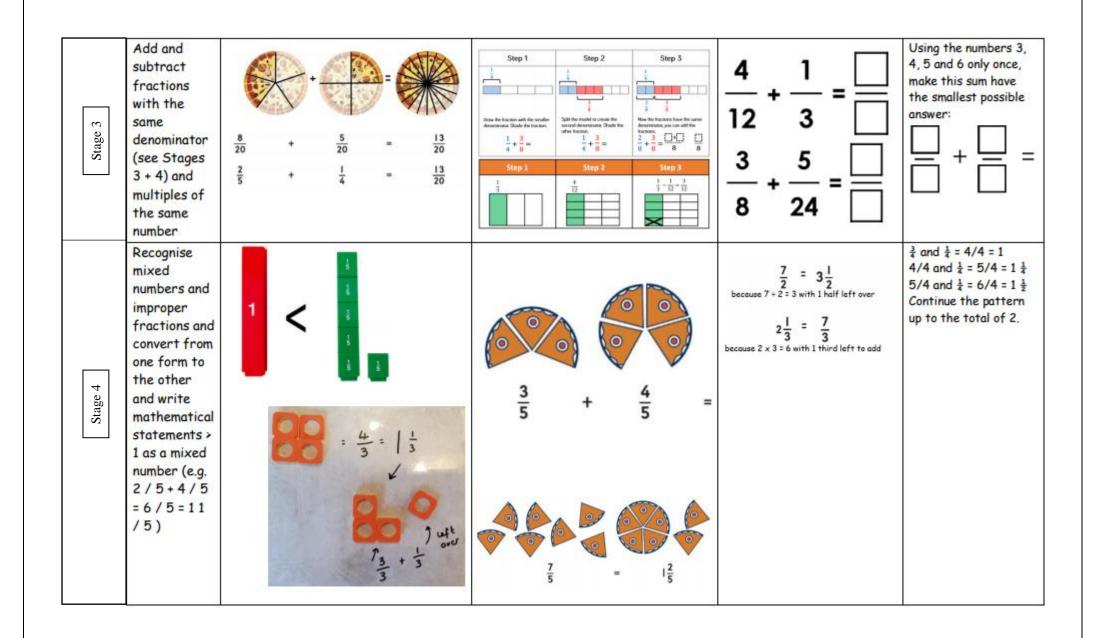
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Stage 1	Write simple fractions for example, $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 = 3 and recognise the equivalence of $\frac{1}{2}$ and a $\frac{2}{4}$.	Finding a $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ set of objects (less than 20 objects). $\frac{1}{3}$ of 9 cubes = 3	of 6 cubes = 3 WHOLE (6) 2 WHOLE (1) = 3 WHOLE the 6 into 2 hoops.	½ of 6 cubes = 3 6 ÷ 2 = 3	Leo lost ½ his marbles in a game. This is what he has left. How many did he start with?
Stage 2	Recognise and show, using diagrams, equivalent fractions with small denominato rs	1 whole \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4} How many quarters are equivalent to a half?	O $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{2}{3}$ 1 O $\frac{1}{6}$ $\frac{2}{6}$ $\frac{3}{6}$ $\frac{4}{6}$ $\frac{5}{6}$ 1 O $\frac{1}{6}$	Images can be used to identify equivalent fractions. $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{12}$	Here is a diagram showing $\frac{1}{2}$ Draw 3 more diagrams showing $\frac{1}{2}$ and write the equivalent fractions,

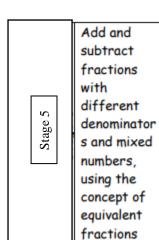


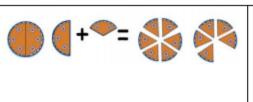


Adding and subtracting fractions

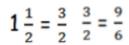
	Objectives	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract	Challenges
Stage 1	Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator within one whole	+	+	$\frac{5}{7} + \frac{1}{7} = \frac{6}{7}$ $\frac{5}{8} - \frac{2}{8} = \frac{3}{8}$	What fractions could you have added together to get this answer?
Stage 2	Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator	whole + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{6} + \fr	$\frac{4}{7} + \frac{6}{7} = $ $\frac{11}{8} - \frac{5}{8} = $	$\frac{3}{8} + \frac{6}{8} = \frac{\square}{8} + \frac{2}{8} = \frac{\square}{8}$	Use the digit cards to complete this calculation, You can use each card more than once if you wish. 5 7 12 3

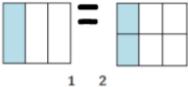












$$\frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{6}$$

$$1\,\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{3}=1\,\frac{5}{6}$$

because
$$1\frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\frac{3}{2} = \frac{9}{6}$$
 and $\frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{6}$

$$so\frac{9}{6} + \frac{2}{6} = \frac{11}{6} = 1\frac{5}{6}$$

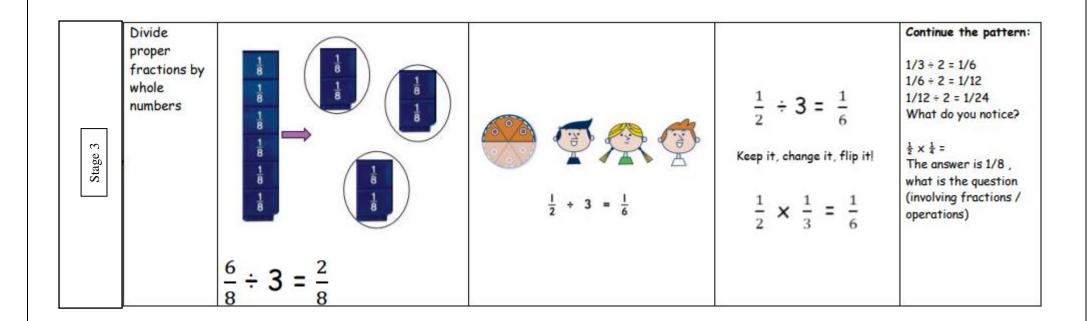
The answer is 1 2/5, what is the question?

Another and another

Write down 2 fractions with a total of 3 4/5. ... and another, ... and another, ...

Multiplying and dividing fractions

	Objectives	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract	Challenges
Stage 1	Multiply proper fractions and mixed numbers by whole numbers, supported by materials and diagrams	6 lots of $\frac{3}{4}$	Change to a mixed number:	$\frac{3}{4} \times 6 = \frac{18}{4}$ Change to a mixed number: $\frac{18}{4} = 4\frac{2}{4}$	Continue the pattern: $\frac{1}{4} \times 3 = \frac{1}{4} \times 4 = \frac{1}{4} \times 5 =$ Continue the pattern for five more number sentences. How many steps will it take to get to 3? The answer is $2\frac{1}{4}$, what is the question Give your top tips for multiplying fractions
Stage 2	Multiply simple pairs of proper fractions, writing the answer in its simplest form	$\frac{1}{2} \text{ of } \frac{3}{4}$	½ of 3/4	$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{3}{8}$ 1 multiply the numerators $\frac{2}{5} \times \frac{5}{6} = \frac{3}{8}$ 2 multiply the denominators $\frac{10}{30} = \frac{1}{3} \iff \text{simplify}$	Can you write your top tips for multiplying proper fractions?



Finding fractions of an amount

Objectives	Concrete	Pictorial	Abstract	Challenges
 Find a ½ of a quantity. Find a ¼ of a quantity. 	Finding a half and a quarter of an quantity: Find a half of the tower: Find a quarter of 8 counters:	Finding a half and a quarter of an quantity: Find half of the amounts. Beads and marbles can be used as a concrete resource prior to the pictorial representations. Other pictorial representations include drawing circles to represent objects and arrays.	Writing a number sentence alongside the concrete or pictorial representation:	Mr. White has asked his class to put one quarter of the balls into the hoop. I'm going to put one ball in the hoop. Do you agree with Ben?

Stage 2

Find $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity.

Using numicon to find 1 of 12:

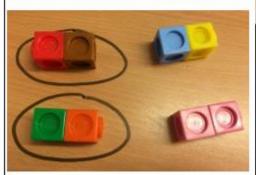


Which numicon piece fits into 12 exactly 4 times - 3 so a $\frac{1}{4}$ of 12 is 3.

To find $\frac{3}{4}$ count up the value of 3 of these 3 pieces = 9.

Find 2 of 8:

First, use the multilink to find $\frac{1}{4}$ (the 8 cubes have been shared into 4 groups). Then, circle 2 of the groups as you want to find $\frac{2}{4}$ and count the total number of cubes.

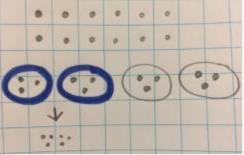


Find $\frac{1}{3}$ of 6:



Find $\frac{2}{4}$ of 12:

First, share the dots between 4 circles to find $\frac{1}{4}$ and then highlight two of the groups as you want to find $\frac{2}{4}$ and count the total number of dots.



Writing a number sentence alongside the concrete or pictorial representation.

Leo lost $\frac{1}{2}$ his marbles in a game. This is what he has left. How many did he start with?



Sam and Faye each have a piece of ribbon that they have cut into quarters.





How long was Sam's whole piece of ribbon?

How long was Faye's whole piece of ribbon?

Stage 3	Find a fractions of a discrete set of objects: (unit fractions and non-unit fractions with small denominators).	For Stages 3 and 4, place value counters can be used to support division when finding fractions of a quantity. For example: Using a bar model and place value counters to find $\frac{1}{4}$ of 84: To find $\frac{3}{4}$ of 84, the total of the place value counters in 3 of the boxes can be calculated.	3 Using a bar model and drawing counters to find a $\frac{1}{4}$ of 12:	$\frac{1}{5}$ of 15 sweets = 3 because 15 ÷ 5 = 3. $\frac{2}{5}$ of 15 swets = 6 because 15 ÷ 5 = 3 and 3 x 2 is 6.	Kayleigh has 12 chocolates. On Friday, she ate $\frac{1}{4}$ of her chocolates and gave one to her mum. On Saturday, she ate $\frac{1}{2}$ of her remaining chocolates, and gave one to her brother. On Sunday, she ate $\frac{1}{3}$ of her remaining chocolates. How many chocolates does Kayleigh have left?
Stage 4	Solve problems involving increasingly harder fractions to calculate quantities, and fractions to divide quantities, including non-unit fractions.	= 63.	$\frac{1}{7} \text{ of } 56 = 56 \div $ Once $\frac{1}{7}$ has been calculated, this can be used to find $\frac{2}{7}$, $\frac{3}{7}$ etc. For $\frac{3}{7}$, 3 boxes can be circled and their totals added up. Dots could be drawn in the boxes to support the division of 56 by 7.	$\frac{2}{3}$ of £18 £18 ÷ 3 = £6 £6 × 2 = £12	How many ways can you make the statement correct? $\frac{2}{9} \text{ of } 81 > \frac{3}{4} \text{ of}$ Complete the missing number. $\frac{1}{6} \text{ of}$ = 42