The Revised Program of Studies, Mathematics, 2007 challenges us to teach for understanding.


Build It Take a Picture
Put it in a sequence or order
Decompose it
Represent it with
Place value
Standard Notation


We would like to move students from tallies and blocks to marking the number within a hundred grid or on the number line.

The focus then moves to what is it close to and how does it compare to other numbers. Since subtraction is a comparison it is important that students see numbers embedded within other numbers.


## What number is represented by pink? <br> How can you quickly count?

Sixty three is made up of $50+13,25+25+13,10,10,10,10,10,10,2$
Compare 63 to 100 . The difference is 37 . One hundred is 37 more than 63 or 63 is 37 less than 100 . The following equations all explain the relationship between 63,37 and 100 .

You can say 63 plus 37
You can talk about 100 subtract 37.
$63+37=100 \quad 37+63=100 \quad 100-37=63 \quad 100-63=37$

If we pull these tens apart and lay them on the numberline it would look like this:



