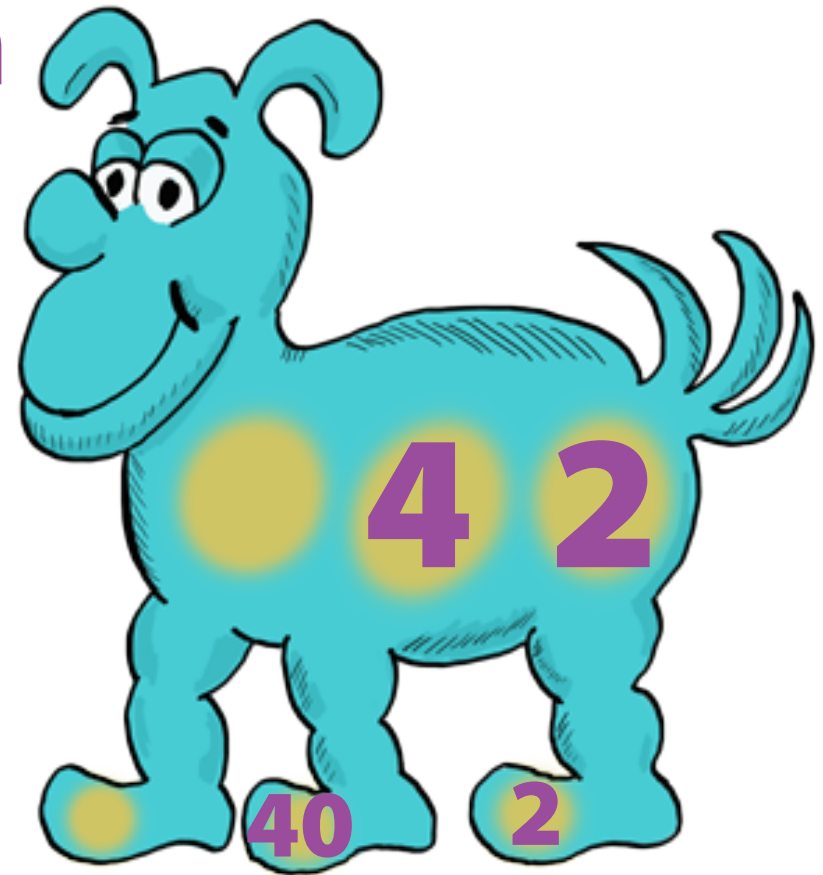


Meet Squiggleworth



Squiggleworth is Pim's pet and she can be used to help children have fun while they practice partitioning numbers. Written digits such as '4' don't mean the amount 'four' in themselves. The 10 digits (0-9) are just squiggles on a piece of paper that we have learnt to attach meaning to. We don't actually know how much each squiggle is worth until we know the column it is in. Placing a zero after a digit shunts it into a different column. Suddenly a '4' squiggle is worth 4 tens not 4 units.