

Progression In Written Multiplication Methods

Year 1	
Count in 10s Children count in groups of tens for the first time. They use pictures, bead strings and number lines to support their counting.	How many birds are there altogether?
Make Arrays Children begin to make arrays by making equal groups and building them up in column or rows. They use a range of concrete and pictorial representations alongside sentence stems to support their understanding.	Build an array with counters to represent the apples. Complete the sentences. There are apples in each row. There are rows. ++ = There are apples altogether.
Making Doubles Children explore doubling with numbers up to 20. Reinforce understanding that 'double' is two groups of a number or amount.	Circle the representations which have been doubled: \overrightarrow{b} \rightarrow \overrightarrow{b}

Counting in Multiples Count the groups as children are skip counting.	Children make representations to show counting in multiples.
Year 2	
The Multiplication Symbol Children are introduced to the multiplication symbol for the first time. They should link repeated addition and multiplication together, using stem sentences to support their understanding. They should also be able to interpret mathematical stories and create their own involving multiplication.	Complete the sentences to describe the equal groups.
Multiplication from Pictures Children will use the multiplication symbol and work out the total from pictures.	Complete: $ \begin{array}{c} $
	6 lots of 3 is equal to 18



Multiplying 2-digits by 1-digit (1)

Children continue to use their understanding of repeated addition to represent a two-digit number multiplied by a one-digit number with concrete manipulatives.

They move on to explore multiplication with exchange. Each question in this step builds in difficulty.

Jack uses Base 10 to calculate 24 \times 4

26 × 3	

Amir uses place value counters to calculate 16 \times 4

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Amir then calculates 5×34

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	000	0000		3	4	solve:
	000	0000	×		5	36 × 6
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Year 4

Multiply 3 Numbers

Children are introduced to the 'Associative Law' to multiply 3 numbers. This law focuses on the idea that it doesn't matter how we group numbers when we multiply.

e.g. 4x5x2=(4x5)=20x2=40 or

4x5x2=4x(5x2)=4x10=40

They link this idea to commutativity and see that we can change the order of the numbers to group them more efficiently. e.g. 4x2x5=(4x2)x5=8x5=40



Multiply 2-digits by 1-digit Children build on their understanding of formal multiplication from Year 3 to move to the formal short multiplication method. Children use their knowledge of exchanging ten ones for one ten in addition and apply this to multiplication, including exchanging multiple groups of tens. They use place value counters to support understanding.	Whitney uses place value counters to calculate 5×34 Use Whitney's method to solve 2×42 23×6 48×3 Ron also uses place value counters to calculate 5×34 23×6 48×3 To a bit of the term of the term of te
Multiply 3-digits by 1-digit Children build on previous steps to represent a three-digit number multiplied by a one-digit number with concrete manipulatives. Children continue to exchange groups of ten ones for tens and record this in a written method.	 Complete the calculation. Hundreds Tens Ones O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O
Year 5	
Multiply 4-digits by 1-digit Children build on previous steps to represent a 4- digit number multiplied by a 1-digit number using concrete manipulatives. Children then move on to explore multiplication with exchange in one, and then more than one column.	Complete the calculation.ThousandsHundredsTensOnesImage: Colspan="4">Image: Colspan="4" Image: Colspan="4" Image





Multiply 4-digits by 2-digits Children consolidate their knowledge of column multiplication, multiplying numbers with up to 4 digits by a 2-digit number.	Image: A state of the stat	
Relate to real life	'A lorry driver takes deliveries from Swindon to York once a week. The journey there and back is 472 miles. How far does she travel in three weeks?' 4 7 2 × 3 1 4 7 2 × 3 1 4 1 $62• The lorry driver drives 1,416 miles in three weeks.'The driver does this journey for thirty weeks each year.How far will she have travelled in one year?'472 × 3 = 1,416472 × 30 = 14,160• The lorry driver will have travelled 14,160 miles inone year.'$	
 Comparing efficiency of methods Introduce children to the two methods shown opposite and ask them to discuss what's the same and what's different. Ezra has chosen to remove the zero, use short multiplication and then scale the product by a factor of ten by replacing the zero. Ling has chosen to use short multiplication to multiply by 30 by placing a zero in the ones column to show that she is multiplying by a multiple of ten before she starts. Children should notice that the product is the same in each case. Ask Whose method do you think is the most efficient?' 	• What's the same?' • What's different?' Ezra's method: 472×30 $4 \ 7 \ 2$ $\times \ 3 \ 1 \ 4 \ 1 \ 6 \ 2 \ 2 \ 2 \ 2 \ 2 \ 2 \ 2 \ 2 \ 2$	



