# PROGRESSION THROUGH CALCULATIONS FOR MULTIPLICATION 

## MENTAL CALCULATIONS

(ongoing)
These are a selection of mental calculation strategies:
See NNS Framework Section 5, pages 52-57 and Section 6, pages 58-65

## Doubling and halving

Applying the knowledge of doubles and halves to known facts.
e.g. $8 \times 4$ is double $4 \times 4$

## Using multiplication facts

Tables should be taught everyday from Y 2 onwards, either as part of the mental oral starter or other times as appropriate within the day.

Year 2 times table
10 times table
Begin to know the 5 times table
Year 32 times table
5 times table
10 times table
Begin to know the 3 and 4 times tables

| Year 4 | 2 times table |
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|  | 3 times table |
|  | 4 times table |
|  | 5 times table |
|  | 10 times table |
|  | Begin to know $6,7,8$ and 9 times tables |

Year 5 \& 6 Know by heart all multiplication facts up to $10 \times 10$
Using and applying division facts
Children should be able to utilise their tables knowledge to derive other facts.
e.g. If I know $3 \times 7=21$, what else do I know?
$30 \times 7=210,300 \times 7=2100,3000 \times 7=21000,0.3 \times 7=2.1$ etc

Use closely related facts already known
$13 \times 11=(13 \times 10)+(13 \times 1)$
$=130+13$
$=143$

Multiplying by 10 or 100
Knowing that the effect of multiplying by 10 is a shift in the digits one place to the left.
Knowing that the effect of multiplying by 100 is a shift in the digits two places to the left.
Multiply by 9 or 99 , by multiplying by 10/100 then adjust
$35 \times 99$
$35 \times 100=3500$
$35 \times 99=(3500-35)=3465$

Multiply by 5 by multiplying by 10, then halving, i.e.
$5 \times 68$
$10 \times 68=680$
$5 \times 68=340$
Multiply by 25 by multiplying by 100, then halving twice, i.e.
$14 \times 25$
$14 \times 100=1400$
$14 \times 50=700$
$14 \times 25=350$

## Partitioning

$23 \times 4=(20 \times 4)+(3 \times 4)$

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=80+12
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=102
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## Use of factors

$8 \times 12=8 \times 4 \times 3$
Multiply by $2,4,6,8,16$, 32 etc by repeated doubling and halving, i.e.
$16 \times 27$
$=8 \times 54$
$=4 \times 108$
$=2 \times 216$
$=1 \times 432$
$=432$

MANY MENTAL CALCULA TION STRA TEGIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED. THEY ARE NOT REPLACED BY WRITTEN METHODS.

## THE FOLLOWING ARE STANDARDS THAT WE EXPECT THE MAJORITY OF CHILDREN TO ACHIEVE.

## YR and Y1

- Children will experience equal groups of objects and will count in $2 s$ and $10 s$ and begin to count in 5 s. They will work on practical problem solving activities involving equal sets or groups.


Higher attaining pupils will also be able to:

- Record jumps of $2 s, 5 s$ or $10 s$ on a completed number line.
E.g.



## $\underline{y 2}$

Children will develop their understanding of multiplication and use jottings to support calculation:

- Repeated addition

3 times 5 is $5+5+5=15$ or 3 lots of 5 or $5 \times 3$

Repeated addition can be shown easily on a number line:

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$5 \times 3=5+5+5$

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- Commutativity

Children should know that $3 \times 5$ has the same answer as $5 \times 3$. This can also be shown on the number line.


- Arrays

Children should be able to model a multiplication calculation using an array. This knowledge will support with the development of the grid method.
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5 \times 3=15
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3 \times 5=15
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Higher attaining pupils will also be able to:

- Use the grid method to double multiples of 5 up to 50 using the grid method

| x | 10 | 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | 20 | 10 |

- How many socks are there in 12 pairs?
- Sita worked out the correct answer to $16 \times 5$. Her answer was 80 . Show how she could have worked out her answer.


## $\underline{y 3}$

Children will continue to use:

- Repeated addition

4 times 6 is $6+6+6+6=24$ or 4 lots of 6 or $6 \times 4$
Children should use number lines or bead bars to support their understanding.


- Arrays

Children should be able to model a multiplication calculation using an array. This knowledge will support with the development of the grid method.


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9 \times 4=36
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Children will also develop an understanding of

- Scaling
e.g. Find a ribbon that is 4 times as long as the blue ribbon

- Using symbols to stand for unknown numbers to complete equations using inverse operations$x 5=20$
$3 \times \triangle=18$$\times 0=32$
- Partitioning

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\begin{aligned}
38 \times 5 & =(30 \times 5)+(8 \times 5) \\
& =150+40 \\
& =190
\end{aligned}
$$

- Use the grid method to double 35


Use the grid method to solve $32 \times 5$


Higher attaining pupils will be able to solve worded problems involving $x 3$ and $x 4$ and units, e.g.

- A baker puts 6 buns in each of 4 rows. How many buns does she bake
- Alex has 4 stickers. Jo has 3 times as many stickers as Alex. How many stickers does Jo have?


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## Y4

Children will continue to use arrays where appropriate leading into the grid method of multiplication.


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\begin{gathered}
(6 \times 10)+(6 \times 4) \\
60+24
\end{gathered}
$$

## Grid method

$T U \times U$
(Short multiplication - multiplication by a single digit)
$23 \times 8$

Children will approximate firs $\dagger$
$23 \times 8$ is approximately $25 \times 8=200$

| $x$ | 20 |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 8 | 160 | 24 |
|  |  | 160 |
|  |  | 24 |

- Use the grid method to solve $346 \times 9$ (is approximately $350 \times 10=3500$ )

| $X$ | 300 | 40 | 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9 | 2700 | 360 | 54 |

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## Y5

Grid method

HTU $\times \mathrm{U}$
(Short multiplication - multiplication by a single digit)
$346 \times 9$
Children will approximate firs $\dagger$
$346 \times 9$ is approximately $350 \times 10=3500$

|  | 300 | 40 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 9 | 2700 | 360 | 54 |
|  |  | 2700 |  |
|  |  | 360 |  |
| $+\quad 54$ |  |  |  |
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TU $\times$ TU
(Long multiplication - multiplication by more than a single digit)
$72 \times 38$

Children will approximate first
$72 \times 38$ is approximately $70 \times 40=2800$


Using similar methods, more able children will be able to multiply decimals with one decimal place by a single digit number, approximating first. They should know that the decimal points line up under each other.

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e.g. $4.9 \times 3$

Children will approximate firs $\dagger$
$4.9 \times 3$ is approximately $5 \times 3=15$


## $\underline{y}$

ThHTU $\times \mathrm{U}$
(Short multiplication - multiplication by a single digit)
$4346 \times 8$

Children will approximate firs $\dagger$
$4346 \times 8$ is approximately $4346 \times 10=43460$


HTU $\times$ TU
(Long multiplication - multiplication by more than a single digit)
$372 \times 24$

Children will approximate first
$372 \times 24$ is approximately $400 \times 25=10000$

| $x$ | 300 | 70 | 2 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| 20 | 6000 | 1400 | 40 |
| 4 | 1200 | 280 | 8 |

Using similar methods, more able children will be able to multiply decimals with up to two decimal places by a single digit number and then two digit numbers, approximating first. They should know that the decimal points line up under each other.

For example:
$4.92 \times 3$
Children will approximate first
$4.92 \times 3$ is approximately $5 \times 3=15$


By the end of year 6, children will have a range of calculation methods, mental and written. Selection will depend upon the numbers involved.

Children should not be made to go onto the next stage if:

1) they are not ready.
2) they are not confident.

Children should always be encouraged to approximate their answers before calculating. Children should always be encouraged to consider if a mental calculation would be appropriate before using written methods.

