

Calculation Policy *Multiplication*



This policy accounts for only one path of progression through multiplication. Children will move through these calculation methods and experiences at different rates. Consequently, the stages do not relate to an age range or year group – rather, they should be seen as a continuum that all children will progress along. They may incorporate other approaches in their work and this should be encouraged so long as they are developing sound understanding. The concepts outlined here will enable the school to deliver a set of skills that allow for continuity and progression.

Stage	Examples	At each stage children develop and refine different skills. Children secure their understanding by
x1: Early Experiences	x1: Early experiences DDD Games and songs Real life objects Counting in 1s and 2s Repeated addition Sets of objects	 Recognising 1-to-1 relationship. Counting on from a number using physical resources. Arranging objects into sets containing the same amount. Comparing the size of groups.
		<i>Use key language in context:</i> Groups of, sets of, lots of, pairs.
x2: Objects	x2: Repeated addition $ \begin{array}{c} & & & \\$	 ✓ Using mental addition strategies for adding in 2s, 3s, 5s. ✓ Exploring and beginning to recognise numbers in the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. ✓ Using knowledge of odd and even numbers to recognise multiples of 2.
	Practical experience of repeated addition using a range of apparatus	<i>Use key language in context:</i> Repeated addition, sequence, times, equals.
x3: Number-line	x3: Number-line repeated addition	 Beginning to recognise multiplication facts for 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Extending a sequence by identifying the pattern and continuing in equal steps. Talking about patterns in the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and use this to extend beyond x10. Recording legibly with increasing accuracy.
	4 x 5 = 12 Repeated addition recorded using number-lines	<i>Use key language in context:</i> Repeated addition, equal jumps, equal groups of.
x4: Arrays	x4: Arrays $5 \times 3 = 15$ $3 \times 5 = 15$ Physical resources are arranged into rows,	 Recalling multiplication facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables and begin to recognise related division facts. Understanding that a multiplication can be broken down into easier chunks using an array e.g. 4x8 = (4x5) + (4x3) = 20 + 12 = 32. Recording legibly with increasing accuracy.
	providing visual models for exploring multiplication and division	Array, partition, multiply, multiples, times

