## Stage A: Grouping using concrete apparatus

Stage of development

## Year One

- Count in multiples of twos, fives and tens
- Solve one-step problems involving multiplication, by calculating the answer using concrete objects, arrays and pictorial representations with the support of the teacher.


## Year Two

- Solve problems involving multiplication using materials and multiplication facts, including problems in contexts.
Underlying skills:
- Count objects accurately using one to one correspondence matching a number name to each object
- Number recognition $0-10$, then 20 and then 100
- Count up to 10 then 20 and then 100
- Understanding of the 'equal groups'

1) Counting objects in groups e.g. socks, shoes, animal legs, coins, hands, fingers, toes etc

2......
4......
6.......
2) Arrays

Practical objects; cubes, counting objects, pegs and pegboards etc.

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3) Halving and doubling


## Stage B: Multiplication as repeated addition

Stage of development

## Year One

- Connections between arrays, number patterns and counting in twos, fives and tens
- Solve one-step problems involving multiplication, by calculating the answer using arrays with the support of the teacher.


## Year Two

- Calculate maths statements for multiplication within the multiplication tables and write them using the symbols $x$ and $=$ (developing on from repeated addition)
- Understand and show that multiplication is commutative
- $3 \times 4=4 \times 3$


## Underlying skills:

- Understand that multiplication means equal groups of
- Count forwards in steps of 2, 5 and 10

Arrays


- $4 \times 22+2+2+2$

- $2 \times 4 \quad 4+4$


Number lines


This can also be represented using Numicon:


What is 3 groups of $4 ?$


Fill the 4s into the number track and see where they fill to.


What is 3 groups of 4 ?


Fill the 4 s into the 10 s number line and see where they fill to.

Moving to 2 digit numbers and partitioning $3 \times 13$

First we make 13 using the numicon. There is no 13 shape so we need to combine two other shapes. There are a number of ways of doing this but the easiest for us is to use a ten shape if we can.


Now we need 3 of these


As before we place all three onto the numberline, because we have an odd number we have had to rotate the second block of 13 to fit properly.


Note that we can place the shapes in any order, so long as we move the three shapes to fill in any gaps


One way of organising them is to put the ten shapes first then put the three shapes next like this:


This means we have 3 ten shapes and 3 three shapes ( $3 \times 10$ and $3 \times 3$ ).
We can then start to represent this on a numberline:


Or possibly:


Stage C: Grid Method
THIS IS THE INFORMAL METHOD AND PUPILS NEED TO BE TAUGHT THE FORMAL METHODS IN STEPS 3 AND 4 IN STAGE D. THIS IS STILL A CRUCIAL STEP.
Stages of development

## Year Three

- Multiply two digit numbers $x$ one digit numbers using mental and progressing to formal written methods
- Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables


## Year Four

- Multiply two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one digit number


## Year Five

- Multiply numbers up to 4 digits by a one- or two-digit number


## Year Six

- Multiply multi-digit numbers up to 4 digits by a two-digit whole number
- Multiply one-digit numbers with up to two decimal places by whole numbers


## Underlying skills:

- Partition numbers appropriately
- Recall appropriate multiplication facts
- Multiply and divide numbers by 10/100/1000
- Add together 2, 3 or 4 digit numbers, including decimals
- Multiply multiples of 10
- Multiply decimals, understanding the place value
- Representation moving to written method. The representation should be done using a range of different resources some of which might include; cubes, Diennes, objects and Numicon. 13×4 could be represented like this:


1 digit $\times 2$ digit
For 2 digit numbers over 19 the mental calculation strategies from stage $B$ will need to be thoroughly embedded.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { dded. } \\
& \text { 23x4= } \\
& \begin{array}{r|c|c|c} 
\\
\hline & 20 & 3 & \begin{array}{r}
80 \\
4
\end{array} \\
\hline 80 & 12 & +\frac{12}{92} \\
\hline
\end{array}
\end{aligned}
$$



1 digit $\times 3$ digit
$4 \times 234=$

| x | 200 | 30 | 4 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| 4 | 800 | 120 | 16 | 800 <br> $+\frac{16}{120}$ <br> 936 |

$\underline{2 \text { digit } \times 2 \text { digit }}$
$23 \times 34=$

| $x$ | 20 | 3 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 | 600 | 90 | 600 <br> 90 <br> 80 <br> + <br> 782 |
| 4 | 80 | 12 |  |

1 digit x decimal
$4 \times 23.4=$

| x | 20 | 3 | 0.4 | 80 <br> 4 80 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

## Mental strategies:

Place value knowledge to understand and explain:
If $3 \times 6=18$ then:

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\begin{array}{lll}
30 \times 6=180 & 300 \times 6=1800 & 3000 \times 6=18000 \\
3 \times 60=180 & 3 \times 600=1800 & 3 \times 6000=18000
\end{array}
$$

Stage D: FORMAL METHODS

## Stage of development:

## Year Five

- Multiply numbers up to 4 digits by a one-digit or two-digit number using a formal method


## Year Six

- Multiply multi-digit numbers up to 4 digits by a two-digit whole number using the formal written method of long multiplication


## Underlying skills

- Use facts up to $12 \times 12$ to derive facts involving multiples $10 / 1000$
- Partition numbers appropriately
- Recall appropriate multiplication facts
- Multiply numbers by $10,100,1000$
- Multiply multiples of 10
- Add together 2, 3 or 4 digit numbers

Familiarity with the grid method and the reasons for each step are essential before this stage can be taught with understanding

| $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{2 0}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1 0}$ | 200 | 40 |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | 120 | 24 |


| 240 |
| :--- |
| $+\quad 144$ |
| $=384$ |

This format of adding back together should be shown to the children to support their understanding. Note the column for adding at the end is the same as those in the long method.

There are a number of steps to work through and children should demonstrate a good understanding of each as well as confidence with the place value before they move on to the next step towards the formal written methods.

## Step 1: 2 digit $x 1$ digit (expanded)



Step 2: 2 digit x 2 digit (expanded)


Step 3: 2 digit $x 1$ digit (compact) Short Multiplication
 is multiplied by the 3 but this time we record the 2 in the units and we carry the ten

When we multiply
the four by the 20 we then
add the ten we carried earlier

## Step 4: 2 digit x 2 digit (compact) Long Multiplication

$23 \times 34=$
In this version of the method we follow all the same this time we record in a more compact way.


As before we start with multiplying the 3 by the 4 But this time we record the 2 in the units column and we carry the 10. Then we multiply the 3 by the 30 and add the ten we have carried.
the 20 by the 4 and 782 are not going to be any units we can simply record that. Then we multiply the 20 by the 30 and place that in the columns next to the previous answer.

Finally we then add all the answers together using our written method or mental strategies

