Understanding multiplication

As outcomes, Year 2 pupils should, for example:	As outcomes, Year 3 pupils should, for example:
Understand, use and begin to read: double, times, multiply, multiplied by, multiple of lots of, groups of times as (big, long, wide) and read and write the × sign.	Use, read and begin to write: double, times, multiply, multiplied by, product, multiple of times as (big, long, wide) and read and write the × sign.
Understand multiplication as:	Understand multiplication (see Year 2) as:
 repeated addition: for example, 5 added together 3 times is 5 + 5 + 5, or 3 lots of 5, or 3 times 5, or 5 × 3 (or 3 × 5). 	 repeated addition; describing an array;
• describing an array: for example, $4 \times 2 = 8$ $2 \times 4 = 8$	 scaling (a number of times as wide, tall): e.g. Take the blue ribbon. Find the ribbon that is 4 times as long. Make a red tower 5 cubes high. Make a blue tower 3 times as high.
Begin to recognise from arranging arrays that multiplication can be done in any order: for example, 4 lots of 2 and 2 lots of 4 are the same.	Understand that multiplication can be done in any order, for example, $5 \times 8 = 8 \times 5$, but that $16 \div 2$ is not the same as $2 \div 16$, and use this property appropriately.
Understand and use the principle that doubling reverses halving (doubling is the inverse of halving). For example, knowing a double such as $11 \times 2 = 22$ implies that half of 22 is 11, or $22 \div 2 = 11$.	Understand the principle that multiplication reverses division (multiplication is the inverse of division). See also using the relationship between multiplication and division (page 55), and checking results (page 59).
 Respond rapidly to oral or written questions such as: Two fives Double 5 6 times 2 5 multiplied by 2 Multiply 4 by 2 	 Respond rapidly to oral or written questions such as: Two tens Double 2 3 times 4 9 multiplied by 2 Multiply 5 by 8 Is 20 a multiple of 5?
Record simple mental multiplications in a number sentence using the \times and = signs.	Record mental multiplications in a number sentence using the \times and = signs.
Recognise the use of symbols such as \Box or \triangle to stand for unknown numbers, and complete, for example: • with rapid mental recall: $6 \times 2 = \Box$ $9 \times \Box = 18$ $\Box \times 2 = 14$ $6 \times 10 = \Box$ $2 \times \Box = 20$ $\Box \times 10 = 40$ • using rods or diagrams (e.g. arrays or a number line), then mental strategies, explaining method: $5 \times 4 = \Box$ $5 \times \Box = 15$ $\Box \times 4 = 8$ $6 \times 10 = \Box$ $\Box \times \triangle = 12$	Recognise the use of symbols such as \Box or \triangle to stand for unknown numbers, and complete, for example: • with rapid mental recall: $5 \times 2 = \Box$ $10 \times \Box = 80$ $\Box \times 5 = 30$ $4 \times 4 = \Box$ $3 \times \Box = 15$ $\Box \times 4 = 20$ • using rods or diagrams (e.g. arrays or a number line), then mental strategies, explaining method: $5 \times 3 = \Box$ $8 \times \Box = 40$ $\Box \times 9 = 45$ $6 \times 20 = \Box$ $\Box \times \triangle = 60$
 Begin to interpret situations as multiplication calculations, and explain reasoning. For example: How many wheels are there on 3 cars? Jo's box is 5 cm wide. Mary's box is 5 cm wide. How wide is Mary's box? 	 Interpret situations as multiplication calculations, and explain reasoning. For example: A baker puts 6 buns in each of 4 rows. How many buns does she bake? Sue has 10 stamps. Tim has 3 stamps for every one of Sue's. How many stamps has Tim? Alex has 4 stickers. Jo has 3 times as many stickers as Alex. How many stickers does Jo have?