

## CALCULATIONS

### Pupils should be taught to:

Understand the operation of multiplication and the associated vocabulary, and its relationship to addition and division

### As outcomes, Year 4 pupils should, for example:

Use, read and write:  
*times, multiply, multiplied by, product, multiple, inverse...*  
and the  $\times$  sign.

Understand and use when appropriate the principles (but not the names) of the commutative, associative and distributive laws as they apply to multiplication:

*Example of commutative law*

$$8 \times 15 = 15 \times 8$$

*Example of associative law*

$$6 \times 15 = 6 \times (5 \times 3) = (6 \times 5) \times 3 = 30 \times 3 = 90$$

*Example of distributive law*

$$18 \times 5 = (10 + 8) \times 5 = (10 \times 5) + (8 \times 5) = 50 + 40 = 90$$

Understand that:

- $86 + 86 + 86$  is equivalent to  $86 \times 3$  or  $3 \times 86$ ;
- multiplication by 1 leaves a number unchanged;
- multiplication of zero results in zero.

Understand that multiplication is the inverse of division (multiplication reverses division and vice versa) and use this to check results.

**See also mental calculation strategies (pages 60–65) and checking results of calculations (page 72).**

Respond rapidly to oral or written questions, explaining the strategy used. For example:

- Two eights.
- Double 16.
- 7 times 4... 9 multiplied by 3.
- Multiply 15 by 6... by zero... by 1.
- Is 40 a multiple of 5? How do you know?
- What is the product of 15 and 6?
- Find all the different products you can make by using two of these five numbers: 2, 3, 4, 5, 10.

Complete written questions, for example:

- working rapidly, using known facts:  
 $7 \times 2 = \square$        $10 \times \square = 80$        $\square \times 5 = 35$   
 $4 \times 9 = \square$        $3 \times \square = 24$        $\square \times 4 = 20$
  - using pencil and paper jottings and/or mental strategies:  
 $90 \times 6 = \square$        $8 \times \square = 560$        $\square \times 90 = 720$   
 $4 \times \square + 8 = 24$
- progressing to:
- $$36 \times 18 = \square$$
- $$5 \times 35 + \square = 180$$
- $$\square \times \triangle = 720$$