

## SOLVING PROBLEMS

### Pupils should be taught to:

**Make and investigate a general statement about familiar numbers or shapes by finding examples that satisfy it**

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

Find examples that match a general statement. For example, explain and start to make general statements like:

- *The sum of three odd numbers is odd.*  
Examples:  $3 + 5 + 7 = 15$   $137 + 31 + 465 = 633$
- *If  $14 < \square < 17$ , then any number between 14 and 17 can go in the box.*  
Examples: 16, 14.5, 16.99
- *Half way between any two multiples of 10 is a multiple of 5.*  
Examples: 90 and 120 are both multiples of 10; half way between them is 105, which is a multiple of 5.
- *Multiples of 4 end in 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8.*  
Examples: 12, 64, 96, 108, 6760
- *Any odd number is double a number add 1.*  
Example:  $63 = 2 \times 31 + 1$
- *If I multiply a whole number by 10, every digit moves one place to the left.*  
Examples:  $63 \times 10 = 630$   $5 \times 10 = 50$   $366 \times 10 = 3660$
- *The perimeter of a rectangle is twice the length plus twice the breadth.*  
Example: The perimeter of a 5 cm  $\times$  3 cm rectangle is:  
 $5 \text{ cm} + 3 \text{ cm} + 5 \text{ cm} + 3 \text{ cm} = 16 \text{ cm}.$   
This is the same as  $5 \text{ cm} \times 2$  add  $3 \text{ cm} \times 2$ .
- *The number of lines of reflective symmetry in a regular polygon is equal to the number of sides of the polygon.*  
Example: a regular hexagon has 6 sides and 6 lines of symmetry.

Start to express a relationship orally in words.

For example:

- Explain how to find the number of days in any number of weeks.
- Explain how to find the change from £1 after buying two first class stamps.
- Describe a short way to work out the perimeter of a rectangle.
- The rule is add 4. Start with 0. Explain how to find the first five numbers in the sequence. What would the 10th number be?
- A sequence starts 1, 4, 7, 10, 13...  
Explain in words the rule for the sequence.