Year 6 Essential Knowledge

Maths: Multiplication

Mental

- How to use related facts to multiply
- How to use factor pairs to multiply
- What a composite number is
- How to identify prime factors
- How to identify common multiples

Written

1. How to multiply 2 numbers that are multiples of 10, 100 or 1,000:

- draw on prior knowledge of place value
- remove the zeros, find the product of the single digit numbers and then replace the zeros

2. How to multiply by a multiple of 10/100/1000:

- if one factor is made 10 times the size, the product will be 10 times the size
- use short multiplication by a single-digit number and then multiply by 10/100/1000

3. How to multiply a 2-digit number by a 2-digit number:

- partition one of the factors
- calculate partial products and add these together
- apply to 3-digit by 2-digit numbers

4. How to multiply a 4-digit number by a 2-digit number using the formal written method of long multiplication:

- draw on prior knowledge of calculating partial products
- multiply 2-digit by 2-digit regrouping the tens into hundreds
- multiply 2-digit by 2-digit regrouping the ones into tens
- multiply 2-digit by 2-digit regrouping the ones into tens and the tens into hundreds
- multiply any 3-digit by 2-digit numbers
- multiply any 4-digit by 2-digit numbers

5. How to solve long multiplication problems more efficiently:

- identify a composite number and write it as a factor x a factor
- use short multiplication