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Tips for learning times tables

For many children, learning multiplication facts is difficult. At The Unicorn School, teachers feel it is more important for pupils to understand the concept of multiplication instead of just learning facts by rote.

When children are confident with counting we introduce counting in tens, twos and fives. Children use materials and visuals (alongside the symbols and digits) to develop understanding. Arranging objects into groups helps them to understand that the x symbol means 'groups of'.



Children also use arrays, number lines and make their own cards to practise times tables facts.



1	x	8	=	8
2	x	8	=	16
3	x	8	=	24
4	x	8	=	32
5	x	8	=	40
6	x	8	=	48
7	x	8	=	56
8	x	8	=	64
9	x	8	=	72
10	x	8	=	80



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We teach the children to use known facts to work out the more difficult times tables, for example the 8 times tables are double the 4s or if you know $5 \times 7 = 35$ then you can work out 6×7 by adding on 7 more.

One trick we like for the nine times tables is using our fingers.

This photo shows $9 \times 9 = 81$



A useful website to use for times tables is <https://www.mathschase.com/>.