

# Note for teachers and parents

This book is for Key Stage 2 children who are learning about multiplication and division. The activities are grouped in sections focusing separately on the  $\times 6$ ,  $\times 7$ ,  $\times 8$ ,  $\times 9$ ,  $\times 11$  and  $\times 12$  tables, with cumulative practice at the end of each. All the activities give children practice in what they have just learned in class. All table facts extend to  $\times 11$  and  $\times 12$ .

Each section begins with building and writing out the multiplication table, in full and in number order. Where children are having difficulty remembering tables facts, refer them back to these charts. Encourage them to read the times table aloud, then to shut their eyes and recall as many facts as they can. Help the children to recall those facts that they do not know by saying them on their behalf.

The activities that follow help the children to develop rapid recall of multiplication facts and support them in deriving division facts from them. If the children need further help, suggest that they look at the numbers involved and find, from memory, a multiplication sentence that uses them. Then they can say the appropriate division sentence.

Pages 43 to 46 challenge children to recall all of the times tables facts. They are encouraged to time themselves as they complete these activities, to further strengthen their rapid recall skills and to prepare them for classroom testing. Once they have mastered their times tables, children will have a solid foundation for success in numeracy.

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