## Key Stage 1 Maths information for parents

## Multiplication

Multiplication begins with developing an understanding of what an equal group is.

2

$X$ unequal


4

3

There are 4 equal groups of $\underline{2}$
An array
Arrays are then introduced
There are 3 groups of 5 , there are 15 in total

rows


This array can show
$5+5+5=15$
$3 \times 5=15$
$3+3+3+3+3=15$
$5 \times 3=15$
As the children become more confident they can start to count in different steps a number of 'times' to find the total. So $10 \times 4$ means that you count in tens four times.

