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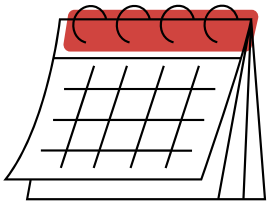
YEAR 4
HOMEWORK AND HEADLINES

PE Days
Wednesday - Swimming
Thursday



IMPORTANT DATES

Additional dates can be found on the school website.



Friday 27th November – Mufti Day – donations for Goose Fair Tombola.

Monday 30th November – School closed

Wednesday 9th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper Day

Tuesday 15th December – Year 4 Christmas production in the hall.

Friday 18th December – End of term

HOMEWORK

Homework Timetable		
Homework	Date set:	Date due:
Daily Reading with comments and a weekly parental signature	Daily	Diaries in school every day.
Reading Comprehension Targeted Question Book	Monday	Thursday
Maths Targeted Question Book	Tuesday	Friday
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Targeted Question Book	Thursday	Monday
Throughout the week, engage with our online learning resources: Times Tables Rock Stars, Spelling Shed, and Accelerated Reader.		Friday - engagement will be checked

CGP Books



Reading Comprehension - Peter Pan p18
Date set: Monday
Date due: Thursday
(You can support your child with reading the text, however we encourage you to let them answer the questions independently)

Maths - Decimal numbers and fractions p14
Date set: Tuesday
Date due: Friday
Try to complete the questions independently.



Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling - Noun phrases p16 and p17
Date set: Thursday
Date due: Monday
Try to complete the questions independently.





If your child has struggled with a particular question, please write a note on the page to inform the class teacher.

NEWSLETTER



Dear parents,

This week has flown by! We have started our new Maths unit on multiplication and division. See attached knowledge organiser. Also, see the information about the 36 essential facts that children need to build strong mental Maths fluency.

Swimming
Please can you email the teachers if you are able to assist with swimming next week. Please encourage children to remember to bring their swimming essentials to school.
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Coach-led PE continues on a Thursday, For the next 9 weeks, there will not be teacher-led PE.

Times tables
Please ensure that your children are practicing these daily. They must be fluent in all their times tables up to 12 by June. Please do look at your child's latest heat map, which has been stuck into their reading record.

Stationery
Please ensure that your child's pencil case has all the necessary stationery in it. This enables them to come to school, ready to learn. Many children do not have rulers or glue sticks. Please can you check your child's pencil case?

Reading
A gentle reminder that children need to read every day. Their reading records must be completed. Please see the posters in the newsletter about the benefits of reading.

Year 4 Christmas Production
This will take place on Tuesday 15th December. It is called 'The Match Girl's Christmas" and it is one of the most moving and beautiful Christmas productions. We would like the children to practise the songs at home. We have attached the lyrics for the children to learn. These songs can be found on Youtube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BlSRoqsOnlc&list=PLqxOa_RAlnUeHk9Ztuw5OkpfunvOxlO84

We did some auditions today for the play and the roles will finalised next week. The children still have the opportunity to audition for parts next week.

We hope that you have a wonderful weekend and keep warm, now that the weather continues to change.

Kind regards
Year 4 team

Multiplication and Division

Knowledge Organiser

Key Vocabulary

- multiply
- groups of
- lots of
- times
- divide
- share
- remainder
- factor
- multiple
- product

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Multiplication and Division Facts

×	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

Multiply and Divide by 0, 1, 10 and 100

0 × 15 = 0

H	T	O
	○○	○○○

× 10

H	T	O
○○	○○○	

45 × 10 = 450

Th	H	T	O
		○○○	○○○

× 100

Th	H	T	O
○○○	○○○		

63 × 100 = 6300

1 × 15 = 15

H	T	O
○○	○○○	

÷ 10

H	T	O
	○○	○○○

450 ÷ 10 = 45

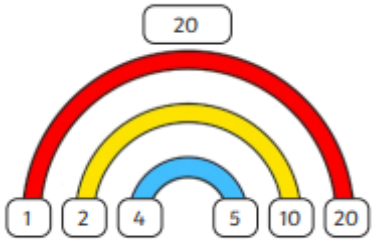
Th	H	T	O
○○○	○○○		

÷ 100

Th	H	T	O
		○○○	○○○

6300 ÷ 100 = 63

Factor pairs and Commutativity



The factors of 20 are 1, 2, 4, 5, 10 and 20.

The factor pairs are:

1 and 20 | 2 and 10 | 4 and 5

5 × 4 = 20

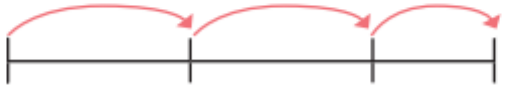


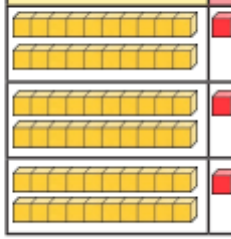
4 × 5 = 20



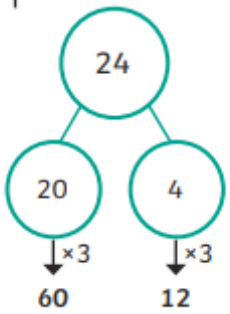
Multiply Using Informal and Formal Methods

10 × 3 = 30 | 10 × 3 = 30 | 4 × 3 = 12



Tens	Ones
	

24 × 3 = 60 + 12 = 72



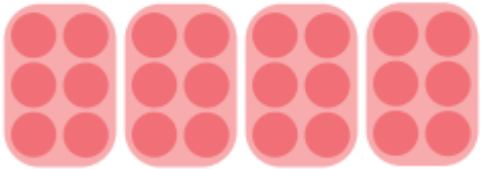
Th	H	T	O
	5	4	3
×			4
2	1	7	2
	1	1	

Multiplication and Division

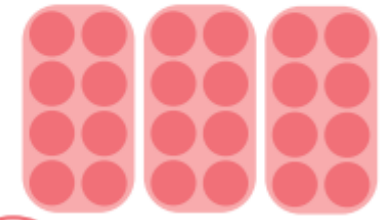
Knowledge Organiser

Mental Calculations for Solving Problems

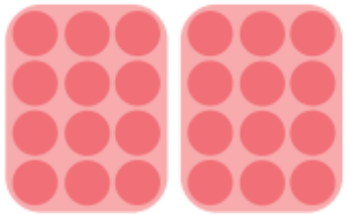
$(2 \times 3) \times 4 = 24$

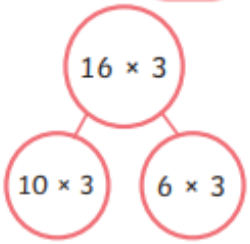


$(2 \times 4) \times 3 = 24$



$(3 \times 4) \times 2 = 24$





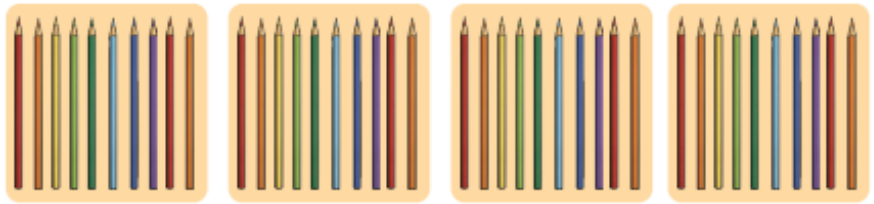
30 + 18 = 48

Integer Scaling

10 pencils



10 x 4 = 40 pencils



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75g × 2 = 150g

5 × 7 = 35

350 ÷ 5 = 70

5 × 70 = 350

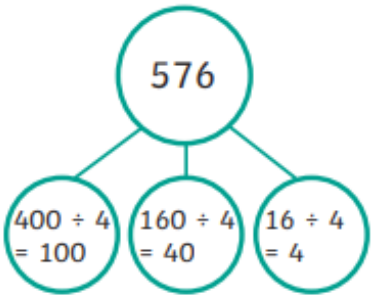
3500 ÷ 5 = 700

Short Division with Exact Answers

576 ÷ 4 = 144

Hundreds	Tens	Ones
100	10 10 10 10	1 1 1 1
100	10 10 10 10	1 1 1 1
100	10 10 10 10	1 1 1 1
100	10 10 10 10	1 1 1 1

There are 69 tennis balls packed in tubes of 3.



$$\begin{array}{r|l} & 23 \\ \hline 3 & 69 \end{array}$$

69 ÷ 3 = 23

69		
23	23	23



Correspondence Problems

Hat	Scarf	Gloves
		
2	4	3

Number of different combinations is:

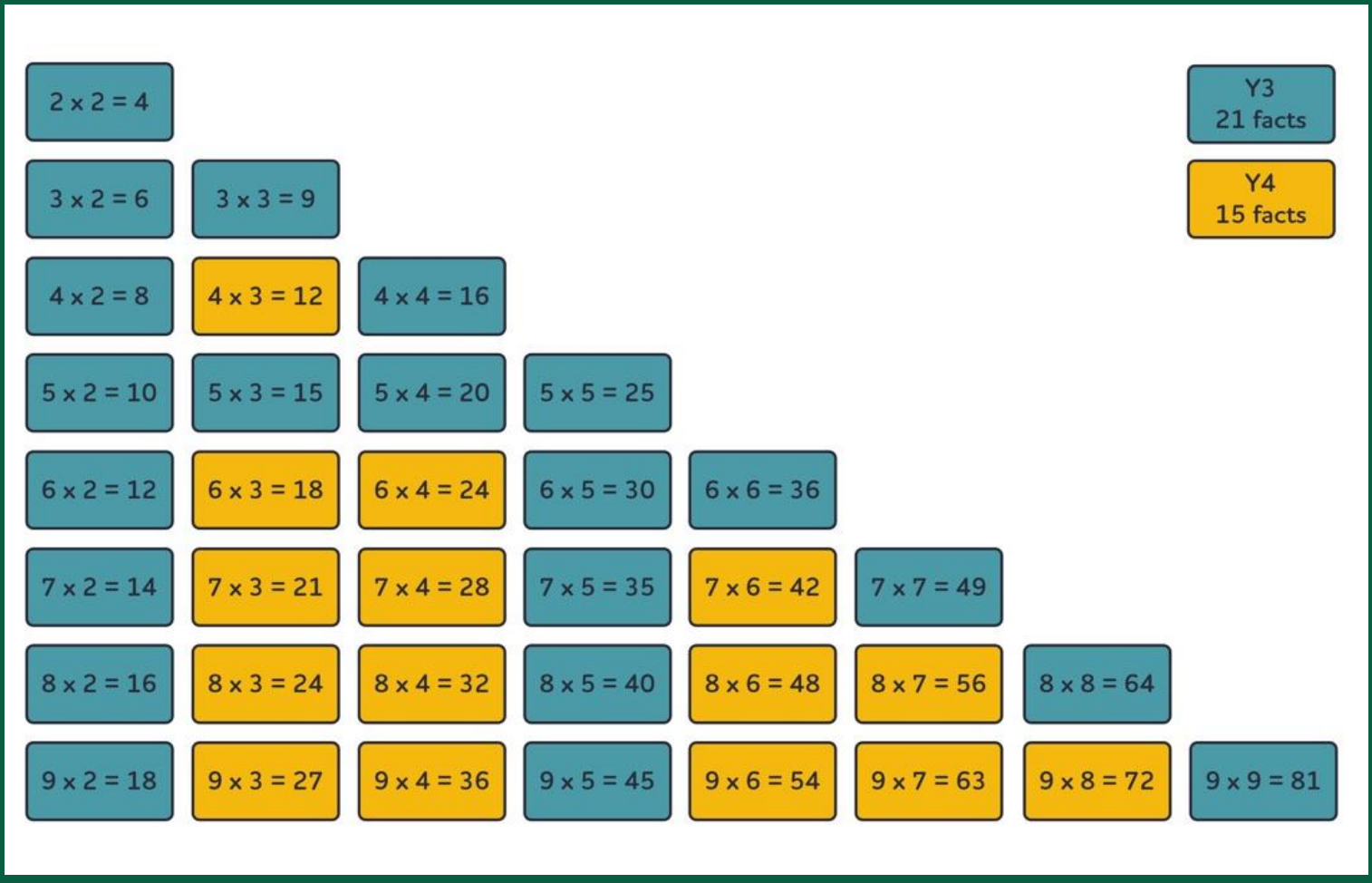
2 × 4 × 3 = 24

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Did you know children only need to master **36 core multiplication facts** (covering factors 2 through 9) to build strong mental maths fluency?

Once pupils understand multiplying by 0 and 1, and use the commutative property (knowing that 4 × 6 gives the same answer as 6 × 4), duplicate pairs drop away and the workload becomes much more manageable.

- **Practice little and often:** Try quick recall games on the walk to school or during car journeys rather than long cramming sessions.
- **Spot fact families:** Link each multiplication fact to its turnaround fact and related division facts to deepen understanding.
- **Celebrate small wins:** Focus on a few facts at a time and tick them off as recall becomes automatic.



The Match Girl's Christmas

by Nick Perrin

Lyrics

Christmas Is Coming

Poor Children / Chorus Left
Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat!
Please put a penny in the old man's hat.
If you haven't got a penny a ha'penny will do.
If you haven't got a ha'penny then
God bless you!
Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat!
Please put a penny in the old man's hat.

Rich Children/ Chorus Right
Brightly shining Christmas star,
How I wonder what you are.
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.
Brightly shining Christmas star,
How I wonder what you are.
(repeat section as Poor Children & Chorus L. sing over)

Poor / Chorus Left
Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat!
Please put a penny in the old man's hat.
If you haven't got a penny a ha'penny will do.
If you haven't got a ha'penny then
God bless you!
Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat!
Please put a penny in the old man's hat.

Chorus	Christmas is coming____!
Poor children	Christmas is coming____!
Rich children	Christmas is coming____!

O Little Town Of Bethlehem / Matches

Chorus
O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in the dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

Match Girl
Matches! Buy my matches!
Matches! Buy my matches!
I'm freezing cold and starving.
They're only a penny a box…

Matches! Buy my matches!

Poor Children / Chorus Left
…Christmas is coming!
…Christmas is coming!
Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat!
Please put a penny in the old man's hat.

Rich Children / Chorus Right
Brightly shining Christmas star,
How I wonder what you are.
…Christmas is coming!
…Christmas is coming!
Brightly shining Christmas star,
How I wonder what you are.



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Rat, Tat, Rat-A-Ta-Tat

Chorus
Rat, tat, rat-a-ta-tat at my window shutters,
Knock! Knock! At my door.
Who's that tapping at my window shutters,
Knock! Knock! At my door?

Innkeeper 1
There's no use a-knocking, I've no room to spare
And I really do not care.
Chorus
There's no use a-knocking, he's no room to spare
And he really does not care.
But Joseph said:

Joseph Please will you help us?
We're tired and worn.
Have you a place where
Our child can be born?

Chorus
Rat, tat, rat-a-ta-tat… *(etc.)*

Innkeeper 2
There's no use a-knocking, not a single bed.
Should have called and booked ahead.
Chorus
There's no use a-knocking, not a single bed.
Should have called and booked ahead
But Joseph said:

Joseph Please will you help us?
(etc.)

Chorus
Rat, tat, rat-a-ta-tat… *(etc.)*

Innkeeper 3
I'm sorry to tell you I've no room to spare,
But I have a stable bare.
Chorus
He's sorry to tell you he's no room to spare,
But he has a stable bare.
And we all say:
Thank you for helping.
They're tired and worn.
Now they've a place where
Their child can be born.

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While Shepherds Watched

Chorus
While shepherds watched their flocks by night
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the lord came down
And glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled minds.
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
To you and all mankind."

Star in the winter sky,
Shining so bright,
Guide us to Jesus
Born this Christmas night.

Angels
To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
A saviour who is Christ the lord,
And this shall be the sign:

All except Shepherds
The heavenly babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands
And in a manger laid.

Star in the winter sky,
Shining so bright,
Guide us to Jesus
Born this Christmas night.

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Please Will You Help Me?

Match Girl
Please will you help me?
I'm here in the snow.
I'm so tired and hungry,
There's no place I can go.
Can you hear me calling?
I beg you don't ignore me.
I'll wish you a merry Christmas,
From now to evermore.

Poor Children
Please will you help her?
She's here in the snow
She's so tired and hungry,
There's no place she can go.
Can you hear her calling?
We beg you don't ignore her.
She'll wish you a merry Christmas,
From now to evermore.

Poor Children
Matches, buy her matches!
Match girl
Matches, buy my matches!
Children 1-4
(spoken) Someone buy her matches…



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Three Kings Have Journeyed Far

Chorus
Three kings have journeyed far.
They're following a star.
It leads them onward, clear and bright,
Lighting up the darkest night.
Three kings have journeyed far,
They're following a star.

See the gifts they bring!
Presents for a king,
Gold and frankincense and myrrh.
Following a star,
Travelling afar
Leads them to the holy baby.

Kings
We've travelled from the east,
A thousand miles at least.
We've crossed the deserts, land and seas,
Searching for the prince of peace.
We've travelled from the east,
A thousand miles at least.

Chorus
See the gifts they bring ...(etc.)

Chorus
A child is born today.
A star lights up his way.
And soon they'll kneel to the infant king,
Offering the gifts they bring.
A child is born today.
A star lights up his way.

See the gifts they bring ...(etc.)

Baby Jesus

Mary
Baby Jesus born tonight,
Sleep safely and warm in the manger.
On this cold and wintery night
The starlight shines clear and bright.

Mary / Chorus
Baby Jesus, hush, don't cry.
Your friends make their way to the stable.
On this cold and wintery night
The starlight shines clear and bright.
Tiny baby, so small, so beautiful,
Close your eyes, sleep tight.

Song Medley -
The Match Girl's Christmas

A. In the bleak midwinter

Chorus
In the bleak midwinter,
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Poor Children
What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man I would do my part;
What I can I give him: give my heart.

B. Please will you listen?

Match Girl
Please will you listen, I'm calling to you.
I've nothing to give but my love, it is true.
Please be near me Jesus,
I'm asking you to stay…
Be close by me forever
And love me I pray… I pray.
Love me, I pray.

C. Silent night

Chorus
Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

D. A bright new star

Angels
Now the star is shining.
The door is open wide.
All her friends are waiting there
To welcome her inside.

Chorus
Another angel's singing
High in heaven above.
She will live forever more
In joy and peace and love.

Star in the winter sky,
Shining so bright,
Guide us to Jesus
Born this Christmas night.

E. Heaven's door is open

Chorus
Heaven's door is open,
No chains to unlock!
Everyone is welcome.
There's no need to knock!
Let's all get together,
There's so much to do.
Christmas lasts forever
When there's love in you.

Happy Christmas!
(Open the door!)
Happy Christmas!
(Open your heart!)
Happy Christmas!
Open up now it's Christmas time!

It's a time for giving,
Time for us to share.
Time for everybody,
Time to show we care.
Let's all get together,
There's so much to do.
Christmas lasts forever
When there's love in you.

Happy Christmas! …*(etc.)*

…It's Christmas time!

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