Year | Multiplication Guide

In Year I, this is mainly looking at groups or 'lots of' and we avoid looking at the multiplication symbol as this is a more abstract concept. We focus on teaching multiplication through concrete objects and picture representations. It is important for the children to learn the concept of multiplication before moving on to times tables, which is why we do not introduce times tables in Year I. We teach children to count in multiples of 2.5 and 10 but avoid talking about this in terms of 2.5 km = 12. When working out multiplication questions, we mainly teach the children to use arrays or repeated addition. We also look at the concept of doubling and talk about how it represents 2 'lots of' the starting number.

