

Max's Magical Multiplication Station

Jump into multiplication with Max the Monkey—let's make groups and solve the puzzle!

- **Multiplication is when we count equal groups to find the total amount.**
- **An array is a neat way to show multiplication using rows and columns.**
- **2 groups of 5 means we have $5 + 5$, which equals 10.**
- **The multiplication sign ' $\times$ ' means 'lots of' or 'groups of'.**
- **If Max has 3 plates with 4 grapes on each, he has 12 grapes in total.**
- **You can solve multiplication by counting in jumps, like counting in 2s, 5s, or 10s.**

Did you know? Did you know? Multiplication is just a super-fast way to add! If you have 3 bags with 2 bananas in each, instead of counting $2 + 2 + 2$, you can say '3 lots of 2' to get 6 bananas quickly!

Key vocabulary: Multiply · Equal groups · Lots of · Times · Array · Repeated addition