# **Core Skills Analysis**

### **Mathematics**

- Ebony practiced and reinforced her multiplication facts, improving recall speed and accuracy for times tables.
- She developed a foundational understanding of numerical relationships and patterns within multiplication.
- Engaging with worksheets helped her strengthen problem-solving skills by applying multiplication in structured exercises.
- Completing times table worksheets promotes confidence with mental arithmetic that supports more complex math topics later.

## **Tips**

To deepen Ebony's mastery of times tables, incorporate interactive games and real-life scenarios where multiplication is applied, such as calculating costs or grouping objects. Encourage her to create her own times table flashcards or quizzes that she can use to self-test. Incorporating rhythm and music—like singing times tables or using clapping patterns—can also make memorization engaging and memorable. Lastly, integrate visual aids such as multiplication charts or arrays to connect abstract numbers with concrete representations.

## **Book Recommendations**

- <u>Times Tables the Fun Way</u> by Stuart J. Murphy: This book uses stories and illustrations to make mastering multiplication approachable and enjoyable for young learners.
- <u>Math Facts that Stick: Multiplication and Division</u> by Kate Snow: A resource full of games and strategies designed to help students develop fluency with math facts through practice and engagement.
- <u>The Multiplication Workbook for Kids</u> by Anna F. Allen: A workbook filled with exercises and tips tailored to help children improve their times tables skills step-by-step.

## **Learning Standards**

- Mathematics KS2: Number multiplication and division (NC: 3x, 4x, 8x tables by Year 4; continuing fluency development through Year 6)
- Mathematics KS3: Number develop mental fluency with multiplication facts and use these in problem solving (NC: Use and recall multiplication facts to support more complex calculations.)

## **Try This Next**

- Create a personalized times table quiz with mixed problem formats, including word problems and timed drills.
- Design a multiplication chart poster where Ebony can color-code different times tables to visualize number patterns.