# nrich

# **Puzzling Place Value**

# For these problems, use the digits from 1 to 9

We are using ABC to represent a 3 digit number with A hundreds, B tens and C units. Similarly, AB represents a 2 digit number with A tens and B units.

#### **Problem 1:**

A positive 2 digit integer *AB* is four times the sum of its digits. Prove that there are exactly four such numbers *AB*.

# **Problem 2:**

Show that there is only one set of values A, B and C that satisfies ABC + AB + C = 300

# **Problem 3:**

Choose a two-digit number with two **different** digits (e.g. 47) and form its reversal (i.e. 74). Now, subtract the sum of the digits from each of these numbers, and then add the two results. Show that you always obtain a multiple of 9.

# **Problem 4:**

Choose three different digits and form the six two-digit numbers that use two of the three digits. Add these six possibilities and divide this total by the sum of the three digits. Show that you always obtain 22.

#### Problem 5:

Choose three different digits A, B and C, with A > B > C (e.g. 8, 6 and 3). Work out the differences between the two-digit numbers you can make and their reverses (e.g. 86-68, 63-36, 83-38), then add these three results.

Show that you always obtain a multiple of 18.

# **Problem 6:**

For any three digits A, B and C, show that there is only set of values that satisfies

$$ABC = AB + BC + CA$$

# **Problem 7:**

Find examples that fit the rule:

$$AB + CD = DC + BA$$

without any of the four digits being the same (e.g. 97 + 24 = 42 + 79). What general rule must apply? Why?