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Re: Times Tables

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Within mathematics, we use the times tables a lot. It is really important for children to learn their times tables and be able to recall them quickly. Being able to recall times tables facts not only helps them to grasp new concepts in maths with more confidence, it improves their memory skills which will help them throughout their school life and into adulthood.

Multiplication is a skill which is used within everyday life from cooking and baking to gardening and decorating. It is not only a useful life skill, it is a necessary part of the mathematics curriculum. Knowing the times tables allows children to perform arithmetic calculations quickly, however times tables are also the key to unlocking their understanding of many different areas of maths, they are the building blocks that much of the curriculum throughout KS2.

Secure knowledge of the times tables allows children to access long multiplication, short division, long division, fractions, percentages, area and ratio. Not only will knowing their times tables assist your child in primary school, a study published by Ofsted shows that children who struggle with times tables find learning throughout secondary school more of a challenge than those who are fluent with their times tables.

Throughout school, we are helping the children to become fluent with their times tables by many different ways, one of which is listening to and joining in with songs. Below are the links to the songs we are using.

**KS1**

2 times table <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FkAzZoqCJ4E>

5 times table [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZAqhF\\_2vvs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZAqhF_2vvs)

10 times table <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5kwlccQGcr0>

**Y3**

3 times table <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70aG99v704k>

4 times table [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJY1\\_fzzM6Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJY1_fzzM6Y)

8 times table <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSnNkgMbtfs>

**Y4-6**

6 times table <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zINaIPnOZoY>

7 times table [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdF\\_vFAxwas](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdF_vFAxwas)

9 times table <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=154VoUQbgvc>

11 times table <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9AxbcO4Kp4>

12 times table <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PABb8HhmtEM>

After Christmas each week we will text you the links to the songs your children are learning that week. That way your child can listen to them at home in order to consolidate their times table knowledge.

If you have any questions regarding times table please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.  
The Maths Team