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Dear Parents/Carers,

Times tables are crucial to help children progress in all areas of maths. This includes multiplication, division, decimals, percentages, fractions and algebra. We use times tables in everyday life as adults.

Children who know their times tables will be able to answer questions more quickly and be able to focus on using other maths strategies in more complex problems rather than being slowed down by trying to work out tables facts.

In addition to times table work at school, It is vital that all pupils practice their times tables at home. Short bursts of daily practice are more effective than spending an hour once a week. **10 minutes practice at home a day will have a huge impact on their ability to recall tables facts rapidly.**

As a school, we subscribe to [Times Tables Rock Stars \(ttrockstars.com\)](https://www.ttrockstars.com). All pupils in Y1 -Y6 have logins. Please see the attached letter for more details about how your child can login and access different games.

Other ways to practise times tables include:

- [Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk)
- [Purple Mash by 2Simple](#)
- Chanting or singing times tables
- Playing games [Top times tables games | TheSchoolRun](#)

For your child to be fully motivated and for them to get the best out of the practice they need your help. Without your praise or reminders, practicing times tables will not feel important to your child.

This academic year, children in Year 4 will sit a compulsory multiplication test on an electronic device, which will focus on answering questions at speed. It is important that your child has a good and quick knowledge of multiplication facts - this will prepare them not only for the test but most importantly for life.

We will be monitoring the pupils' engagement with TTRS and assessing their progress with times tables on a weekly basis.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Mortimer
Maths Leader.

