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Dear Parents and Carers,

Knowing times tables is a fundamental part of your child's mathematical journey. We are writing to share why these skills are so vital, and how you can support your child at home using some fantastic, fun resources.

Why Times Tables Matter

Quick recall of multiplication and division facts is a building block for all future math success. When children know their tables well, it benefits them in several keyways:

- **Frees up brain power:** Instead of spending time working out basic calculations, children can focus on understanding complex, new concepts.
- **Boosts confidence:** Instant recall reduces math anxiety and helps children feel capable and successful in lessons.
- **Unlocks other topics:** Times tables are essential for mastering fractions, percentages, division, area, and everyday problem-solving.

The Power of 21 Minutes

To help build this vital fluency, our school uses two brilliant online platforms: **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)** and **NumBots**.

Research shows that just **21 minutes a week on TTRS** makes a significant impact on a child's times table knowledge. Breaking this down into just **3 minutes a day** is enough to supercharge their math confidence and speed!

- **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS):** Perfect for mastering multiplication and division facts through games, avatars, and friendly competition.
- **NumBots:** Ideal for younger children or those needing a confidence boost, focusing on the core addition, subtraction, and number bond skills that set up times table success.

Other Fun Ways to Practice at Home

You do not need to sit down with traditional worksheets to make a difference. Try incorporating these active, engaging ideas into your weekly routine:

- **Sing and dance with BBC Super Movers:** If your child loves music and movement, search for the **BBC Super Movers times table songs** online. These high-energy videos combine catchy songs with active routines to help lock facts into long-term memory.



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- **Quick-fire kitchen quizzes:** Ask random questions like "What is 6 times 7?" while preparing dinner, walking to school, or sitting in traffic.
- **Card game multiplication:** Flip over two playing cards and race each other to multiply the numbers together. The fastest correct answer wins the cards!
- **Chant on the move:** Count aloud in steps (e.g., 3, 6, 9, 12...) while walking up the stairs, skipping, or throwing a ball back and forth.

KS 2 children have already been given their individual login details for TTRS, KS 1 and EYFS children look out for your Numbots logins which will come home soon. If you need a copy of these or have any questions about how to support your child's math at home, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Best wishes,

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