

Monday 26th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Times Table Books

For a number of years now, we have put an emphasis on children's quick recall of number facts through our Superhero Maths and Reach for the Stars sessions in school. These involve children learning their number bonds and times table facts as the national curriculum expectation is that by the end of Year 4 children know their tables up to 12 x 12.

In June 2020, our current Year 3 children will be the first cohort to participate in the Government's new Multiplication Tables Check. This is an online test consisting of 25 questions.

To support with preparation for this, we have purchased some new times tables practise books, which children in Year 3 and 4 will bring home today. The children have used these books in school for a week, so they understand and know what to do. Depending on the stage your child is at, they will be given the appropriate times table to practise e.g. 4 times table. Please ask your child to complete one grid **each day**. The best way to learn times tables is to practise little and often every day. Once their grid is complete, they need to ask an adult at home to check their answers with them. The adult must then sign the box at the bottom of the page for that day. Their book must be brought into school **every Monday** for checking and so the times table can be set for the week ahead.

We will continue to test the children in school, as we do now. It is important for your child to learn their tables so they can quickly recall the answers without having to work them out. If they are asked to practise the same times table for another week, it is because their teacher would like them to be quicker at answering in their test.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher. Thank you for supporting your child with their tables.

Yours sincerely



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