



Hemington Primary School

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"To enable, encourage and equip all children to achieve their best through an inspiring and nurturing environment."

Friday 13th September 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Your children have been working really hard on their times tables since we've come back to school and we've been very impressed with their efforts.

In year 4 during the summer term, the children sit a statutory multiplication times table check. The aim of this check is to assess fluency in recalling multiplication facts. This is something we will be communicating more about nearer the time but for now, we are simply learning our times tables. In school, in addition to whole class teaching, we are working with your children on a one to one basis at least twice a week on individual times tables to help them secure their multiplication facts. Having a firm grasp of times table facts is seen as a crucial foundation for developing maths fluency and secure knowledge of times table facts in year 4 will facilitate the learning of the year 5 and 6 curriculum.

Times Table Record Book

Each child in year 4 will be coming home with a times table record book. We aim for this to work in a similar way to their reading record. We will fill out when we have worked one to one with your child on their times tables but ask that if your child completes any times table practice at home, that you jot it down in their record. As with any skill practising little but often' has the biggest impact.

The times table learning structure

The order of the times tables that is taught begins with 2s and 10s before moving on to 5, 3, 4, 8, 6, 9, 7, 11 and 12. Once your child is able to fluently recall multiplication facts for their individual times table in any given order, we will progress them on to the next times table.

Helpful links to support

Knowing where to start can be tricky so please find below a list of useful links that we recommend to support your child in practising their times tables.

Hit the Button - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Doodle Tables - <https://tinyurl.com/t4wenw3u>

Variety of tables games <https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

There is no expectation at this stage that your child will complete this as 'homework' but it is just to explain why your child will be coming home with a times table record today and to provide you with some ideas to help support your child at home should you wish to do so.

Best wishes,
Miss Derrick