

TIMES TABLES

It is really important that children learn the times tables as early as possible if they are to develop greater fluency in Maths.

The expectations for each year group are laid out below:

- Y2: 2, 5 and 10 times tables
- Y3: 3, 4 and 8 times tables
- Y4: all tables up to 12x12

Please support your child by helping them to learn them at home – little and often is best.

Top tips for helping your child learn their times tables:

- 1) Learn a little at a time. If you start a new times table, don't try to master it all overnight.

Start with 1×2 , 2×2 , 3×2 . When they are confident with these add the next few. Keep adding until the sequence is complete
- 2) Keep revising the tables you have already covered as they are easy to forget when you move on to a new set.
- 3) Use practical equipment to demonstrate so that children can see, for example, 3 lots of 4 as 3 rows of 4 matchsticks.
- 4) Sweets are very good for demonstrations, as the anticipation of getting a reward can make the lesson much more memorable.
- 5) Use real-life situations to develop understanding of times tables, for example: "If you save 3p every day, how much would you save in a week?"