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Maths Home learning

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, we have been using a new Maths scheme across school since January and are very pleased with how it delivers the National Curriculum in a 'Mastery' approach.

Thank you for wanting to engage with your children in their maths learning, but can I encourage you not to use these particular pupil practice books with your children at home. We know that parents and tutors are keen to use the practice books, but the scheme is designed to be taught as a complete unit, including textbooks, starter activities, online resources and a teacher's guide, with a huge emphasis on using practical manipulatives, discussion and modelling of the images and representations.

We are really happy that you would like to support home learning, and if you'd like to use a workbook, then please choose from the wide selection of other support workbooks available from WHSmith/Amazon, which follow the 2014 National Curriculum objectives and are year group appropriate, such as Collins, Scholastic or CGP. These will provide your child with a much wider range of practice questions.

Year 4 children will be taking the National Times Table test this June, as part of a voluntary pilot, so we hope you will continue to test your child on their recall of times table facts to 12 x 12 and encourage the use of TTRockstars to increase fluency in times tables recall. The new Year 4 National Times Table test will be compulsory from 2020 and requires the recall of all the multiplication facts at a speed of 6 seconds per fact! (including typing in the answer) Year 4 children have already had a practice run at this so know what it involves.

Parent workshops to help parents/carers learn more about the new 'Mastery' approach to the teaching of maths will be held early in the Autumn Term.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

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Examples of workbooks available online: please choose the appropriate year group if ordering

