



Dear Parents/Carers,

<https://www.tablefables.net/public/about>

We are pleased to inform you that the school has signed up to **Table Fables**, an online interactive website that supports your child in learning their times tables. Your child will be able to access the Table Fables from a computer by a login and entering their own individual password.

### **SO WHAT IS TABLE FABLES?**

Below is an introduction to **Table Fables** taken from the website:  
<https://www.tablefables.net/public/about>

TABLE FABLES are fun memorable short stories that teach children the times tables by giving them a hook to remember the answers. Children remember the numbers by recalling **the funny story**.

**Our mantra is LEARN FUNNY.**

### **TABLE FABLES BACK STORY**

The technique is based on the peg memory system, which gives children the ability to remember the numerical position of items on a list, in or out of sequence. The peg system has been proven to be one of the most effective memory aids used to date. Each number, from 1 to 12, is represented by a character. Two characters (e.g. 8 Snowman & 3 mouse) interact to create a funny, short story, which reveals the answer.

### **INSPIRED LEARNING**

- To inspire kids to learn the times tables in a funny way.
- Knowing times tables is essential for making all future maths easier.
- Fun, engaging and interesting content inspires children to learn.
- Accidental learning and NOT painful rote learning so children are happy.

### **GOVERNMENT POLICIES**

As of 3 January 2016 the UK government announced every pupil will be expected to know their times tables up to 12 x12 by the time they reach the end of primary school. Under the new measure, all children will have their multiplication skills checked in year 4 as part of the government commitment to give children an excellent education. Our aim is to establish strong links with schools and build a relationship which encourages the use of **Table Fables** so learning becomes fun.

All the staff at Meersbrook Bank are very excited about using **Table Fables** as a way of supporting your child in their learning of times tables and we hope you will encourage your child to use this fabulous resource at home.

Obviously **Table Fables** is only one way to help your child learn their times tables. Other ways include:

- FS/KS1 - Numberblocks
- Times tables games online e.g.....
- Times tables songs
- Real life scenarios e.g. cupcake cases on a baking tray (arrays) etc...
- Times table games / quizzes etc...

Please don't hesitate to speak to myself if you ever need any support in helping your child to learn their times tables.

Yours sincerely,

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