

Dear parent/ carer,

As you are aware there have been changes to the National Curriculum. In mathematics, the new curriculum requires pupils to be able to recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12x12 by the end of year 4. From 2017, year 6 pupils will also be tested on their ability to recall times tables quickly and accurately as part of their SATs via an "on-screen check" examination.

These changes mean it is important for the children to learn their times tables' facts and to be able to recall them quickly and accurately. To support their learning of times tables we are pleased to inform you, we will be introducing a Times Table Challenge in school for years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Your child will be given a weekly Times Tables Homework Challenge. Then every week, your child's class teacher will provide your child with a Times Table Challenge, as part of their maths lesson, which will be in the same layout as their homework and appropriate to your child's level. The challenge will be completed in three minutes and your child will need to achieve a score of 95% or above to progress onto the next challenge. The reason for the limited time is to ensure children are doing a mental calculation rather than working it out with support.

When your child can recall the multiplication and division facts for a given times table, they will receive a certificate. When your child can recall a selection of different times tables facts, they will receive a certificate in assembly, from the head teacher.

There are a variety of free apps and websites your child can utilise to further support their learning of the multiplication tables, which can be found on the school website.

We thank you in advance for your continued support and we hope your child has great fun learning his/her times tables!

Kind regards,

The Maths Team ☺