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Dear Parents,

February Target - Times tables

The government expectation is that children at the end of Year 4 will know all their times tables up to 12 x 12. This will be easier for some children than others, but the key to learning tables is practise. Knowing times tables makes much of maths easier.

This month, the children have set themselves the challenge to learn one times table by the end of February.

A times table is considered learnt once a child can recite it (either "2 times 2 is 4", or "Two 2s are 4") and answer random questions, without hesitation. Although learning multiples of a number is important (2,4,6,8), this does not allow for quick recall when asked a question such as, "What is 4 times 2?"

To help your child to learn their table, I suggest that the table is split into 4 parts. The example uses the two times tables.

Part one : Learn 1 x 2 - 4 x 2

Part two: Learn 5 x 2 - 8 x 2

Part three: Learn 9 x 2 - 12 x 2

Part four: Practise the whole table and answer quick fire questions.

Then add part two to part one.

Then add to the previous parts.

Over the half term holiday, please could you also continue to hear your child read regularly and help them to learn their spellings.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N Allen

