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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children in school are working hard on learning their times tables. This is a skill they practise within lessons as rapid recall of the times tables facts and the associated division facts is essential in supporting the children to become good mathematicians.

The aims from the National Curriculum for each year group are:-

- Children in **Year 1** should be able to count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10
- Children in **Year 2** should be able to recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables.
- Children in **Year 3** should be able to recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10x multiplication tables.
- Children in **Year 4** should recall multiplication and division facts for **ALL** multiplication tables up to 12×12 .

To support your child to learn and practise their times tables school have invested in a school account for Times Tables Rockstars. A letter containing your child's individual login and password will be sent home with this letter.

Times Tables Rockstars starts off with all children practising their 10x table. The faster your child answers the questions correctly demonstrates their secure knowledge and application of the multiplication and associated division facts. This in turn unlocks a wider range of multiplication and division facts for your child.

We recommend that the children play in the Garage area as it is designed to help pupils get faster. After a few games, the TT Rock Star software engine starts to work out which number facts each pupil struggles with and then begins presenting those questions more frequently.

Each half term we will be looking at how great the children are with these skills. We can't wait to see how brilliant they are by the end of each school year!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Turner