

Dear parent/carer,

We hope you have enjoyed the start of term 1 and you and your children have settled back into academy life at this uncertain time. It has been lovely to see all the children re-engage so quickly in their learning after so much time out of school. We're so proud of them and really appreciate your help.

In Maths this term we are focusing particularly times tables. Times tables are essential mathematical skills and we teach them in some form every day. With a sound understanding, children are able to progress their numeracy skills and become more confident with numbers.

When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important. We would like to ask you to help your son/daughter with some times tables practise for 5 minutes a day. There are many websites specifically set up to help children make rapid progress and build their confidence. Here are three that you can use:

Times Tables Rockstars <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

The Maths Factor <https://www.themathsfactor.com/>

Top Marks – times tables <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

Top Marks – Hit the Button <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

When all children have access to their own iPad we will be providing them with a number of additional websites and apps to support their progress. More details will follow. In the time being, you can use a pen and paper, do verbal practise or even sing them.

Any time you can spend supporting your child to improve their times table will make a big difference.

Miss Brooks is currently on maternity leave looking after her lovely twins. I will be leading on Maths until she returns to the academy. If you have any questions regarding times tables, or anything else, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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