



# BEARWOOD Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Re: The importance of knowing times tables and spellings**

We are having a huge push on learning our Times Tables particularly in Year 6. We have found that many of our children can struggle to retain their knowledge of the tables and this is having an impact on their day to day maths. Times tables are a fundamental mathematical tool and children need to learn them and then apply them to mathematical questions.

We need your help! The children have been set times tables homework for the half term break. They also have a login for 'Times Tables Rock Stars.' Please encourage them to use this as a resource to practise their times tables. We have also encouraged the children to access Mathletics and sing along with the times tables songs; creating their own times tables games to bring in and play with their friends, has been another strategy we have developed with the children

Once times tables are securely learnt, children can be challenged to use decimals, division, square numbers and prime numbers – an approach which helps embed a secure knowledge of times tables.

Spellings are also vital for achieving age related expectations at the end of year 6. Last week, the children were set Year 3/4 and 5/6 spellings to learn. Please can you continue to work with the children on these; one strategy is to use flashcards and test them whilst eating your family Sunday roast!

We cannot stress the importance and impact of regular attendance enough. A loss of even one day can unsettle your child as they struggle to catch up and understand the next stages of learning.

Thank you for your support,

Yours sincerely,  
Miss Manson and Mrs Bennett



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