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Dear Parents/Carers,

Maths is a big subject and we appreciate there's more to it than times tables and there's more to times tables than learning them off by heart. However, a lot of the rich, interesting maths is all about the multiplicative relationships and these are hard to fully grasp without fluent recall of the tables. For that reason, learning the tables is fundamental – they are a key facilitator to the maths that sits on top. It is especially important in Year 6 to be able to recall times tables quickly and accurately as the children will need to use in their upcoming SATS tests.

You may notice us taking even more initiative when it comes to learning the tables with more options for home learning. If you are practising with your child, remember you're practising for the benefit of their wider maths education, not for them to get a high score on any tests. So please enjoy the opportunity to work with your child.

Below are some key strategies and resources that will help your child with quick recall of times tables.

1. Times Table Rockstars – this is a great resource and one of the **best** we have seen for helping children to learn their tables. Children can challenge each other, teachers, play against other schools or the rest of the world! Please encourage your child to play at least two or three times a week.
2. Multiplication grids such as the one below. These can be timed and children can be encouraged to beat their times. We will also be doing these in school and competing against our own times.

Multiplication Challenge

X	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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6									
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13									

I completed the multiplication challenge in
__ minutes __ seconds



3. Multiplication songs and rhymes can be found on YouTube and are a good, catchy way to remember those tricky tables, e.g. $8 \times 8 = 64$, 'I ate and ate until I was sick on the floor!'

If you have a question or want to offer your thoughts on any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Mrs Mitson
Maths Leader

