



BEARWOOD Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our children recognise how important it is to learn their times tables and have decided to have a school challenge. The children have found that by knowing their times tables they have become more fluent mathematicians. The School Council have decided to hold an inter house competition where they can earn house points by playing against pupils in other houses.

During the next couple of weeks we are going to encourage the children to practice their tables in preparation for the challenge after half term. Each day the class teacher will organise a times tables challenge and at the end of the two weeks we will discover which are the winning house by the number of house points that have been earned.

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.

4-MINUTE CHALLENGE CAN YOU FILL IN THE GRID IN 4 MINUTES?

NAME _____ CLASS _____
DATE _____ MARK _____

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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!'

4. Make flash cards of the multiplication e.g. 8×8 and then the answer on a separate card and the pupil then matches the question and answer.

Thank you for your support as always.

Yours sincerely



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