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Year 2 Times Tables

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Dear Parents/Carers,

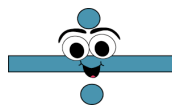
We are writing to provide you with some important information about our times tables approach at Christ Church. As we are sure you are aware, times tables and division knowledge is important to not only Maths but also daily life.

As part of our drive to ensure all children have secure times tables knowledge, we will be having a times tables test every Friday where children will be aiming to progress through their tables with the aim of knowing all facts up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4. We have already carried out a 10x test and children will bring home a copy of the tables they need to practise next. Some children may feel they already know these tables, however we are aiming for rapid recall whereby children can answer each question within 6 seconds (in line with the government Year 4 test). Children will have 2 minutes and 24 seconds to get full marks on a test of 24 multiplication and division questions. If they achieve this for 2 weeks they will move on to the next table. **We teach tables in the order 10x, 2x, 5x.** When children move to Year 3 they will practise 4x, 3x, 8x with Year 4 learning the final ones: 6x, 9x, 7x, 11x and 12x. Pupils also need to know the relevant division facts as well.

We would be grateful if you could support your child in learning their tables through regular practise at home. This could take the form of quick-fire questions, songs, games or any other fun ways of learning.



Times Tables Rock Stars is an important part of helping children to achieve these goals and forms part of the children's homework. Listed below are some of the most useful games on the app, but remember Times Table Rock Stars doesn't "teach" the tables.



- **Garage** - children practise the few facts the programme has identified that your child needs to learn next.
- **Jamming** – children can choose the times tables that they wish to practise and select whether they want multiplication, division or both. There is no timer on this game.
- **Studio** – children are asked questions on all tables to 12 x 12. This is where they earn their 'Rock Status' and get certificates. They don't have to get them all correct, just the 2/5/10 x ones would be great but they have to play 10 times I believe.



Children can continue to use NumBots at home – this has an addition/subtraction focus and uses the same log in. I will continue to check for weekly certificates and monitor progress at home each Thursday afternoons. As this is their Maths homework, children who are not accessing the app regularly at home, I will send paper homework instead.

If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Kind regards,

Mrs J Proctor