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Dear Parents and Carers,

Times Tables

Children in Year 4 have been working hard on their times tables throughout this year, by either progressing to the next level of the times table challenge, through playing and practising on Times Table Rockstars or with the support of teachers and parents/carers. Quick and accurate recall of times tables puts children at a significant advantage when calculating and problem solving. The national curriculum states that children should know all times tables up to 12 x 12, and related facts including inverses, by the end of Year 4.

Practising times tables 'little and often' is the most effective way to improve both speed and accuracy, and continuing to do so once tables are learnt helps to make sure they are not quickly forgotten. Year 4 are going to be having a real focus on times tables during Terms 5 and 6, and the support of parents and carers is a crucial component of this. There are a number of ways you can support your child to improve their knowledge of times tables, some of which include:

- Supporting their use of Times Table Rockstars – all children were given individual log-in details earlier in the year and we have been delighted to see many children using it regularly. If log-in details have been lost or forgotten, the Year 4 teachers can provide them again.
- Learning by wrote – this remains highly effective when used alongside other strategies.
- Times table songs/chanting – check out 'Super Movers' on BBC Sport which has fun videos and songs for each of the times tables up to 12's. There are many other good examples widely available online.
- Times table games – children can teach you some of the games they play in school.

Thank you for your support in helping the children to achieve this crucial element of the national curriculum – it will be of huge benefit to them in their maths in Years 5 and 6 and beyond.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Barr

Year 5 teacher and KS2 Maths co-ordinator

