

# Canterbury Road Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Multiplication tables**

You may be aware that from June 2020 the Government announced a new test for Year 4 children called the “Multiplication Tables Check”. This check assesses the rapid recall of the times tables up to 12x12. It consists of 25 questions and 6 seconds to answer each one. More information about the test will be sent to Year 4 parents closer to the time. As a school, we are focusing on times tables in all classes, starting with children in Year 2 and building up knowledge throughout the years.

Being able to recall times tables is an essential skill and helps children to quickly solve mental maths calculations and problem solving, as well as supporting many other maths topics children learn such as division, fractions and percentages.

Children have daily times tables sessions and in Years 3-6, a weekly test too based on whichever table they have learnt that week. From term 3, Year 2 will have weekly test too but with a longer time limit and fewer questions. As well as the weekly tests, KS2 children will have a termly online multiplication check which will be recorded on their report.

To make learning fun, Canterbury Road have purchased an online resource called ‘Times Tables Rockstars’. Children can access this at home to practise and the attached letter explains how to download it and log into our school account. We hope that you are able to support your children in using the app at home and creating Times Tables Rock Stars!

In Monday assemblies, we now have a ‘Rock Star’ in each class to celebrate one child who has worked hard on their times tables learning. They receive the award for managing to improve their score in their weekly times tables test or for showing enthusiasm in their daily times tables sessions. There is a display board in the hall to show our Canterbury Road Rock Stars and children receive a certificate to bring home.

**Practice at home:** We have to cover a lot in maths and so if you can help your child at home with their times tables, this will really support them. You could -

- Ask questions such as “what’s 7 x 8?” You can use dice or pack of cards to randomly select numbers for children to multiply by.
- recite times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc)
- Use the flip cards, which children will be given at school.
- Use worksheets and packs, which can be requested from the school
- Use apps and games (such as TT Rockstars)
- Sing times tables songs (there are lots online, children will probably already know some and have favourites).

We appreciate your continued support with your child’s learning and look forward to seeing the children becoming Times Tables Rock Stars!

Kind regards, Miss Oxberry , Maths Subject Leader