



Maths Update - Times Tables!



Children conduct a range of activities and are tested regularly in school to monitor knowledge and understanding of times tables. By the end of year 4 all children are expected to know all times table number facts (in random order) up to 12×12 . Supporting children at home is a great way to sustain and encourage progress, below are Mr Redfern's 8 top tips to help support the knowledge and understanding in the home environment.

1. Display a times table sheet where your child will regularly see it!
2. Children need to learn the simplest tables first and then tackle the harder ones (e.g. 7s, 8s, 12s).
3. Show your child some times table tricks and make connections. Ask your child which tricks they have learnt in school...
4. Listen to some fun times table songs. In school we have the 'Math Rockx' app but YouTube also offers a variety of catchy songs.
5. Time tables tennis game. Create a rally whereby you pick a particular times table and say a multiple, your child responds.
6. Draw a Waldorf multiplication flower!



7. Quiz your child regularly but in a calm and comfortable environment. Many parents choose to test their children in the car, waiting for a bus, walking to school or pick a set time in the week to sit down together.
8. Reward their efforts. When encouraging children to pursue something important, like time tables, there's no harm in heightening their enthusiasm with a little reward. Remember that you shouldn't just reward your child for getting answers right. Don't be afraid to give them a treat if you can see they've been trying hard but haven't quite mastered their times tables yet.

