



Lydgate Junior School

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Dear parents/carers of Y3 children,

Your child has brought home a times tables homework booklet today. Quick recall of the times tables is an important skill and the children need to learn all of the tables facts by the end of Year 4. That is why we start learning them straight away and we practise them in school as often as we can throughout the year. We will be sending home a new practice booklet every Tuesday.

We are asking for your support in helping your child to become fluent in these number facts. We would like them to practise quick recall of the tables facts at home in order to support their learning in school. As well as completing the booklet, there are many ways to practise orally – games, flashcards, songs or challenging someone at home! Little and often is the best way to practise.

This website gives some good ideas to get you started:

www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/help-with-times-tables/

In our school, the times tables are taught in the following order:

Year 3: 10x, 5x, 2x, 4x, 8x, 3x, 6x

Year 4: 6x, 12x, 9x, 11x, 7x

If your child can recite a table in order, then mix up the facts and practise quick recall. They need to learn the division facts too so if they know that $5 \times 4 = 20$, they also need to know $20 \div 5 = 4$ and $20 \div 4 = 5$.

The BBC Super Movers website has some fun songs with movements to join in whilst practising the tables: www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/times-table-collection/z4vv6v4

As a school, we also subscribe to the Times Tables Rock Stars website (trockstars.com) and every child has a personal log in that they can use at home to practise. We will be introducing this in school and will then send your child's log in details home by the end of September.

Thank you for your support. Have fun!

Yours sincerely,

The Y3 Team.

