



Colkirk C of E Primary Academy, Little Snoring Community Primary Academy, Sculthorpe C of E Primary Academy & West Raynham C of E Primary Academy



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Dear Parents

This half term we will be focusing on mental arithmetic skills and knowledge of times tables.

Learning times tables off by heart makes mental maths (arithmetic) become easier. It boosts children's confidence in their maths lessons but also it is a skill they will use all the time in the world outside of school.

Practicing times tables also helps children to undertand number and number relationships, and to see patterns in number. These skills will help them to master key concepts and move quickly through more complex maths problems with confidence.

Below you will find what the expectations are by the end of each year group academic year:

- In Year 1 children focus on counting in multiples (lots of) 2, 5 and 10
- In **Year 2** children are taught to remember and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5, and 10 x tables, including recognising odd and even numbers.
- In **Year 3** children are taught to remember and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 x tables, including recognising odd and even numbers
- In **Year 4** children are taught to remember and use multiplication and division facts for the tables up to 12x12.
- In **Year 5 and 6** children revise all multiplication and division tables up to 12x12 and are taught how to use these to answer maths questions with growing complexity.

It would be benefical if you could spend a bit of time at home practicing timetables through the use of games or songs.

Please click on the link to find out how you can support your child with their timestables and mental arithmetic at home.







https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_RBfrNAZEY

Here are some songs that may support your child. **Click** on the **picture** to be taken to the video.

Counting in lots of songs:

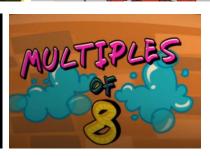


























We have purchased MATHSFRAME which has lots of games to allow your child to practice their timetables and mental arithmetic.

The username for everyone is: sculadmin and the password is: 14Sculthorpe.



Choose here you will find lots of games that your child can play at their own level.

I have asked for a 4 week trial of 'Times Tables Rock Stars'. Once I have the log in details I will email them through and share them on our closed Facebook group.

This is available for you to buy as parents for the rate of £7.20 for the year, for up to 3 children.



Thank you for your continued support.

Sarah Potter (Head of School)