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Dear parents and carers,

An essential skill for all the children in mathematics is to be able to instantly recall numbers facts, number bonds and times tables. This year we will be focusing on developing these mental maths skills through daily practice.

The children in Class One will initially be focusing on number recognition, progressing to number bonds to 10, 20, 100 and learning times tables (Y2 children).

In Class Two the children will be learning all the times tables. For each times table they will progress through three steps: **Step One:** I know the times table in order; **Step Two:** I can answer random multiplication questions on this table; **Step Three:** I can answer random multiplication and division questions on this table. All children will start with the **two** times table.

To move onto the next step children will be expected to recall each number fact or times table fact at speed and get all the questions right. Please don't be disappointed if your child is not successful on the first attempt. It is far more valuable that your child spends time properly learning the facts so that it is integrated into their learning rather than 'just' passing a test and forgetting what they have learnt.

How can you help your child?

Each child has been given a copy of their individual progression steps for your information and we appreciate your support with extra practice at home:

- Make maths fun and use real life situations! E.g. Count the number of steps as you walk up the stairs, look for numbers in the world around you, ask your child to help you pair up socks and count in 2s!
- Chanting (old fashioned but effective)
- Can you create a rap for the number facts or times table using a favourite song?
- There are many free apps and games available online to support learning number facts and times tables. Here are some suggestions:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<http://timestables.me.uk/>

We look forward to celebrating the children's successes in Celebration Worship! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information.

Mrs Mann

Maths Subject Leader

