Dear Parents/Carers,

Year Four Maths Home Learning 2019

As part of equipping your child with the skills needed to access the Maths Curriculum with a higher degree of fluency, here at Buckingham, we are continuing with our Maths Home Learning Challenges which will be celebrated at school at the end of each term. For this first term of the academic year our Maths Challenge will focus on the times tables.

By the end of Year Three, children are expected to recall the multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables and by the end of Year Four, children should know all the times tables up to 12 x 12 and the corresponding division facts.

At the end of the this term, there will be a test to see how well your child knows their Year Four tables and which facts they still need to practise. We will also test those, who would like to take part, on a selection of the corresponding divisions.

Part of your child’s Maths Home Learning for this term is to regularly practise with the aim being that they can recall them quickly and ultimately in random order, ready for the test which will be administered in classes during the last week of this term.

Optional Challenge:
If your child is already secure on all of the times tables, then they should time themselves and try to recall them even faster, with the inverse and the corresponding division facts, e.g. 5 x 6=30, 6 x 5=30, 30 ÷ 6=5 and 30 ÷ 5=6, etc.

Ideas and Tips:
If your child is at all worried about learning all their times tables, it is worth watching a one-minute video produced by Komodo Maths called “How many times tables do you really have to learn?” (available on YouTube).

To make a game of learning them, you might like to create a set of timetable cards with a question on one side and the answer on the other.

There are, of course, various games available online – either as Apps or via websites.

For short, sharp, focused times table challenges, one of our top recommendations is ‘Hit the Button’ (free as an online game or you can buy it as an App).

Other useful websites include:

http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/
Thank you for your support.

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Maths Leader.