Dear Parents/Carers,

**Year One Maths Home Learning 2020**

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 have introduced Maths Home Learning Challenges which will be celebrated at school at the end of each half term. For this first half term our Maths Challenge will again focus on counting in preparation for the children’s learning of the times tables.

All children by the end of Year One, are expected to be able to count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 (e.g. 2, 4, 6, 8.../5, 10, 15, 20.../10, 20, 30, 40...) and by the end of Year Two, children are also expected to know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

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

Part of your child’s Maths Home Learning for this half term, is to regularly practise with the aim being that they can recall the counting facts quickly and from any given multiple, ready for the test which will be administered in classes during the last week of this half term.

**Optional Challenge:**
If your child is a maths ‘whizz’ and are already confident in counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, then they could start learning the corresponding Year Two times tables.
If your child is already secure on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, then they should time themselves and try to recall them even faster, with the inverse and the corresponding division facts e.g. 2\times5=10, 5\times2=10, 10\div5=2 and 10\div2=5, etc.

**Ideas and Tips:**
If your child is at all worried about learning all the 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 counting/timetable cards with a question on one side and the answer on the other.

There are, of course, also 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/](http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/)
Thank you for your support.

Mr Phipps (Maths Leader)