



Maths Update

The children have got off to a fantastic start in their math's learning this half term. In Reception, they have been developing their matching, sorting and grouping skills as well as exploring patterns with numbers up to 10.

Within Key Stage One, the children have been immersed in number and place value, including addition and subtraction, using representations to support their mathematical thinking. Alongside this, in Key Stage Two, children have also been applying their understanding in order to calculate using methods for addition and subtraction as well as multiplication and division.

Times Tables

A strong and fluent knowledge of times tables is an important skill for children to learn. Quick recall of these essential facts is crucial not just for maths, but for building confidence too. The better we are at our times tables, the easier division becomes—it's all connected! Encouraging your children to regularly practice times tables (and division facts) at home will greatly support them in their progress.

Expectations

The national expectation is that all children should know and be able to recall times tables facts up to 12x12 by the end of year 4, with all year 4 pupils completing a Multiplication Tables Check which consists of 25 questions, with 6 seconds being given to enter each response. To support children in achieving this, times tables are taught in the following way across the school.

Year Group	Times Tables
1	Count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10.
2	Recall multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5, and 10s.
3	Recall multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8s.
4,5,6	Recall multiplication and division facts for all times tables up to 12x12.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) is a fun and challenging programme designed to help children in mastering the times tables - becoming Times Tables Rock Stars! All pupils in Years 2-6 have a log in for TTRS and are given time to access this within school as well as at home, with battles being held across year groups.



Competition

To further encourage and boost confidence in times tables, we are excited to enter our first TTRS competition which takes place in November, challenging schools across England. For every correct answer a point will be earned for the school!



Further information

If you would like any further information or ideas of how to support your child in learning the times tables then please speak to the class teacher or visit the 'maths' page on the school website where useful links and ideas can be found.

Dates for your Diary

Parents Evening

Wednesday 23rd and
Thursday 24th October

Non- Uniform

Friday 25th October
(Bottles Donation)

End of Half term

Friday 25th October

Start of term

Monday 4th November

Year 6 Botanical Gardens

Tuesday 5th November

Flu Immunisation

Rec-Year 6

8th November

School Photographs

Tuesday 12th November

Children in Need

Friday 15th November



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The View Point



OPAL Play Afternoon

Unfortunately, due to the building work, Health and Safety regulations mean that we cannot have lots of parents on the outside field at this time. Therefore, the play afternoon has been postponed until building works are complete—this is likely to be in the Spring Term.

As soon as building work is complete and we have a new date, we will resend letters and information. Thank you so much for your understanding over this.

Governors

We are looking for a parent governor to join our governing body. If you would like more information about this role and are interesting in joining then please speak to Mrs Buckingham (Deputy Head) regarding this.

Lateness

We have an increasing number of children arriving late for school and having to enter school through the main entrance. Just a reminder that the gates close at 8.50am so please try and be in school before this time. Also, if you arrive after 9.10am then this will automatically be logged as an unauthorised late.

Shelter

The children are enjoying the new shelter that has been installed on the field. It is a lovely area to chill and meet with your friends. Thank you to East Midlands Airport Community Fund for donating £2,000 towards the project.



Dates for your Diary

Non Uniform
Friday 29th November
(Chocolate Donation)

Inset Day
Monday 2nd December

Reception Ash End Farm
Wednesday 4th December

Christmas Bingo
Tuesday 10th December

Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 11th December
&

Thursday 12th December

Christmas Dinner Ks1
11th December

Christmas Dinner Ks2
12th December

End of Term (Christmas)
Friday 20th December ends
at 1:30



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