



## YR2 Times Tables Challenge

Over the holidays we would like the children to work on their times tables. We have started this in school during this half term and the children can continue to practice little and often at home please.

The children are working towards knowing all their times tables by the time they reach the end of Year 4. In Year 2, we begin by working on the 2-, 5- and 10-times tables and then the children who are ready will begin to work on their 3- and 4-times tables and possibly even further.

Your child needs to know each times table off by heart and needs to be able to recite it. For example, they need to be able to say “One times two is two, two times two is four, three times two is six...” all the way up to “twelve times two is twenty-four”. They also need to be able to quickly answer 5 random questions on the times table. For example, “3x2,9x2,5x2,8x2,12x2” with no hesitation or mistakes.

When your child feels they are ready for a test on a table, they can ask at school to be listened to and if they can recite it with no mistakes and answer five random questions, they will win a sticker for those times table on their special times tables chart. The children will then get rewards as they progress through the tables at certain checkpoints. To get the first reward of a bronze wrist band, the children need to complete their 2-, 5- and 10-times tables.

Please help your child practice this at home as much as possible. There are lots of songs on You Tube to help your child and many children find this really useful to help them learn and remember.

If you have any questions, please just ask.

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