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Multiplication Mayhem

Dear Parents/Carers,

As a set of schools in our Trust, we are making a real effort to ensure that the children's Times Tables knowledge is as secure as it can be.

With this in mind, we have organised an Interschool Y3 Times Table Quiz, called Multiplication Mayhem, which we are hoping each school will send a team to. The five primary schools that are involved are: Iveson Primary, Adel Primary, Cookridge Holy Trinity, Cookridge Primary and Ireland Wood Primary.

By the end of Y3, children are expected to know their multiplication (and division) facts for their 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x and 10x tables – so daily practice in these would really help with your child's fluency.

In class, our Y3 teachers have already planned activities to enable the children to raise their competency in the times tables, but we are hoping that you will also help to boost these at home.

By 18th March 2019, we will have chosen a team of 5 of the **'most improved'** times table mathematicians to represent our school in the competition. It will be held at Ralph Thoresby High School on Tuesday 26th March (from 3.45-4.45pm). We will also invite parents/other family members to attend this exciting event if your child is chosen so you can watch them compete and represent our school.

We do hope you will support us in this exciting new venture – we are hoping that it will combine fun, family and fluency! Have a look at the suggestions to improve times tables below and do keep a look out for another WhatsApp to see if your child has been selected.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Armitage
(Maths Lead)

Suggestions to improve times table fluency:

1. Use TTRockstars - <https://trockstars.com/login>
2. Get them familiar with multiplication concepts - start by counting in 2s, 3s etc
3. Double your numbers
4. Practise tables as a time-filler - when you're sitting at traffic lights or waiting in the doctors
5. Use the right vocabulary
6. Help them with the ones they find tricky – maybe write their tricky ones on Post-its and stick them on your fridge door?
7. Use a number grid
8. Divide and conquer - as well as learning the times tables, your child should also know the division facts
9. Make it real – try to link multiplying (and dividing) to real life
10. Create a challenge - make it fun by turning times table practice into a competition or challenge for your child, by timing them and keeping a record of their scores
11. Create a set of flashcards to help

Find websites to help e.g.

<https://www.whizz.com/blog/fun-ways-to-teach-times-tables/>



MindMate
www.iveson-primary.co.uk

