

Mathematics Homework Activities for Key Stage 2 (Autumn Term)

As explained in July, we are changing mathematics homework activities to focus on the rapid recall and accuracy of times tables facts in Key Stage 2. Having a secure knowledge of times tables will benefit pupils in many other areas of mathematics and increase their confidence.

Below are a variety of activities designed to practice new facts and reinforce previously learnt facts. All of the activities can be adapted for each set of times tables and we advise that you choose one activity per week and complete them on a little and often basis.

Activity	Instructions	Resources
Times Tables Rock Stars	Regular use of this resource is encouraged as it helps to improve children's recall speed as well as accuracy. Class teachers may set Battles of the Bands within and across classes. The website also has a worksheet option and copies of these worksheets can be obtainable from the school office.	Electronic device and internet access.
MTC practice	This is a valuable tool for Year 4 pupils who complete the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June. The game simulates the same conditions as actual check. https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/	Electronic device and internet access.
Beat the Clock	Shuffle 2 packs of 0-9 cards. Against the clock, turn over a card and multiply it by the table you are learning. Say the answer to the other player who then checks it. Record your time and try to beat it next time.	0 - 9 cards (obtainable from school office). Timer.
Bingo	A game for at least two players. Make simple bingo cards with multiples of, for example 9. Then you, as the caller, call out "nine nines", and whoever has 81 dabs it. The person who gets a full house is the caller on the next round. You could make this more exciting by purchasing some bingo dabbers.	

Fit Times Tables	Being active is proven to help learning, so make times table more engaging by getting children to jog on the spot, jump on a trampoline, bounce a ball etc as they chant their tables.	N/A
Memory Game	<p>If you're focusing on the 8 times tables write all the multiples of 8 on one colour of card and cut them up into individual cards.</p> <p>Use another colour to write the multiplication calculation and cut these into individual cards.</p> <p>Lay all cards face down on a table. First your child has to turn over one of the table calculation cards, and then they need to find the number card that is the answer to the calculation. The winner is the player with the most cards once all the overturned cards are gone.</p>	Two different colours of card/ paper. Marker pen.
BBC Supermovers	<p>These are fun and active videos that are provided for each of the times tables which can be accessed here:</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/ks2-maths-collection/z7frpg8</p>	Electronic device and internet access.

These activities are taken from the Bare Necessities booklet produced by the Wiltshire Primary Mathematics Team and from the useful website www.theschoolrun.com