



ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on from a few questions at parents evening, I have put together some guidance to help you to support your child's learning of the Multiplication tables. Of course, however you choose to practise with your child at home is up to you but with lots of times tables to learn at school, learning them in a specific order can really help.

1) The 2's

We recommend that you start off by learning the **2 times table**. The 2 times table makes a fantastic foundation-block for learning other tables and will come in handy in maths more generally. For example, your child will soon realise that multiplying by 2 is the same as doubling!

2) The 5's and 10's

Once your child has a good understanding of the 2 times table, move on to the **5 times table** and the **10 times table**. The 10 times table follows similar rules to the 5 times table, so learning them in this order will help build your child's understanding of number relationships more generally.

3) The 4's

With the **4 times table**, the 2's will come into play. To find 4×3 for example, they can work out 2×3 and then double the answer!

4) The 3's

Next, move on to the **3 times table**. This is where things can start to feel a little tricky, but fear not! By using repetition, they'll be able to learn it with practise, repetition and a little determination!

5) The 6's and 9's

Once your child is comfortable with multiples of 3, introduce the **6 and 9 times tables**. Be sure to highlight helpful number rules as they learn these multiplications. For example, if they were to double an answer from the 3 times table, they would have an equivalent answer for the 6 times table!

6) The 8's

After this, head to the **8 times table**. As it builds on their understanding of the 2 and 4 times tables, they should be able to develop on their knowledge of the 8's with confidence.

7) The 7's

Then, move on to scary-seeming **7 times table**. Although it may seem trickier than other tables, reassure your child that they'll be able to master it. After all, they've already learned lots of other multiplications!

8) The 11's and 12's

Although tables over 10 may seem daunting, fear not! Start with the **11 times table** and then move on to the **12 times table**.

I hope that this guidance is helpful. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Warren.