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Dear Parent/Carer

Today I have had the absolute pleasure of teaching in class 3/4 – I love teaching and have had an amazing afternoon.

One of the things we have been working on is times tables. There is such a huge amount to fit in the school day due to the new and more challenging curriculum that, if your child does not know their times tables, they will not be able to keep up with learning in maths and other subjects.

We teach times tables in school but it is almost always the case that this needs to be reinforced at home.

Today we have been working on our 2 times tables and to help your child learn and consolidate this it would be fabulous if you could ask them the following questions as many times as you can before you get so bored you would rather watch grass grow!

Ask your child to:

Count up in 2s to 24

Count back in twos from 24

Count up in twos to 24 starting at a variety of even numbers

Count back in two starting at any even number under 24

Ask them:  $4 \times 2$ ,  $12 \times 2$ ,  $1 \times 2$ ,  $6 \times 2$ ,  $11 \times 2$ ,  $2 \times 2$ ,  $10 \times 2$ ,  $8 \times 2$ ,  $3 \times 2$ ,  $5 \times 2$ ,  $7 \times 2$ ,  $9 \times 2$

And then again and again in different orders

Ask them:

How many 2s are in – 24, 2, 18, 6, 12, 0, 10, 4, 20, 8, 22, 16, 12, 14

Do this a million times!

If they can do all of the above and get it right all of the time ask them the following:

If  $4 \times 2$  is 8 what is  $4 \times 20$ ? And do this for the whole of the two/20 times tables out of order.

Then repeat all of the above for the 20 times table.

I know some children will be able to do all of this but it will help consolidate their learning and build their confidence in applying their knowledge. It will also enable them to see how multiplication works and help them with other times tables as we progress.

Yours sincerely

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