



JYS News

Newsletter: 16 ~ 3rd February 2023 Aspire ~ Respect ~ Enjoy

Why Learning Times Tables is Important

Learning times tables is really important. After all, they're the building blocks of maths, and with your multiplications mastered, you can do anything! Here are just some of the ways in which memorising tables can benefit your child: Memorising times tables makes it far quicker and easier for children to work out maths problems in their heads. Moving beyond using their fingers to work out answers, they'll be able to use their knowledge to quickly solve any multiplication questions. By memorising their times tables, children will also become more accustomed to using their head to visualise answers for questions. This will help them to solve questions involving multiplication, addition, subtraction and division in their head, making the act of memorising multiplications a very worthwhile cause!

Learning and understanding how they work can do wonders for building children's knowledge of important mathematical concepts. These include fractions, percentages and even shapes. For example, using visual representations of times tables (such as counters) can help children to visualise the role of sequences, addition and fractions.

Knowing their times tables isn't just useful for weekly multiplication tests – they also come in handy outside of the classroom! How much would it cost to buy three comics which cost £2 each? Simply calculate 3×2 ! Or how many chocolates are there in total if my four friends have five each? Work out 4×5 !



How can we help them at home?

We encourage children in Year 1 to become secure with number skills using NumBots – your child should have a login for this. From Year 2 – using the same login – they can access TTRockstars and begin to test their times tables recall against the clock. For those that want to prepare for the Year 4 multiplication test – or just challenge themselves – there we would also direct you towards:

<https://www.themathsfactor.com/times-tables-check/pinpoint/#/menu>

To help us pay for things like TTRockstars and Numbots, we are going to have another TTRockstars Day on February 24th where children (and staff!) are invited to let their "inner rock stars" out!

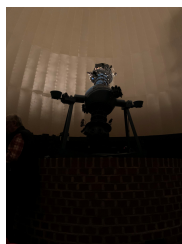
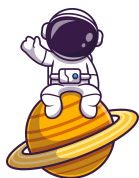


This week

Year 5 started the week with a trip to The Southdown's Planetarium, located in the grounds of Chichester High School. After a walk down from school, the children were met by staff at the centre and then taken in to the dome to sit back in comfortable seats (repurposed from a business class section of an old jumbo jet!) and then Dr Mason gave an hour long talk about the night sky above Chichester, the International Space Station - and just about anything else he could think of or was asked! It was a great addition to the children's work on Space this term.

Tuesday morning saw first Year 1 and then Year R doing gymnastics work in the hall. It is always great to see the wall bars being used!

Despite many schools in the area closing - or closing classes - we were proud to still be in a position to have your children in on Wednesday this week. Thank you for your support of us - and of all of our teachers - at this time.



Important Dates Coming Up

Tuesday 7th February - Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February - **Parent Consultation Evenings** - make sure you have booked your slot using the MCAS (Bromcom) app

Friday 10th February - Year 5 Alien Day

Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February - Half term break

Monday 20th February - INSET DAY (School closed to all pupils)

Wednesday 22nd February - Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm

Friday March 3rd - World Book Day Celebrations (details to follow)

Friday 17th March - TTRockstars Day (dress as Rockstars! Details to follow)

Friday 24th March - Quiz Night for Parents (details to follow)

House Points

Children earn house points for different things throughout the week, and here are the weekly results:



| | This week | Total (Since Jan '23) | Total (Since Sept '22) |
|-------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Ash | 55 | 490 | 1971 |
| Beech | 60 | 437 | 1810 |
| Maple | 102 | 589 | 1987 |
| Oak | 81 | 603 | 2045 |