



Maths Newsletter September 2021

Welcome back

We are so excited to have our fantastic pupils back in school with us. They have made a great start to the Autumn term and settled down well into their maths learning.

Maths at Featherstone

At Featherstone Primary school we aim to provide a broad, balanced and enriched mathematics curriculum which:



Provides children with the necessary mathematical skills for their future. Enables them to apply their skills across a range of contexts, problems and across the curriculum. Allows them to think critically, and effectively communicate mathematical reasoning and understanding.

As a result of this, children at Featherstone develop into confident mathematicians, able to use their knowledge and skills as a secure building block to further education and successfully prepare themselves for everyday life situations.

Maths at Featherstone is carefully and sequentially planned so that learning builds upon what children already know. We have carefully chosen the methods used to teach children and take them through a concrete (physical), pictorial (picture) and abstract (written) methods of calculation.

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are committed to ensuring all children receive a complete mathematical curriculum. Teaching staff are constantly using their assessments to pitch learning to suit the needs of the class and adapting their teaching to reflect this to ensure any gaps in learning are consolidated.

TT Rock Stars

TT Rock stars is an excellent way to embed multiplication and division facts. The national curriculum states that by the time children finish Year 4 that are fluent in these skills up to 12×12 ; this coincides with the Year 4 multiplication check.



Class teachers (Years 3-6) will have reissued log in information for children and will be using the platform in school to support the learning of times tables.

Spending 5 minutes a day practicing is an excellent way to develop fluency and confidence in this skill.

If you do not have your child's log in information please speak to their class teacher.

KS1 & KS2 Statutory Assessment

Due to the pandemic the last year's Year 2 and 6 children did not take their SATs papers.

Guidance given has stated that children currently in Year 2 and Year 6 will take their end of key stage assessments in May 2022. The Year 2 and Year 6 staff will be working with these children to help prepare them for this. Further information will be provided to parents closer to the time.

Year 4 multiplication check.

Learning multiplication and division facts is particularly important for those children in Year 4 who will take their multiplication check in June 2022. This is an online, timed assessment based on 25 multiplication questions up to 12×12 .

Children practice their multiplication and division facts daily in school. TT Rock Stars, on sound check mode, mimics the test that the children will take and therefore is an excellent resource to practice.

Children will be having a practice test in March before the actual test in June. A letter will be sent closer to the time but if you have any questions or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher.

Supporting maths learning at home.

We recognise the importance of parents and carers being able to support their child in maths learning at home using the methods that we use in school.

Over the course of this year, I will be updating the maths page on our school website and creating parent home learning booklets to further help supporting your child in maths at home.



If you have any questions please request to speak to your child's class teacher or myself
(Mrs Leonard previously Miss Whitehouse)!