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Maths homework

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to give you information about our homework platforms of MyMaths and Numbots and give you some information on TTRockstars and a free downloadable app called 1-minute-maths from White Rose. These are fantastic online resources that can help your child's maths skills flourish and develop.

Numbots (Reception and KS1)

The Numbots online programme is a fun and interactive way to practise maths at home. It compliments what your child is learning in school and focusses on securing any gaps in their knowledge, before moving them onto the next challenge. The challenges help to build fluency and relationships with numbers in a fun and exciting way. This also complements well with the Mastering Number programme that has been introduced into school for Reception and KS, which is really helping to build fluency and understanding of number. This self-paced journey improves children's confidence and means they are fully prepared to tackle each new topic with the fun element of gaining rewards to build fun characters. We recommend playing for at least 3 minutes a day, 4 or 5 days a week. Teachers will be sending out login details in the next week so look out for them in their bags. For more information on Numbots and how you can support your child at home, see the website: <https://numbots.com/families>

MyMaths (Year 2 – Year 6)

We have been using MyMaths for a number of years at Wessex due to its strengths as an online learning platform, which is why it is used by approximately 40 million students in over 70 countries! Teachers can set tasks related to the current learning as well as recapping past topics. Feedback is given instantly so that children can check their understanding. MyMaths matches every homework task with a lesson, which students can access directly from the homework itself if they need help. These interactive lessons guide students through topics from the beginning, with explanations, examples and practice. Children have already got login details but if your child does not have theirs then please let the teacher know. For more information, please see the guide which explains how to use MyMaths at home: <https://www.mymaths.co.uk/support-for-parents-and-carers.html>

TTRockstars

When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do more complex calculations. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help students master their times tables! Please encourage your child to use TTRockstars to practise their tables. We will be having tournaments between classes to encourage some healthy competition, so get ready to make your class the winning one!



1-minute app from White Rose

Lastly, 1-minute maths from White Rose is a fantastic free downloadable app designed for tablets, phones or a desktop, which helps to build greater number sense and fluency. Children can choose any topic they want to try, and they then answer a unique series of questions (so it's a different set of questions every time). If they're struggling with a question, a 'Hint' button will give a helpful clue by showing the question in a different but familiar way. When the one minute's up, they'll see a feedback screen telling them how they've done. Please see the link for more information: <https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths>

Maths is not just about numbers; it's a critical life skill that helps children build problem-solving abilities, logical thinking, and perseverance. Whether it's through tackling everyday tasks like budgeting or calculating time, or more complex challenges in school, a strong foundation in math is essential for success in many areas of life.

While we work on developing these skills in class, regular practice at home can make a world of difference. Just as practicing a sport or an instrument requires repetition and effort, maths skills improve with consistent practice. The more your child works with numbers, the more confident and capable they will become. I hope you can encourage the practice of these skills by using the resources I have mentioned above.

If you have any questions, then please contact your class teacher.

Best wishes,

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