

Badger Class Home-learning

In Badger Class, we expect children to complete times tables practice and read regularly at home.

This week:

- **33%** of children completed 15 minutes or more on TTRS
- **17%** of children are on track with the expected number of minutes reading time

Time tables

Practising times tables regularly is like learning the alphabet for numbers. Once children know them well, they don't have to stop and work out basic facts each time—they can answer quickly and confidently. This frees up their brain to focus on harder maths, like problem-solving, fractions, or algebra. It also makes everyday tasks, like shopping or handling money, much easier. Knowing times tables by heart gives children speed, confidence, and a strong foundation for all future maths.

We expect children to spend at least 15 minutes on Times Table Rockstars each week. On a Friday morning, Mrs Davidson will check to see who has completed this home learning and reward the top 3 highest scoring children with a certificate and shooting stars. Any children who have not completed their full 15 minutes will be expected to make up their missing time during lunchtime (for example, if your child completes only 10 minutes of TTRS at home, we will expect them to complete a further 5 minutes of times tables practice during their lunchtime.) We have a fortnight rolling programme in class where your child will have priority over the iPads on a certain day in order to use them for TTRS if they wish to.

Reading

Reading every day gives children tools that make life easier, more successful, and more enjoyable as they grow up. Children who read regularly are more likely to carry that habit into adulthood. Reading is linked with longer life and better well-being, so the earlier the habit starts, the greater the benefit over time.

We continue to expect each child to read at home for at least 10 minutes a day in addition to the time given to reading in class. Every Friday, Mrs Davidson will check AR to see which children are on track and those which are not. Every time a child achieves 100% on a quiz, they will receive a certificate. WE have a display in class to help children to see how accurate their quizzing is which is updated weekly. In addition to this, once we are a little further into term, all children will be set a reading target within AR to achieve. This is based on quizzing accuracy as well as reading lots of lovely books.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Mrs Davidson and Mrs Turner