

2 minute tables!

A guide for
parents and
carers

Follow this presentation to
see a step-by-step guide
to helping your child
practise their times tables.

- Your child will be practising times tables at school using the same method.

- They will work through the tables at their own rate and should practise the same tables at home which they working on at school (they will tell you which!)

- Regular practice is the key so encourage them to practise every day (twice a day if possible - it only takes 2 minutes!)

- All you need is a set of number cards (they will bring a set home but we have attached one as well so you can print it off), paper and pencil and a timer (every phone has one).



The number cards

1. Find a quiet spot.
2. Shuffle the number cards and place in a pile face down.
3. Write the times table at the top of the paper e.g. 4x (picture [here](#))
4. Start your child off and time **exactly** 2 minutes (it matters!)
5. They will turn over cards in turn and record each times tables fact **in full** e.g. $6 \times 4 = 24$ (picture [here](#))
6. Tell them when 2 minutes is up (don't let them finish), mark the facts and tell them how many they have got right (picture [here](#))

- If they get through all 12 cards they will shuffle them very quickly, put them down again and then continue ([picture here](#))
- When they become fast enough at a particular times table they will be moved on to the next **at school**.
Please do not move them on at home!
- They should attempt **all** the cards which they turn over – it is wrong to leave the harder ones!

That's it!

2 minutes a day, as often as possible.

We'll monitor progress at school
(and the children will make
graphs of their efforts at
school) – they'll let you know
when they move on!