

Maths Newsletter

**Donington
Primary
School**

Number bonds and times tables

Fluency in maths has always been very important and the new national curriculum has raised the profile of knowing number bonds and times tables.

For a child to be fluent in maths they need to choose efficient strategies, be accurate in their recording and flexible, knowing and using more than one strategy to solve a problem—one to solve and another to check their results.

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Games to play to increase fluency

- Counting from 1 to 20, forwards and backwards.
- Extending this to counting to and from 50 and then 100.
- Using fingers to find how many more to reach 10, 20 or 100.
- Counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s, and 10s
- Doubling and halving numbers to 10, then 20 and beyond

Times tables are one of the most important areas of maths and children need to know them off by heart. Please help your child by asking them questions with a focus on:

- Knowing the 2, 5 and 10 times tables (for Years 1 and 2)
- Knowing the 3, 6 and 8 times tables (for Year 3)
- Knowing all the times tables up to 12x12 (for Year 4)
- Years 5 and 6—children must be confident in multiplying larger numbers up to 4 digits by 2 digits

Some useful websites

www.ictgames.com

www.topmarks.co.uk

resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/

www.crickweb.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zjxhfg8

www.mathszone.co.uk

www.snappymaths.com

