Waterbeach Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our school improvement priorities, we are placing a strong focus on developing pupils' fluency and recall of number bond and times tables facts. To support this, we are introducing a weekly maths homework activity for all children in Years 1 to 6, focusing on number bonds and times tables.

Number bonds and times tables are essential building blocks for mathematical learning. When children can recall these facts quickly and accurately, they can approach a wider range of mathematical problems with greater confidence and independence. They underpin many areas of mathematics, and developing quick and accurate recall reduces the need for children to work out basic facts each time.

Every child in Years 1 to 6 will bring home a homework sheet on a **Friday**, which should be completed and returned by the following **Thursday**. Once completed, children can bring their sheet into school and place it in the homework tray in their classroom.

If your child is in year one, they will bring home a number bond activity. If your child is in year two, they will bring home a number bond or times tables activity. If your child is in year three, four, five or six, they will bring home a times tables activity.

Number bonds and times tables are also practised regularly in school. This means that your child's class teacher has a good understanding of their current progress, including the facts they can recall confidently and those they are still learning. Homework will complement this classroom practice and provide valuable opportunities to revisit and strengthen these essential skills.

We encourage you to support your child by helping them complete their sheet each week and providing opportunities for a little additional practice at home. Short, regular practice sessions can make a real difference over time.

Alongside maths homework, reading regularly with your child is one of the most valuable ways you can support their learning**.** Reading to your child and listening to them read throughout the week helps develop their fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and

enjoyment of books. Even a short amount of time spent reading together each day can make a real difference.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Mr Lee Mayes
Interim Headteacher