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Dear Parents / Carers,

Good counting skills and times tables knowledge are key to helping pupils get to grips with the rest of the primary maths curriculum. At St Catherine's, we put a lot of time and effort into ensuring pupils reach their national curriculum milestones in these areas, giving them solid foundations to move on to more challenging mathematical concepts in Years 5 and 6, and beyond.

	Counting and Times Tables Milestones
EYFS	Counting to 10 Subitising, doubling, sharing and grouping, matching within 10
Year 1	Counting to 100 Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s
Year 2	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
Year 3	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables.
Year 4	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 times table.

Further practise of these skills at home is of huge benefit to pupils and such is the nature of these skills, they can be practised anywhere: in the car, on a stroll in the park or even when walking up stairs. The White Rose Maths App (<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths>) is fantastic for pupils in KS1. The school also provides access to Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars in the appropriate year groups.

To raise the profile of these important maths skills further, over the Easter Holidays, pupils in Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to take part in an online 'Battle' against other classes in the school on Times Tables Rock Stars. Then, on **Friday 24th of April**, we will be once again holding a special **Times Tables Rock Stars assembly** for the whole school where we will announce the battle winners and host a special live competition between some of our pupils who have been racking up the best scores on Times Tables Rock Stars. During the morning, pupils will be exploring the book 'How Big is a Million'. **On this day, we will be inviting all pupils to come to school dressed as rock stars and there will even be an air guitar competition!** We can't wait 😊

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hart
Maths Lead

