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TABLES STICK

We have recently introduced a new approach for teaching multiplication tables in school using 'Tables Stick®'. We have been using Tables Stick® since the Autumn term 2023 and have seen huge benefits already.

Why Tables Stick®?

In line with EEF ([Education Endowment Foundation](#)) guidance for improving the teaching of maths, Tables Stick® provides a strategy-based approach for the teaching of times tables, supported by Tables Stick® which uses practical resources to deepen understanding and scaffold learning so the facts make sense for all children. As with all resources, it is how they are used that makes the difference.

This approach builds on what children already know and emphasises the rich patterns and connections between mathematical facts, locking them into long-term memory for fluent recall and application.

Rote learning is not enough to help children recall or apply their table facts. A strategy-based approach is required to allow children to understand and make use of the properties of and connections within maths.
Archimedes Maths Hub (2017)

We understand the importance, and application, of times table knowledge, and place a lot of emphasis on teaching these from Year 2 up until they leave primary school. Prior to this in Year 1, the children use their Tables Stick® to count forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s. All our staff are consistent with the order and vocabulary used as this helps lessen the load on children's working memories.



The Tables Stick® [YouTube channel](#) supports this approach and provides videos for each times table. These example videos will help you see it in action!

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