

Welcome back everyone. I hope you have had fun in the sun!

This week, I would like you all to practise your times tables. Above everything, (in maths) these are the most important tool that will help you in Year 5 and beyond. Therefore, I would like you to practise these for 20 minutes each day.

1. Start by writing a times table down that you are unsure of. Make sure you write it down like this,  $1 \times 3 = 3$  (all the way to  $12 \times 3$ )
2. Then, with this in front of you, practise saying them out loud.
3. When you are confident, cover them and try to say them. Keep referring back if you get stuck.
4. When you are confident, time yourself and see how quickly you can say them - again saying  $1 \times 3 = 3$  (not just 3, 6, 9)
5. Then, ask someone to test you by mixing them up. What is  $4 \times 3$  or  $3 \times 4$  - Remember multiplication is commutative.
6. If you are confident, then try the division facts. How many 3's in 27?

Keep working hard and remember, practise is key so try a little and often.

For English, I would like you to do a piece of writing. I really would encourage you all to do this piece of writing as it is something I would like you to share and bring into school when we return.

Firstly, I would like you to think back to when you joined year 4 and tell me how you felt. Did you feel excited? Nervous? Were there things that you felt confident/good about and other things that you struggled with? What about outside of school?

Next, tell me what you feel have been important achievements this year. This could be being brave, finding ways to relax, learning who you can lean on for support.

Finally, I want you to think about these achievements and tell me how they make you feel. It is important for you to look back over the year and see just how far you have come and to value your achievements. Please remember, these achievements are not about academic success but how you have coped and grown as a person this year.

How you show this is down to you. You could do a picture of yourself and put everything you are proud of around it. You could draw a trophy and write it all inside. It's up to you.

Lastly, I would like you to read this -

<https://en.calameo.com/read/000777721945cfe5bb9cc?authid=Xu9pcOzU3TQx>

If you would like to share your worries with me, I am always here. If you want to talk, let me know and I can call you. I am always here. Even though we are not together, I want you all to know I think about you all the time and miss you lots.

Have a great week everyone. x