



Dear Parents / Carers

We are sending out a booklet called Minute-a-Day Maths. This is a mental maths booklet that we expect all children to do for at least 1 minute a day. Through regular daily repetition, children should start making noticeable progress in their maths fluency and mental math skills. We saw a great boost in maths fluency in those children who used this resource last year and so we encourage all children to use it regularly in order to see the greatest benefits.

How does it work?

Start with the first page. Set a timer for 1 minute and challenge your child to answer as many questions (correctly) as they can in the 1 minute time limit. Record the amount they got correct in 1 minute on the record sheet at the back. This should be repeated daily; recording their progress each day. Repeat the same sheet daily for at least a full week (or more if your child is still really struggling on a particular page). If your child finds the page too easy or can answer all questions before the minute is up, then move to the next page.

Can my child do more than 1 page per day?

Absolutely! If they are happy and enthusiastic to do so, they can do more than one page per day. However, the key is to repeat the same pages over and over until fluency improves so don't jump around too much. If they do 5 pages in a day that's great, but keep coming back to that first page until they can complete all in a minute.

Do I as a parent need to be involved?

Because answers can be done verbally, it is important that children complete the pages with adult supervision so that parents can accurately monitor and record their progress. It is also an opportunity for you to be involved in your child's learning.

Does the booklet need to be handed in?

Yes, but only at the end of each term. This will help inform us on your child's progress and participation and will allow us to see which children need additional sheets and who needs additional support.

If you have any queries or concerns about this, please speak to Mrs Laufs. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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