

WELCOME TO THE MATHEMATICS NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM MRS WATSON

Dear Parents and Carers

My name is Mrs Watson and I am the Leader of Mathematics. I am responsible for developing the mathematics curriculum using White Rose Maths resources and other resources to complement our curriculum. Since September, we have been working from Early Years to Year 6 on the fundamental mathematical skills that underpin mathematics learning in the primary school and beyond. These skills enable children to complete mathematics activities and learn new concepts.

I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting children across all year groups in the school so far this year with the Pyramid Schools Trust colleagues.

MTC - Multiplication Times Table Check

**The date this year is
Monday 1st to Friday 12th June 2026.**

MTC stands for Multiplication Tables Check, a statutory assessment for Year 4 pupils in England. By the end of Year 4, the children should be fluent in their recall of the times tables up to 12×12 and related division facts in order to be at age related expectations. This is a computerised assessment similar to the tests on TT Rockstars. Times table knowledge is crucial as it underpins areas such as fractions and decimals in our mathematics learning.

Children love playing on their devices. They can access both Numbots and times table activities using TT Rockstars at home and at school using the Chrome Books. The children can practise either on their own or with their friends on joint activities.

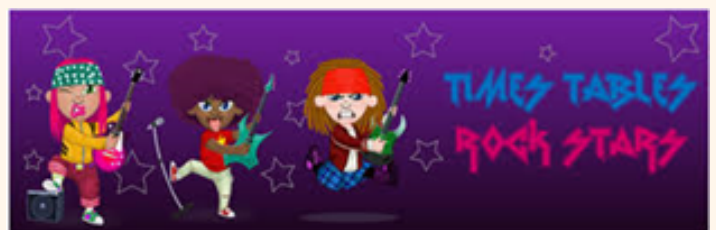


TT Rockstar / Numbots

TT Rockstars plays an important part in learning our times tables using rapid recall. Simply by learning our number bonds and times tables frees up the ability to think about how to solve mathematics problems, such as reasoning problems and for our Year 6 SATs. Year 4 also benefitted as they had extra practice for their MTC, a statutory assessment for year 4 pupils in England.

After the Easter break, children in Years 2 - 6 will be bringing home their TT Rockstar heatmap. This will share which times tables they are secure on and which ones they need to practice more. Please take some time to look at this with your child.

Numbots is a super start in learning the foundation number bond facts for the children in Early Years and Year 1. Number bonds play an important role in the success of our mathematics learning.





6th February 2026

Most Valuable Players at Beecroft



Shemaiah

Armaan

Ayan

Most Valuable Players across the Classes

Rhino : Most - Ayan

2nd - Thomas

3rd - Arman

Leopard : Most - Domenico

2nd - Ravi

3rd - Connor

Lemur : Most - Shemaiah

2nd - Emily

3rd - Teddy

Koala : Most - Armaan

2nd - Kacper

3rd - Alex

Panda : Most - Maciej

2nd - Alfie

3rd - Athisaya

Panther : Most - Eduard

2nd - Evelina

Lion : Most - Minsa

2nd - Naomi

Meerkat : Most - Kavish

Penguin : Most - Sarah

Zebra : Most - Eliza

2nd - Poppy

Monkey : Most - Zoe

Tiger : Most - Cassandra

We send out half termly KIRFs - Key Instant Recall Facts. These are purposely sent in order for you to know what is a key focus for our children's mathematics learning during that half-term. Children should work on these to support their classroom learning. Evidence has shown that children experience better classroom learning by practising and learning these facts. Early Years and Key Stage 1 children can look forward to receiving redesigned KIRFs.

How can you support your children's mathematics learning at home?

At Beecroft Academy, we consider mathematics to be very important in order to prepare our children to have a greater understanding of the world. Whether calculating expenses, planning a budget, or solving complex real-world issues, the ability to approach problems logically and methodically directly results from mathematical training. Please ask your children about their learning in mathematics lessons. Ask them to demonstrate a calculation for you. Speak to your children about their number bonds and times tables. Help them practice by giving quick recall questions.



Maths Week England

2026

Maths Week England is a week long celebration of learning mathematics. Since 2019, this annual event tries to ensure that mathematics is more accessible and enjoyable for everyone.

The intention is to promote a positive and inclusive approach to learning and raise the profile of learning mathematics. Our children should be encouraged to see mathematics as being an important subject for their future.