

It's important to master times tables for maths success, and we all want our children to learn them without losing enthusiasm. Taken from TheSchoolRun.com

That's why we've put together these six top tips to help your child memorise all 12 times tables (without the tears and tantrums)!

1. Colour it in: Let your child get creative with a 100 numbers square

This [grid square](#) with 100 numbers on is a handy times table tool. If your child is learning the five times table, for example, encourage them to count along the grid in fives, and colour each five squares in a different colour. It will help them discover any pattern to the times table and also give them a headstart in memorising the numbers.

Find out more:

- [Teachers' tricks for learning times tables](#)
- [Times tables: 10 things every parent needs to know](#)

2. LEARN BY ROTE: Encourage your child to say their times tables out loud

Reciting times tables may sound old-fashioned but it's still the best way to learn them, according to Andrew Brodie, former primary school head teacher and author of the *Let's Do Mental Maths* series.

'If they know it really well by rote, they don't even have to think about it' says Andrew. 'But it's important that your child uses whole sentences, so "1 times 2 is 2", for example. If they just say the endings – "2, 4, 6, 8" – they won't be able to apply their knowledge in the classroom.'

Find out more:

- [Teachers' tricks for multiplication](#)
- [Times tables: the best ways to learn](#)

3. DAILY PRACTICE: Spend a minute every day for a week on one set of times tables

If your child isn't keen, remind them that there are a lot of minutes in the day so this will only take up a miniscule proportion of their time. 'By the end of the week, get a stopwatch and time your child saying their times table,' says Andrew. 'Help them with any mistakes, and then ask them to try to beat their last time.'

Find out more:

- [2 times table speed grid](#)
- [3 times tables practice drill](#)

4. INTRIGUE YOUR CHILD: Make sure times tables are fascinating

Here's a great way to pique your child's interest in times tables. Once they know a particular times table really well, for example the 2s, put forward a more challenging question. 'For example, you could try 14×2 ,' says Andrew. 'At first, your child may say they can't do it. But they can work this out by knowing that 10×2 is 20 and 4×2 is 8, and adding the totals together.'

'Kids enjoy doing something beyond the ordinary and applying their knowledge, and they find it really interesting.'

Find out more:

- [Top times tables games](#)
- [Times tables trail](#)
- [9 times tables maze](#)

5. SPOT THE PATTERN: Ask your child to write out and study the endings

The 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9 times tables have a particular pattern to their endings so writing them down is a great tool to help decode and demystify them. 'The more you look, the more you learn, so stick up the complete times table on the wall in a spot where your child can't miss it,' says Andrew. 'Then they can read and refer to it more regularly.'

Find out more:

- [Learning the 6, 8 and 9 times table: tips and tricks](#)
- [Times tables – the best ways to learn](#)
- [12 times table patterns](#)

6. USE EXPERT RESOURCES: TheSchoolRun times tables packs

If you liked these top tips, you might be looking for even more resources to help you help your child master those times tables.

We've got three fantastic times tables packs available to subscribers that, combined, will give you heaps of techniques, tips and games to ensure that learning times tables doesn't have to be a drag!

Our [Terrific Times Tables](#) pack is full of ideas and tips to help your child learn – and even enjoy it! We share practical ideas for memorising all 12 sets, as well as tips to help make practice easy. Download your pack now to reinforce your child's learning with fun games and quizzes and print out achievement certificates to reward their effort.

Our [Times Tables Funpack](#) offers puzzles and games galore. There are fairground ducks to hook, safe codes to decipher, dominoes to play with and more. Your child will be so busy puzzle-solving, they won't even realise they're putting their tables into practice.

Make times tables revision easy by downloading our [90-page practice book](#). It covers all the tables from 2 to 12 and offers quizzes, speed challenges and more to help your child master this vital area of primary maths. Practice makes perfect!

Good luck!

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