4.1 Exponential Functions

A function where the variable (x) is in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| Equation | To put it in your calculator… | Graph |
| y = 3x\_\_\_\_\_ is the base of  this equation |  |  |

Get used to the calculator key strokes. Fill in the following table..

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| X | X2 | X3 | X4 | X5 |
| 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |  |  |
| 4 |  |  |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |  |  |
| 6 |  |  |  |  |
| 7 |  |  |  |  |
| 8 |  |  |  |  |
| 9 |  |  |  |  |

We can use our solving equation skills on exponential equations too!

If the **bases** are the same, here’s what we do…

Ex. 1 Ex. 2

 $3^{x+4}= 3^{12}$ $8^{3x-5}=8^{55}$