



Dear Parents,

It is vital that all children in Key Stage 2 have a secure understanding and rapid recall of all their times tables. Each year the children are given time within lessons where they are taught each one discreetly, but we also need your help to ensure that the times tables are learnt off by heart.

**Weekly Times Table Challenge** - Each week your child takes part in an internal Times Table challenge, where they are tested on a specific times table. These are tailored to your child's needs. On the whole, the children move on to a new times table once they have scored full marks twice in a row. It is important that the children can recall all the facts for their given times table out of order and that they can recall the related division facts e.g. if your child is learning the 3 times table, they should know the facts from  $0 \times 3 = 0$  all the way to  $12 \times 3 = 36$  and they should also know that  $12 \div 3 = 4$  etc.

**TTRS Homework** - To support rapid accurate recall of these facts the children are also set Times Tables Rock Stars homework. This involves completing a 10-minute Garage session, which asks questions on the times tables that your child is working on and has already achieved. Their class teacher will set this up and your child will only be able to access the other aspects of TTRS once they have completed their allotted 10 minutes. Each class throughout Key Stage 2 will be competing against other classes to earn tokens and the winning class earns the TTRS Trophy.

Tokens are allocated as outlined below:

Complete the 10 minutes homework – 2 tokens!

95 – 99% Accuracy – 1 additional token.

100% - 2 additional tokens.

Class that wins the Weekly Battle – 30 Tokens for the class.

Class that wins the Weekly Whole Class Challenge – 1<sup>st</sup> = 30 tokens, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 20 tokens, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 10 tokens.

Class that wins the end of half termly Whole School Battle – 1<sup>st</sup> = 50 tokens, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 30 tokens, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 20 tokens.

**How you can help** - We need you to encourage your child to complete their TTRS homework (if they want to do more than 10 minutes – please go for it, the more practice they have the better.) We also need you to encourage and support your children to learn their given times table.

Being able to recall times table facts is key to efficient mathematics throughout their school life and is also a useful life skill, so we appreciate your help and support with this.

Many thanks.

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