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Dear Parents

Hopefully, your child has come home enthused about a trial we are taking part in with Times Tables Rock Stars. The rationale behind the trial is simply that not enough of our children here are knowing their times tables/division facts with the confidence or fluency required, by the end of Y4. If children are not secure in their times tables/division knowledge by the end of Y4, accessing the Y5 maths curriculum becomes increasingly difficult.

As a guide:

- By the end of Y2, children should know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and corresponding division facts
- By the end of Y3, children should know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables and corresponding division facts
- By the end of Y4, children should know all their multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12

Each child from Y2 upwards should have their own login details so that they can access TTRS both in school and at home. TTRS have designed this platform so that learning multiplication and division facts is enjoyable and competitive, which will hopefully inspire children to want to use it.

Could we please ask for your support in encouraging your child to spend time on this platform. As a minimum, 3 sessions (15 minutes) a week would be ideal. However, obviously the more time spent, the more accurate and confident your child will become.

As the end of Y4, children take part in a Multiplication Tables Check on an iPad. They will be given 25 questions with 6 seconds to answer each one. TTRS will really help children to take part in this check with confidence.

For children in Y5/6 who still lack confidence, TTRS will help them access the challenging upper KS2 maths curriculum.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

Kind regards

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