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**Exemplary education for all, through God's amazing grace
Learning, Integrity, Dignity, Love, Confidence.**

Learning together, as we journey with God in Love, we act with Integrity, treat others with Dignity and grow in Confidence.

November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome Back! I hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable half term.

I wanted to take the time explain to you all a little bit more about the benefits of your child using Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS). TTRS is an inclusive programme designed to improve the fluency of multiplication and division facts in a fun and interactive way. The aim is for your child to improve rock speed, effort and correct answers. To do this, TTRS will need to set a baseline for your child in order to see and compare improvements. This baseline can be set simply by playing a 'gig' game. Please be aware every 'gig' game starts in a progressive way. It asks questions on the 10s, 2s and 5s etc. and then progresses in an age appropriate order. Once the baseline has been set, encourage your child to use the garage mode as this is the room controlled by the class teacher so they will ensure appropriate times tables are set.



At the end of each month, I will be checking 3 different leader boards (effort, speed and accuracy) and the children will receive certificates for coming 1st, 2nd or 3rd within their year group. These names will also be listed in the golden book once a month and each class has leader boards where their photographs will be displayed.

Leader boards explained:

1. Coins (effort) the more you play the more coins you will win. Coins are awarded for every correct answer.
2. Rock Speed (speed) the more you play, the more confident you will be with answering the questions and therefore the speed in which you answer the questions should improve.
3. Correct Answers (accuracy) this will track how many questions you have answered correctly.

The certificates each month will ensure that everybody has a chance of winning a certificate as it tracks the biggest improvement in coins, speed and correct answers over 28 days rather than just the top scoring. This encourages every child to improve.



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National Curriculum Expectations:

Year 2	2, 5, and 10 multiplication and division facts	The aim throughout the year is to improve the rock speed and accuracy within your year group's expectations.
Year 3	3, 4, and 8 multiplication and division facts	
Year 4	All multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12	
Year 5	All multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12	
Year 6	All multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12	



November challenge:

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, this November we are taking part in a competition for Maths Week England. It's called Rock Out 2020 and it's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average. **All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th.**

This is a national competition so we may win prizes for our efforts however we want to recognise the achievements in school so each winning class per year group will receive a certificate to celebrate their success. In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours but appreciate some will play more and some will play less.

If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher in the first instance and if not ask the office to contact me.

Many Thanks

Mrs Mephram