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Year 4 times table competition

Dear Parents/carers,

We are excited to announce that we are launching a weekly times table competition in Year 4. Times Table Rock Stars is a website and app which can be used at home to learn and rehearse the times tables and your child can access the website via their wonde account.

Maths is a big subject and we appreciate there's more to it than times tables and there's more to times tables than learning them off by heart. However, a lot of the rich, interesting maths is all about the multiplicative relationships and these are hard to fully grasp without fluent recall of the tables. For that reason, learning the tables is fundamental. When it comes to times tables, speed and accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations and problem solving. In addition, this year, all children in year 4 will sit a Multiplication Table Check which will assess their speed and accuracy in recalling their times tables up to 12x12.

To be a Times Table Rock Star you need to answer multiplication facts up to 12x12 in less than 3 seconds! Therefore, even if your child is able to recall their times tables, the speed at which they are able to recall the facts is also important.

Each time your child logs on to Times Table Rock Stars, they will receive golden coins which they can save up to upgrade their Rockstar! Each week, we will be announcing the child who has earned the most coins in each year 4 class and they will receive a prize. In addition to this, there will be half-termly awards given too.

We want the very best for our children and we want them to feel confident in maths and we know you do too. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help students master the times tables so please encourage your child to log on daily and spend 10 minutes practising and having fun. We are confident it will improve their times table knowledge.

Attached is a user's guide for Times Tables Rock Stars. Please also speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Murphy for more support or if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Murphy

Year 4 Year group Leader
Maths leader

