

TERRINGTON ST CLEMENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Why are times tables important?

Knowing the times tables is essential to helping children progress in most other areas of Maths, including division, fractions, decimals, percentages and algebra. Being able to instantly recall multiplication facts helps learners to answer a range of questions more quickly, as they can apply this knowledge to solving more complex problems without being slowed down by the multiplication.

Terrington St Clement Community School Times Tables

To motivate our learners to learn their times tables, we are going to begin using a new times table reward badge system. This system follows the expectations set out in the national curriculum; that all children should know all of their times tables (1-12) by the end of year 4.

Badges are awarded by their class teacher and celebrated in our newsletter. Children need to trade their previous badge for the higher level badge they have been awarded. Learners are encouraged to wear their badges on their uniform.

The awards will be as follows:

Bronze Award – x2, x10

Silver Award – x3, x4, x5

Gold Award – x6, x7, x8

Platinum Award x 9, x11, x12



The expectation is that learners should work towards achieving their bronze award by the end of year 2, the silver award by the end of year 3 and the platinum award by the end of year 4. However, these time frames are not set and children are able to work through each stage at their own pace, whether this be at a quicker or slower rate. Your child will be assessed regularly in class and informed of what times table they are on.

A new level of challenge will also be introduced after Christmas. This will be staged tournaments involving children across the whole school. There will be a bronze tournament for all children on this



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stage, a silver tournament for all on this stage, a gold tournament for all on this stage and a platinum tournament for all on this stage. A champion will be celebrated from each stage.

To support your children at home, you may find the below websites useful:

- <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>
- <http://www.maths-games.org/times-tables-games.html>
- <https://www.doodlemaths.com/doodletables/> (same log in as Doodle Maths)
- <https://trockstars.com/>

If you have any further questions about this, please contact your child's class teacher or myself.

Kind regards,

Mrs Penfold

(Maths Lead)



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