



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**

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 are 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.

### **Time Tables Rock Stars Tournament**

There will be a new tournament commencing on January 31st for 7 days. During this time, children will be encouraged to log on to Times Tables Rock Stars and play! They are awarded points for accuracy as well as speed. Each class will be competing against other classes in their phases and each class will have a champion too.

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.