



BARNARD GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: **Mr. L. Walker** | Deputy Headteacher: **Miss J. Thompson**

Monday 15th January

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the new Primary National Curriculum, times tables up to 12 x 12 are something which children are required to know and understand by Year 4. The test is being introduced as there is strong evidence to show that being able to recall multiplication tables with fluency plays a crucial role in being able to solve more complex mathematical problems involving division, algebra, fractions and proportional reasoning. These aspects of maths are assessed at the end of Key Stage 2 so the earlier children learn them, the more fluent they will be with the application.

To help with this, we are introducing a new Times Tables Programme called Times Tables Rock Stars. This is a fun, interactive and consistent approach which the children have begun and are enjoying. As well as learning times tables at school, children can have access to the website and APP so they can also practise at home. They can then create their own avatar and earn points. In school, we will be having a leader board which will include:

- Fastest Speed
- Highest Earner
- Most Improved
- Star of the Week
- Rock Star
- Rock Legend
- Rock Hero

Alongside this letter you will find a handbook which explains the programme, as well as a guide to how to log on.

If you have any questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wesson
Assistant Head KS2/Maths Lead

