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St Mary's C of E Primary School

Dear Parents and carers,

The 99 club is a new scheme at St Mary's School which aims to raise standards in maths through encouraging pupils to improve their mental calculations when attempting quick-fire addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems.

The idea is that with repeated practice, the scheme should result in increased speed and confidence when tackling mental maths problems without relying on written workings and methods.

All KS1 and KS2 pupils (years 1-6) will take part in the 99 Club. They will have one opportunity per week to answer all calculations at their current level unaided and within the allotted time of ten minutes for 11-88 club and 5 minutes for 99 club. If all of the calculations are answered correctly on two occasions in a row,, the child can move up to the next level!

The initial 11 Club involves eleven problems which involve adding 2 single digit numbers ie. $5+4$, $1+9$. The 22 Club and 33 Club then adds eleven further questions each and will be a mixture of addition and subtraction sums.

The 44 club begins to introduce the times tables. Division facts are added by the time a pupil reaches the 77 Club, and from the 77 Club onwards, pupils will be tackling a range of mixed multiplication and division problems

The full breakdown of The 99 club levels is as follows:

11 Club: 11 questions involving adding 2 single digit numbers.

22 Club: 22 questions involving addition and subtraction sums up to 20.

33 Club: 33 questions involving addition and subtraction sums up to 20.

44 Club: 44 questions of addition to 20, 2x, 5x, 10x times tables.

55 Club: 55 questions of 2x, 5x, 10x, 3x, 4x, 8x times tables.

66 Club: 66 questions of 2x, 5x, 10x, 3x, 4x, 6x, 7x, 8x, 9x times tables.

77 Club: 77 questions of mixed multiplication and division facts.

88 Club: 88 questions of mixed multiplication and division facts.

99 Club: 99 questions of mixed multiplication and division facts (in 5 minutes).

The ultimate challenge is to complete all 99 questions of the 99 club unaided, with no errors and within five minutes!

The 99 club is not designed for Early Years Foundation Stage, but if staff feel that children are ready to attempt it, they will be given the opportunity to enter the 11 club.

Sheets will be available to download from our website for pupils to practise their level at home. You can support your child by finding out which level they are working at and helping them to practise the relevant times tables.

Staff and parents are of course welcome to have a go too!

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be working hard to ensure that all children are working at a level suitable for them.

If you have any questions please do speak to your child's teacher or myself,

Many thanks
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