



# Duke Street Primary School



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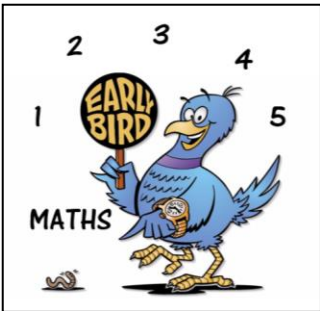
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## Maths Newsletter

### Early Bird Maths

From Monday we will be introducing a new daily Maths session called Early Bird. This will replace the early morning work the children usually complete between 8.45am - 8.55am each morning. Early Bird Maths will be completed by all children from Year 1-6 when they arrive at school. It is focused on improving the children's mental arithmetic and fluency. Those children who arrive at school for 8.45am will have the advantage of having ten minutes to complete their Early Bird Maths work. The aim is for children to work hard on improving their own performance during early bird sessions each week. A weekly certificate and prize will be awarded to an Early Bird Guru in each class. Please support your child to arrive at school promptly so they don't miss out.



### Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS)

All children in Year 2-6 should have received a personal login and password for Times Table Rock Stars. Times tables are really important because they form the foundation for knowledge in so many different aspects of mathematics. Solid knowledge of tables and instant recall of times table facts supports children in their learning across the key stages and helps them to make better progress. TTRS is a fun and engaging way for children to learn their tables facts up to 12x12. The more the children play, the more facts they learn, the more coins they earn and the quicker they become at answering questions. The faster they get the better their Rock Status becomes. Children work their way through the ranks from a Wannabe (answering questions in over 10 seconds) to a Rock Hero in less than a second. This year we will be continuing to award weekly certificates to the top three pupils who earn the most coins each week. In addition to this, new bronze, silver and gold badges will be awarded to those children who reach the top three rock statuses. Please encourage your children to engage with this at home. Regular practice is crucial for success. A leaflet for parents containing more information is available in the Mathematics section of the school website.



### Year 4 Multiplication Check

The current Year 4 children will sit a new Multiplication check towards the end of this academic year. The check has been introduced by the Department for Education for all Year 4 pupils. The check will test pupil's knowledge of tables facts up to 12x12. Further information will follow.