



KS1 Important information, changes to '99 club' -please read

Wednesday 13th September

Dear Parent/Carer,

Teaching 'counting' at Westcliffe Primary School

As part of the children's maths lessons, they will be taught counting in multiples and how this links to times tables. This will happen during different weeks of the term and is revisited every term. This teaching occurs during the maths lessons.

Daily Practice

As part of the changes to the school day, there is now an allotted time for daily quick recall practice. 10 minutes per day. So, what will this look like?

4 days a week

Recall practice will happen 4 days a week - the children will carry out recall activities using objects, counting in picture form as well as written questions.

1 day a week

'Westcliffe Rock Stars' will replace 99 club. One day a week the children will carry out a timed sheet named 'Westcliffe Rock Stars'. Much like the 99 club – the 'Westcliffe Rock Star' sheets are progressive and once they complete full marks 3 times then they will move onto the next 'Westcliffe Rock Star' sheet. They will have 5 minutes to complete these sheets. The children will not be penalised if their score decreases. However, in order for the children's 'Westcliffe Rock Star' to count towards their Pupil of the Week eligibility, they must practise at home. If the children's score stays the same or increases they will receive an extra credit.

What are we asking from you and your child?

We are asking you to ensure your child practises at home. Sheets will be available from your child's teacher. These sheets need to be given to their class teacher before or during morning registration of the day their 'Westcliffe Rock Star' activity takes place (see class teacher or the website to find out their day). Your child needs to practise 3 times a week. If they practise they will receive a credit and the practices will be counted towards their eligibility.

In school

Paper copies are available for your child to practise their counting in the Heart of School during break and lunch times. So if your child is unable to do this at home – there are lots of opportunities for your child to do it in school. Class teachers will remind children they can practise at break and lunch time but your child will need to remember to take themselves to the Heart of School.

As Year 1 children are new to KS1 and these are new sheets, we are allowing a few weeks for this to be up and running. We would like the children to take this on and start practising as soon as possible but we will not start recording the practises in line with the Pupil of the Week criteria until the week commencing 2/10/23.

After the 'Westcliffe Rock Star', sheets the children move on to TT Rock Stars. This is in the second half of Autumn Term. Information will be sent out regarding to children moving onto TT Rock Stars nearer the time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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