

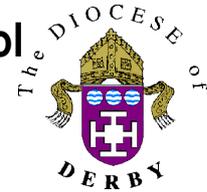


*'Aiming High
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Calow Church of England (V.C.) Primary School

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Monday, 4th February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

We're holding a **Mighty Maths house competition**, starting today, to promote the value of arithmetic practice in order to make our skills faster and more secure. Good arithmetic underpins reasoning, problem solving and lots of life skills. The more we practise, the better we get.

You probably know that each child is in a new "house" this year – lions, tigers, leopards and panthers – and that we have revamped our house competition to include house points, weekly updates in Celebration Assembly and house treats. The next stage is looking at several motivational house competitions we can run during the course of the year, in addition to Sports Day, and our School Council identified a maths-themed event – especially one involving Times Tables Rockstars – as one that they would like to try first. We will introduce their other ideas in due course!

For those older children who have a Times Tables Rockstars login, every "coin" they earn between Monday morning and Thursday at 3:05pm this week will count towards the house competition (coins are given automatically for correct answers during the challenges). Each class will have an allocated slot in school time, and any TT Rockstars activity at home will count for their house. Please encourage them to log on and do some extra practice this week. There will also be other non-TT Rockstars activities in class, during the week, to enable every child to contribute towards the Mighty Maths competition, and we will convert all this week's Mathletics certificates to house points too. On Friday, we will hold a celebration assembly to reveal the results.

Even though TT Rockstars doesn't yet feature for our younger pupils, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are just as focused on building up their arithmetic (number) skills. Their teachers are building in a house competition element to some of their practice sessions in class, so everyone will have a chance to contribute to the Mighty Maths competition through the week. Do let your child's class teacher know about any number work, Mathletics, counting games, etc. you do at home, by filling in the special sheet your child has been given, and we will reward this with house points too.

Many thanks, as ever, for your support.

Kind regards,

Daniel Sumner
Headteacher