



## Thomas Johnson Lower School

*Dream - Discover - Flourish*

16th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the start of our Summer Term. I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely and relaxing Easter break.

### **Transitions**

**Year 4:** Pupils in Year 4 will shortly be hearing about their new school, and I know there will be much excitement and probably a great deal of questions surrounding their next big move.

We are delighted to be in a position to arrange some transition activities with Marston Vale Middle School (MVM), which will take place in our school. Two Year 5 teachers will visit the school to meet the children, answer questions and carry out some activities with them. Naturally these activities will be risk-assessed and COVID secure. I will let you know the confirmed dates for these shortly.

The content of the transition activities will be suitable for ALL Year 4 children, regardless of their destination Middle School.

MVM are still in the process of assessing whether transition days will be possible this year (where the children spend the day in their Middle School) but we will keep you updated about this.

Within school, the children will have lesson opportunities this half term to talk with staff about the move, their hopes and any concerns.

**Reception to Year 3:** For all our children, moving onto their new class is an exciting moment. All children will have the chance to experience their new class in the second half of this term. Transition days will take place in July.

### **Times Tables Rockstar Battle!**

The Times Tables Rockstar programme is specifically designed to motivate and encourage young pupils with their times tables. The skill of the programme is that it continually adjusts to your child's level. This means that the teachers have been able to set a Battle between year groups!

Badgers and Owls classes will be competing next week to see who can get the highest score of the correct answers. (It doesn't mean that your child has to know all their times tables, it means that your child simply needs to log on regularly and get the tables they know right in the shortest amount of time, as often as they can.

The Battle will start tomorrow at 3:30pm and ends at 6pm on Thursday.

Your child has their own TTRockstars login and will have practised in school today! We hope this will be hugely enjoyable for them.

Good luck everyone!!

With best wishes

Marian Haines    **Headteacher**