

The 99 Club is a brand new scheme at Ipsley RSA Academy which aims to raise standards in maths through encouraging pupils to improve their mental calculations when attempting quick-fire 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 pupils will begin at the 11 Club and work their way up, having one opportunity per week during one of their maths lessons to answer all calculations at their current level unaided and within the allotted time of ten minutes.

If all of the calculations are answered correctly, the child can move up to the next level!

The initial 11 Club involves eleven problems which involve doubling numbers up to ten ie. $5+5$, $8+8$. The 22 Club then adds eleven further questions involving repeated addition for numbers from one to ten ie. $3+3+3+3$, $5+5+5+5+5$, while the 33 Club begins to introduce times tables.

Division facts are added by the time a pupil reaches the 77 Club, and from the 88 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 doubling numbers from one to ten

22 Club - 22 questions involving repeated addition of numbers from one to ten

33 Club - 33 questions introducing the 2x, 3x, 5x and 10x tables

44 Club - 44 questions adding the 1x, 4x and 6x tables

55 Club - 55 questions adding the 7x and 8x tables

66 Club - 66 questions adding the 9x, 11x and 12x tables

77 Club - 77 questions consisting of inverse division facts

88 Club - 88 questions of mixed multiplication and division facts

99 Club - 99 questions of mixed multiplication and division facts

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

Sheets are available to download below 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! Can you beat Miss. Parker's 99 Club time of two minutes and 45 seconds...?

Good luck, and keep practising! 😊