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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are introducing a new Mathematics challenge aimed at developing quicker recall of the multiplication facts (times tables). The new National Curriculum from 2014 states that: 'By the end of year 4, pupils should have memorised their multiplication tables up to and including the 12 multiplication table.'

The new Key Stage 2 tests that came into place this year has an arithmetic test specifically on calculations. Therefore to ensure children are confident and prepared, learning tables' facts plus recalling these quickly and accurately will give children a distinct advantage.

Learning multiplication facts does not have to be boring and repetitive; we will be encouraging the children to recall facts in different ways through games, challenges and investigations as well as the weekly speed tests that will be held in class each week. We will be using an online resource, in school, called TT Rockstars, which focuses on times table challenges, improving pupil's rapid recall. This will be completed in class and will follow a programme of teaching and learning times tables. Pupils must though spend the time trying to learn the facts to make it easier in the classroom. Each child will have a record sheet for them to copy in their multiplication facts and record their progress.

The rewards for this will be bronze, silver and gold stickers that will be presented by class teachers and eventually the children will receive the platinum certificate for Multiplication Excellence which will be presented in the Friday assembly. Each year group will have their own targets which are outlined below:

- FS and Y1- Counting on in steps of 2, 5 and 10
- Y2- 2, 5 and 10.
- Y3- 2,3,4,5,8,10
- Y4- ALL TABLES FACTS TO 12× 12
- Y5- ALL and completed 12× 12 mixed tables square in under 8 minutes
- Y6- ALL and completed 12× 12 mixed tables square in under 6 minutes

Any help you can provide for your child will be greatly appreciated, encourage them to achieve their targets in any way you can. Here are some websites that offer games, grid challenges and interactive tests:

- <http://www.maths-games.org/times-tables-games.html>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/game/ma13tabl-game-tables-grid-find>
- <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/>

Please go to our Maths page on the website for more websites to enjoy and use.

If you have any questions about this then please feel free to ask.

Yours sincerely
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