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Dear Parents/carers,

As you are probably aware there is a current drive by the government to improve children's times tables. Current expectations are that all children will know their tables up to 12 x 12 with quick recall by the end of year 4.

As a school we are having a focus on number bonds and tables, and have created a reward system that reflects the National Curriculum yearly expectations.

EYFS and KS1

Children will progress through age related skills from knowing number bonds to 10 up to knowing their 2, 10, and 5 times tables with quick recall. Along the way the children will gain certificates for reaching regular milestones, with a badge being gained for the top award.

Bronze certificate: I know number bonds to 10

Silver certificate: I know bronze, number bonds to 20 and doubles to 12 +12

Gold certificate: I know 2, 10 and 5 times tables in order.

2,5,10 club badge: I can answer 2, 10 and 5 times tables verbally and in a random order within 5 minutes.

Homework

You can help your child achieve these milestones at home by playing games, singing songs etc. A leaflet with ideas in will be available at parents evening, and will also be placed on the school website for reference.

Online suggestions

Google is your friend, however a few websites your child may use at school are:

Hit the button:

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

Kool Kidz Times Tables Songs:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLaSZ7kwwxKqV-jstsM-mRkpFQDaXrxP98>

KS2

In KS2, children will move on to quick recall of the remaining times tables, again with regular milestones along the way.

Bronze certificate: I can complete the 2, 10 and 5 times tables on the times tables grid, in a random order, within 10 minutes

Silver certificate: I can complete bronze plus 3, 4 and 8 times tables on the times tables grid, in a random order, within 10 minutes

Gold certificate: I can complete all tables, in a random order, within 10 minutes

144 club badge: I can complete all tables in a random order within 6 minutes

Once children have achieved the 144 club badge they will have the opportunity to improve their time.

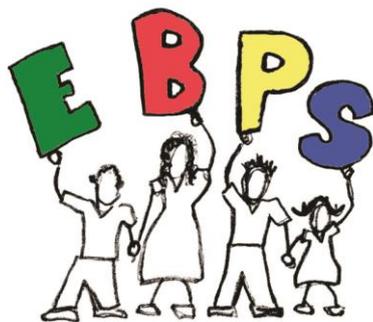
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Believe

Persevere

Succeed



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Based on weekly times tables test, your child will bring home a speed test sheet based on one table that they need to focus on. These sheets need to be completed, timed and signed and dated by an adult 4 times in a week and then handed in on their normal homework day. These speed tests should not take more than 5 minutes each time. If your child is taking longer than this, then they would benefit from becoming more secure with the quick recall of the answers. This can be done by reciting the tables, giving quick fire questions, games, songs or rhymes.

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Any questions, please do not hesitate to ask,

Kind Regards

Mrs Skett and Mrs Stockham (Maths Leads)