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Dear Parents

Rainbow Times Tables Award Scheme

We are keen to encourage all of our children to learn and be confident with their times tables as this will help them with many aspects of Maths both now and in the future. The Maths curriculum states that: '*Pupils should be taught to ... recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 x 12*' by the end of year four.

To inspire and motivate the children throughout the school, we have a Times Tables Scheme called Rainbow Times Tables which begins in Year 2. The challenge is to 'Times Table' their way through the colours of the rainbow. Children will be learning and practising their tables through a range of games, activities, chanting as well as learning by rote. They will be able to earn badges to celebrate their achievements. Children will be given regular opportunities to earn their next badge so that they can progress at their own rate. A card will be sent home initially to inform you which times tables your child needs to practise first and then to let you know each time they have made the leap to the next colour to congratulate them and give details of their next challenge.

We would appreciate your support at home and would be grateful if you could help your child to learn and to practise and to understand that it is a challenge personal to them as an individual. We are carefully identifying each child's existing times table knowledge in order to start them at the correct level. Children within a class / year group will all be at different levels and we would be grateful if you could reinforce the message that we are giving the children that it is their own performance that is important and **all** hard work, effort and achievement of a badge will be celebrated equally, whichever level they are working at.

Here is a brief overview of the scheme - depending on their starting point, children may earn up to 10 badges.

Red	to know the 10 times tables
Orange	to know the 2 and 5 times tables
Yellow	to know the division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables
Green	to know the 4 and 8 times tables and division facts
Blue	to know the 3, 6 and 9 times tables and division facts
Indigo	to know the 7 and 11 times tables and division facts
Violet	to know the 12 times table and division facts
Silver	to be able to multiply multiples of 10 e.g. 30×70
Gold	to be able to multiply decimals by a whole number e.g. 0.6×4
Final Badge once Gold completed = 'Times Tables Champion'	

Thank you in advance for your support, we hope you will look out for cards coming home, encourage practising at home and celebrate badges as they are awarded.

Yours sincerely

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