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Dear Parent/Carer,

In assembly today we introduced our new Maths Medals initiative. The purpose of this new initiative is to encourage the children to improve their multiplication and division facts and most importantly the speed at which they can recall these facts. We will be running this alongside the very popular 'Rock Star' programme.

The children will be encouraged to progress through a series of tests until they become 'Experts' and enter the Maths Medals Hall of Fame. Details of the tests and rewards are listed below. Certificates, medals, and Maths Buddy Badges will be distributed regularly so please keep an eye on your child's book bag to see how they are progressing or pop in to the library to see the Hall of Fame.

Name of test	What is being assessed	Reward when achieved
Launch pad 2s	All multiplication facts for the 2 times tables.	Certificate awarded by Class Teacher.
Launch pad 5s	All multiplication facts for the 5 times tables.	Certificate awarded by Class Teacher.
Launch pad 10s	All multiplication facts for the 10 times tables.	Certificate awarded by Class Teacher.
Steps to Success 2s	All multiplication and division facts relating to the 2 times tables.	Certificate awarded by Class Teacher.
Steps to Success 5s	All multiplication and division facts relating to the 5 times tables.	Certificate awarded by Class Teacher.
Steps to Success 10s	All multiplication and division facts relating to the 10 times tables.	Certificate awarded by Class Teacher.
Flying Start	All multiplication and division facts relating to the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.	Certificate awarded by Class Teacher.
Bronze Level	All multiplication and division facts relating to the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables.	Certificate awarded by Class Teacher.
Silver Level	All multiplication and division facts relating to the 3, 4, 5, 6 and 11 times tables.	Certificate awarded by Class Teacher.
Gold Level	All multiplication and division facts relating to the 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables.	Medal and Certificate Awarded in Achievers' Assembly.
Platinum Level	All multiplication and division facts relating to all the times tables. 50 mixed questions in 3 minutes!	Certificate and Maths Medal Buddy Badge awarded in Achievers' Assembly.

Expert Level	All multiplication and division facts relating to the all the times tables. 100 mixed questions as quickly as you can.	Entry to our Hall of Fame – announced in Achievers’ Assembly and displayed in the library.
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As you will see, when the children reach platinum level they will be asked to become a ‘Times Table Buddy’ adopting the role of helping children learn their tables if children approach them to do so at lunchtimes or break times. They will be armed with practice tests and will help and support children to achieve the next levels!

Please help your child at home to achieve success in this aspect of their learning by regularly practising their multiplication and division facts. Practice tests will soon be available on the school website for you to use at home. In the meantime, if you would like to see an example of the practice tests please let your child’s class teacher know. Times Tables Rock Stars can also be used to improve speed of recall for those children who enjoy learning through on-line games.

Many thanks in advance for your support with this aspect of your child’s learning.

Kind regards,

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