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Dear Parent,

As you may be aware, from 2020 a new times table test will become mandatory for all Year 4 pupils. In response to this, we have decided to adapt our current KIRF to ensure our pupils are well prepared for this. Our school curriculum has also been adapted accordingly.

The multiplication tables check is designed to help ensure children in primary school know their times tables up to 12 off by heart. As well as being critical for everyday life, knowledge of multiplication tables helps children to solve problems quickly and flexibly, and allows them to tackle more complex mathematics later on in school.

During the summer term, we will begin our new format of instant recall facts and your child will be tested weekly, in timed conditions, on their individual target. All children will start learning their times tables from the summer term in Year 1 and continue at their own pace; regularly revisiting the tables that they have mastered. ***Please support your child by continuing to practise your child's target and signing the parent sheet weekly.*** As children become more proficient, we will introduce further awards for children who have mastered all of the times tables to 12 x 12.

Children will learn the tables in the order listed below; as prescribed in the National Curriculum. **Children must gain the bronze, silver and gold award before moving onto the next times table.** The details of each award are also described below and **further information will follow in your child's homework book.**

X 10	X 5	X 2	X 3	X 4	X 8	X 6	X 7	X 9	X 11	X 12

<u>Bronze Award</u>	<u>Silver Award</u>	<u>Gold Award</u>
Saying and writing the times table in order: 0 x 10 = 0 1 x 10 = 11 2 x 10 = 20 3 x 10 = 30	Recalling the times table out of order: 3 x 4 = 12 7 x 4 = 28 1 x 4 = 4	Children will recall the associated division facts: 36 ÷ 4 = 9 63 ÷ 9 = 7 81 ÷ 9 = 9

As this is new, <u>all</u> children will begin at the beginning (10 times table), to ensure they are secure in every times table. We envisage many children will progress quickly through the first awards. It is important that your child learns from 0 x to 12 x, as these will be included in the new test.

Thank you for your continued support,

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