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Emmbrook Times Table Challenge

Dear Parents/Carers,

After half term, we will be introducing a new Times Table Challenge across the school to help motivate and support the learning of multiplication tables. This will replace the current weekly Number Facts test. This new system is very similar to our successful 'Reading Race', which the children really enjoy.

There will be a range of awards for the children to aim towards to try and encourage and make this area of maths more engaging. Some of the awards are as followed (plus many others!):

- Bronze award will focus on the mastery of the 2, 3, 5 and 10 multiplication tables;
- Bronze Plus award will focus on the mastery of the 2, 3, 5 and 10 division facts;
- Silver award will focus on the mastery of the 4, 6, 8 and 9 multiplication tables;
- Silver Plus award will focus on the mastery of the 4, 6, 8 and 9 division facts;
- Gold award will focus on the mastery of the 7, 11 and 12 multiplication tables; and
- Gold Plus award will focus on the mastery of the 7, 11 and 12 division facts.

Children will be told which award they will be trying to achieve as some of our children, for example, have already mastered their 2, 3, 5 and 10 multiplication tables.

For your child to achieve an award, they will have to complete various multiplication or division questions successfully in a timed period, on two occasions. The timed period will depend on the ability of your child. The reason why there is a time implication is that this system is designed to test your child's mental recall.

For each stage of the challenge, for example, Bronze, Bronze Plus, Silver etc., an information booklet will be available on our website where there will be tips and challenges to support your child in attaining their award.

If you have any questions about this exciting scheme, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rob Fenton
Head Teacher and Maths Subject Leader

