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13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

I wanted to keep you all updated about some changes that have been made regarding the times tables badges. Firstly, I'm so pleased that the badges have been so popular. It has been so lovely to see the children so enthusiastic about learning their times tables. We have made some changes so that our times table badges fit in line with national curriculum expectations about learning times tables (this can be found on the maths page on the school website) and also our long-term school plan.

### **The 2x, 5x and 10x badge**

This badge is aimed at children in years 1 and 2. When they are confident with these times tables, they will sit a paper quiz with 2x, 5x and 10x questions. They must answer all the questions correctly. Then during a Monday or Thursday lunchtime they will bring their paper quiz to me where I will then ask 5 times table questions verbally. If these are answered correctly the badge will be awarded.

### **The 6x badge**

This badge is aimed at all children in KS2 years 3-6 and any children in KS1 who have a good understanding and quick recall of times table facts.

To earn this badge the assessment will cover times table facts from the 2,3,4,5, and 6 times tables randomly. As above these all must be answered correctly.

### **12x table badge**

The 12x table badge is also aimed at KS2 (children will have had to have gained their 6x table badge before they can be tested for their 12x table badge)

This assessment will include times table facts from the 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12x table.

Children are expected to know all the times table facts and recall them quickly by the time they are in the month of May in Year 4.

### **Division badge**

Again, this badge is aimed at KS2 but this time they will be assessed on all their times tables randomly but also related division facts.

Children must have achieved the 6-times and 12-times table badges before they can earn the division badge.

Thank you for your continued support and for supporting your children in learning their times tables. Please also remember that each child in school has access to Times Table Rock Stars, your child's log in information can be found in the front of their reading records. If you have any issues with logging on please contact your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Burrows  
Maths Leader