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Dear Parent / Carer

As part of our drive to improve numeracy across the school, we not only have numeracy sessions as part of our tutor time programme but we have incorporated the use of a times table app into our curriculum.

Because of the school's membership to an educational organisation, this app is free and available on mobile devices as well as desktop PCs and iPads.

Research suggests that it is advantageous for students to be able to recall multiplication facts fluently, in order to reduce cognitive load particularly when it comes to attempting more difficult subject material. Therefore, we would like to encourage your child to engage with the app by logging on and completing times tables practice each week, little and often is most effective.

There are weekly and half-termly rewards including Skip the Queue passes, house points and prizes available for the students who have engaged the most over the course of each week and an end of year times tables championship with trophy and prize up for grabs. Aside from this, there are obvious long-term benefits such as enabling them greater access to more of the curriculum including subjects such as technology, science and geography.

Each student will be given login information and will be encouraged to participate frequently. If there are any problems logging on, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

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