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Year 2 – Times Table Champions

Dear Parents / Carers

In Year 2, we have developed a more focused and systematic approach to teaching times tables, to encourage our Year 2 children to learn the 2, 5, and 10 times tables together with division facts with rapid recall. This year, we are following our bespoke scheme which we call '**Times Table Champions**.'

Starting from next week, every child who is ready to start this scheme, will be given a target 'times table' to practise at home and school (some targets include multiplication and division facts). There will be a weekly written times tables test on a **Wednesday** (This will be personalized according to your child's ability and confidence).

The scheme is set out in this order with these 'qualifying times':

2 x table 12/12 in 45 seconds

10 x table 12/12 in 45 seconds

5 x table 12/12 in 45 seconds

2x table including division facts 24/24 in 2 minutes

10x table including division facts 24/24 in 2 minutes

5 x table including division facts 24/24 in 2 minutes

When your child has achieved the above targets, then they will move onto the '**Hot 50 Challenge**' where they must aim to achieve 50/50 mixed questions from all of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables in less than **4 minutes and 30 seconds!**

All children that complete the 'Hot 50 Challenge' will receive a special 'Times Table Champion' certificate in our 'Celebration Together Time,' and will then progress onto learning the 3 and 4 times tables.

As with other aspects of the curriculum, we will of course be sensitive to those children who will need the above challenges adapted or personalised to meet their individual needs. This is a scheme that is based on individuals, and all children will progress at their own rate.

We hope that you will support your child with their times table target by helping them with their practice. If you would like to discuss the new times tables scheme, please talk to your child's teacher.

Happy Learning!

Mrs Sarah Rudge - KS1 Leader

