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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Some of you may have noticed that we haven't been giving out Times Table Challenge certificates in assembly this year. We have decided to make some changes to the way in which we complete the Times Table Challenges so that we can celebrate effort as well as attainment. Times Table Challenges will still take place in classes, however are now in line with Times Table Rockstars so we are using the resources from the website. The new Year 3 children should now be more familiar with TTRS so that they can also practise online.

Each week or fortnight, children will complete a times table test on the single times table they are learning, from 2x up to 12x. They will have a maximum amount of 10 minutes to complete these and will be able to make a note of their own time once they've completed it so that it is a personal challenge. When teachers are confident that your child is secure in recalling multiplication and division facts for each times table at an appropriate pace, they will move them on to the next one up. However they may also test them on a previous one to check their recall. Rewards for this will be in class. Once children are secure in all times tables, there will be extra challenge sheets for them to complete.

An exciting new addition to the Celebration Assembly after half term will be the introduction of a 'Rockstar of the Week'. This will be a certificate given to a child in each class who deserve an award based on their times table learning. This could be for anything, such as the effort they are putting in to learning them, how they are contributing to TTRS, how they are applying their knowledge of times tables in lessons or if they have achieved a certain times table. There will be other awards at the end of each term too.

Lastly, after half term, I will be leading a TTRS launch day. We will be having a key focus on times tables games and challenges, and there will be an opportunity for children (and staff!) to dress up as their TTRS avatar! An email about this will be sent out in the near future.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me and I will be happy to answer them.

Kind regards,
Mrs Colton
Maths Subject Lead

