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Multiplication Test

The children in year 4 will take part in an online multiplication test in June. Children should know all of their times tables by the end of year 4. From Year 5, children need to use their times tables in many other areas of the mathematics curriculum. Parents of children in year 4 should have received information about the test. If you need any more information about the test, please make an appointment to speak to Miss Ogley. She can also give you advice on how you can help your child to learn their times tables.

Reading

This year, we are using a phonics programme called Little Wandle to support our youngest children to read. You can find more information about Little Wandle by clicking the link below:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

This website explains how we teach phonics in school. There are also videos for you to watch. These videos show the sounds that your children will be learning in our Reception and year 1 classes. Please keep going over the sounds and tricky words that your child has already been taught. Also, try to listen to your child reading aloud their Oxford Reading Tree book for at least ten minutes a day.

If you have any more questions about Little Wandle, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Castleford Tigers

This year, the school has worked with Castleford Tigers to give children the opportunity to play rugby league. We feel it is important that the children have the chance to try new sports and receive high-quality teaching from a professional coach. After one of the sessions, Reuben said, "We were told about the importance of keeping hold of the ball by making a W shape with our hands." Fraizer added, "We also learnt how to pass the ball by keeping our hands at waist height wherever possible to improve our accuracy."

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to Upper Foundation for having an attendance of 99%! Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
99%	95.9%	98.3%	90%	88.3%	92.1%	94.4%	94%

Twitter

Please remember to continue to check our Twitter account for the latest information about the academy. Last week, our teachers shared examples of work that the children have recently done in class.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher