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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to inform you about two exciting and fun apps that we would like you to download, which will support your child/ren with their times tables and spellings. The PiXL Times Tables app and the PiXL Unlock app are full of fun games and challenges aimed at practising the areas children often find tricky.

The times tables app (PiXL Times Tables) focuses on six core features, outlined below:

1) **Knowledge**

This allows students to practice any times table up to 12x12 using the app without any time limit. They can use the 'up' and 'down' arrows to increase or decrease the times table that they want to focus on.



2) **Time attack**

Similar to the 'Knowledge' section but they will have either 5 seconds or their last recorded time to be able to complete the question.



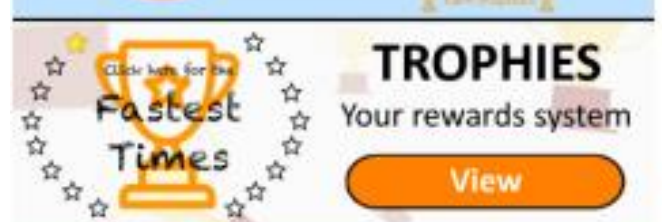
3) **The test**

Students will have 5 seconds to answer a structured sequence of questions.



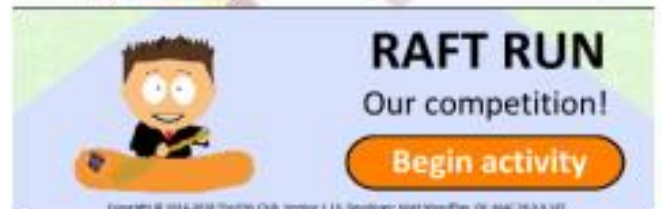
4) **Trophies**

This feature outlines all of the achievements of the user. If the user secures a significant confidence level with a particular times table, they will be awarded a trophy.



5) **Fastest times**

This allows students to see where they sit in terms of their class and the time taken to complete a particular times table. For staff, they will get a wider view of all classes and years.



6) **Raft run**

Similar to the knowledge section but with a slight difference, students compete against other students in a race!



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Daily practice of times tables skills is vital, and being confident with the instant recall of times tables facts will aid children's understanding in the key units within the Maths curriculum (e.g. multiplication, division, fractions, percentages, area and perimeter to name a few). We have no doubt that the children will also love competing against one another and gaining rewards!

The vocabulary app (PiXL Unlock) teaches children a wider range of ambitious words whilst also giving them a deeper understanding of vocabulary. It will help them to be able to transfer the correct spellings into their writing and hopefully commit the spelling of the word into their long-term memory.



Your child's new login details for the apps have been stuck into their reading records this week. If you have any problems logging in, please contact your child's class teacher.

Many thanks,

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