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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 Graham. She can also give you advice on how you can help your child to learn their times tables.

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 the final session, Harry said, "I have learnt the best way to hold a ball by doing fast-paced relay races. We had to show great agility during these drills. We were also taught how to pass and catch a ball correctly, and how to release the ball quickly if you are about to be tackled."

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.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to year 3 for having an attendance of more than 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
94%	98.5%	95.2%	99.3%	98.7%	91.4%	94.6%	96%

Instagram

Please remember to continue to check our Instagram 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

