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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now set up Class Dojo in preparation for the new academic year, and you should have had an invitation to the 'Year 6 2019-20' group. Mr Freeman, Mrs Petros and myself all have access to this website, so if you have any questions for all (or any one of us individually), please get in touch.

Most of your children will have used Times Table Rockstars this year, either in school or at home (hopefully both!). This is a really fun, free to download app that tests the children's speed of recalling their times tables. Unfortunately for them, I have reset everyone's current scores so we are all starting at an even level! Today, the children will bring home a reminder of their login details so they can access the game free of charge at home: we are going to have a Year 6 competition to see who can answer the most questions in the allocated time, and who deserves 'Rock Star Status'! There is even going to be a display outside our classrooms to celebrate!

We are setting this challenge to ensure that the children have excellent times tables recall, a fundamental skill and key knowledge needed to succeed in mathematics, particularly with the Year 6 curriculum. Their 'fluency' in recalling tables and mathematical facts provide the building blocks for the more challenging concepts and problem solving they will work towards next year. Another great website is 'Hit The Button', which is free to play online (so you don't need to buy the app – search Hit the Button and it is on the Top Marks website). At a glance, the children may think the questions are easy, but some of the questions and concepts are more challenging as it moves into decimal facts. To 'master' an area of Hit the Button, the children should score 25+ in a minute!

Thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Lawrence and the Year 6 staff