

As you will already be aware, pupils in Year 4 undertake weekly times table challenges in class, working to progress up the Year 4 Times Table Ladder, achieving certificates for each of the times tables secured as they go. This system has been in place since the Autumn Term and has proved to be very successful in motivating and engaging the pupils. By the end of Year 4, children are expected to be able to recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12×12 .

Many pupils across the year group have seen great success in learning and applying set times tables facts and applying these to related division facts within the weekly tests. The Times Table Ladder has therefore recently been extended to also include a mixed timed challenge.

This new challenge requires pupils to apply learnt facts from all of the times tables up to $\times 12$. Children time themselves in completing a set grid of questions. Those pupils who have already begun working on this challenge have expressed great enthusiasm and are motivated to achieve the rosettes and medals that are awarded for achieving set times for accurate completion of the grid. These pupils have also requested a year group score board so that the new timings they achieve each week can be displayed to further develop the fun competitive element to the challenge.

Times table learning makes up a part of the weekly Year 4 homework and your child should be able to pinpoint exactly which part of the Times Table Ladder they are working at. A year group display depicting this can be found outside of the three classrooms. Further information and examples of the timed challenges will be added to the Year 4 area of the school website later this week.