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"Barnabas, the Encourager"

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New online maths games



Dear Parents

We have just purchased 'Mathletics' which is *'an inspiring and engaging online platform for improving and reinforcing maths skills. It is designed to inspire children with the desire to learn and the confidence to succeed!'* (Mathletics website).

Children will be using Mathletics in school time but we hope that they will also be able to use it regularly at home.

To log in, go to www.mathletics.co.uk then click 'Sign in' in the top right hand corner. Each child has their own username and password. These are generated electronically and can't be changed. They are tricky to remember so children have these details stuck into their reading records.

Once on the website, children can carry out a range of activities. They can play games and compete against other children around the world who are also playing the game at the same level. The more questions children complete accurately, the better their chances of appearing in the lists of top 100 or 50 students in the world or UK.

There are also a range of activities that children can use to practise their maths skills. Sometimes specific activities may be set by your child's teachers. If this is the case, on logging in, children will only be able to complete the games once they have completed the set activity.

Teachers will set work at the correct level for the children so both the games and set activities should enable children to practise the areas they have been working on in class.

It is recommended that children spend 20 minutes, three times per week on Mathletics. We will try to ensure that children have 2 x 20 minute sessions in school time but they should try to do at least 20 minutes at home each week. We understand that some children cannot access computer based activities easily at home and we ask you to let us know if this is the case for your child so that we can provide additional Mathletics time in school for them.

We are just launching this with KS2 children at the moment and further details for FS and KS1 will follow next week. The KS2 children have had a demonstration of Mathletics this week and some classes have been on it already. This weekend, all Key Stage 2 children have been set some mathletics activities by the teachers for their homework and they will find this when they log on.

We are keen to have your feedback about Mathletics so please do let us know. We hope that children will enjoy improving their maths skills in this fun way.

Best wishes

Miss K Boardman
Headteacher