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Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our maths curriculum, your child completes weekly Big Maths challenges; these allow teachers to see exactly what the children know and what they need further support with, but also provide children with a fun and motivational way to track their own progress and set their own targets for maths. These challenges fully support the learning that is happening in the daily maths lessons. You may have been involved with your child completing these online through Lockdown.

There are three challenges:

- The Clic test. This focuses on number and calculation methods.
- The SAFE challenge: This is a set of 10 questions related to Shape, Amounts, Fractions and Exploring data.
- The Big Maths Beat That test (BMBT): This is based on the children's weekly Learn Its. It is a timed test where the children are constantly challenged to increase their own score (literally..." Beat That!", where 'that' is their best ever score).

Each child works on a Clic and Safe test of a level appropriate to them; when they have achieved full marks more than once, and at the teacher's discretion, the child will move onto the next level challenge. By repeating and revisiting their learning, facts, knowledge and methods are embedded into the child's long term memory.

So that you can see what your child is achieving in school, and to be able to further support their learning, your child's class teacher will be sending these challenges home. Your child will know which questions that they have got correct so these should be celebrated and they can then work through any that were incorrect. So you can be familiar with the methods that we use in school we have made a video recording of each Clic and Safe challenge being completed, explaining the different strategies that we use.

These **videos** can be found on our website – Curriculum – Maths – Big Maths Weekly Challenges. *(Not all challenges are on there yet but they are being regularly updated)*

If you have any questions about these challenges, please go to your child's teacher in the first instance.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Wynn

Maths Lead