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Dear Parents

Re: My Maths

We have recently purchased a new online maths program which children can access at home. This is a program being used by a number of local primary and secondary schools and provides the opportunity for children to practise their maths at home and also provides an effective way to complete homework. We are hoping that with regular use, it will help children to consolidate the learning that they have been doing in school. It is intended to be used by children in years 1 to 6.

The intention is that children will be set a maths task every one to two weeks. Children may choose to use the program more than this e.g. to play maths games or learning their tables. Over the next week your child will bring home a letter which contains their individual logon details.

Instructions on how to access the program are given below:

- 1) Go to the My Maths website: mymaths.co.uk
- 2) Log on with the whole school login: baileys (password: success255)
- 3) This takes you to the library page
- 4) Login to 'my portal' using your own unique login and password (found in your introductory letter)
- 5) This will take you to your own home page
- 6) Tasks and activities will be displayed which have been set by the teacher
- 7) Click on a task or activity to complete
- 8) Activities are set by the teachers and are instructions of what to do e.g. Learn 7x table for Wednesday or select the games tab and spend 20 minutes playing ... Once completed children should press the completed button on the page.
- 9) Tasks provide an opportunity to 'have a practice' and 'do my homework'
The 'have a practice' section consists of a number of pages which provide key information for the children and also allow them to have a go at answering some questions. Note at the bottom of the page there are sometimes 3 tabs – one gives access to a pop up calculator, one allows the child to change the overlay colour of the whole screen (for dyslexic pupils) the other gives a pop up index to the pages in the presentation.
The 'start my homework' takes you to the homework pages. There are always two pages to complete and you can move between these pages using the tabs on the left hand side (Question 1 and Question 2). Once each page is completed children need to press the 'mark it' button. They can have as many goes as they like until they get the mark they are looking for. Once finished children need to press the 'checkout' button to save their results (the 'checkout' button only appears once both pages have been marked)
- 10) Results can be seen by clicking on the 'results' tab on the home screen page
- 11) Games can be selected from the 'Games' tab on the home screen page and can be played at any time

My Maths is completely online, all you need is an Internet connection and a web browser like Internet Explorer, Firefox or Google Chrome. To ensure that it works correctly, you should check that you have updated your web browser (for Internet Explorer please make sure it is version 11 or above) and that you have installed an up-to-date version of Flash.

If you are using an iPad, Android tablet or other non-Flash device then you will need to download the free 'Puffin Academy' app in order to access the My Maths website.

We are told that over the next few months, various browsers will stop supporting Flash by default. If this happens, you simply need to click **Activate Adobe Flash** to access the My Maths activity.