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Dear Parents/Carers,

Under the national curriculum, primary school children are expected to know the 12 times tables by the end of Year 4 and as your child is in Year 4, they will be participating in the national multiplication tables check between Monday 3rd June and Friday 14th June 2024. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics and a useful progress checkpoint for the teachers.

What is the Multiplication tables check?

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check and they will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete and will be familiar to your child as it follows the same pattern as TT Rockstars that they have worked with for the past couple of years.

Do I need to do anything to prepare my child for the check?

No, you do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check, although just as you would usually support your child, we would encourage you to give them lots of opportunities to practise their times tables at home. Some easy ways to do this include:

- asking quick questions such as "what's 7 x 8?"
- using apps and games e.g., TT Rockstars and Mathsframe (see below).
- singing times tables songs (there are lots available online).

The children use Mathsframe and TTRockstars in school. We have shown them in class how they can play a game then access a list of which questions they got right and wrong. They can then make a note of the times tables facts they need to practise and spend time learning these.

Will I receive feedback on my child's check?

Yes. Your child's teacher will share your child's score with you, as we would with all national curriculum assessments, however please note that there is no pass mark for the check and the results are not published publicly.

What if my child cannot access the check?

There are several access arrangements available for the check, these can be used to support pupils with specific needs. Your child's teacher will ensure that the access arrangements are appropriate for your child before they take the check in June. The check has been designed so that it is inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL). However, there may be some circumstances in which it will not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check, even when using suitable access arrangements. If you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, you should discuss this with your child's teacher. For further information about these tests please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/multiplication-tables-check>

We thank you for your continued support. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

With best wishes,

Mrs J Holton
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