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Dear Parent/Carer,

Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

We would like to take this opportunity to inform all Year 4 parents of the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC).

As many of you will be aware, the National Curriculum states that all children should be confident with all times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4. Rapid recall of these times tables is crucial for success in mathematics in Key Stage 2 and beyond as this knowledge underpins a wide variety of mathematical skills.

During June 2023, the Year 4 children will be taking part in the Multiplication Tables Check. This is a statutory assessment for schools and will involve the Year 4 children taking a five-minute, online test to assess their confidence in recalling and using times tables. The test consists of 25 questions on times tables 2 to 12 with 6 seconds to answer each question. Questions are randomly generated and those relating to the 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12 times tables appear more frequently.

What can I do?

We will be practising times tables at school but we ask that you please also encourage your child to practise regularly at home. Below are some applications that may help your child become more fluent with their timestables:

	<i>Hit the Button</i> is an interactive maths game with quick fire questions on number bonds, times tables, doubling and halving, multiples and division facts. The app needs to be purchased but can be used for free on the web. https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button
	Timestables.co.uk is a great website to practise timestables. You can also practise a 'mock test'. 25 questions and 6 seconds to answer each. This is used regularly in school. www.timestables.co.uk
	This activity exactly mirrors the 'Multiplication Tables Check' that will be given to children at the end of Year 4. They are tested on their multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.



Times Tables Rockstars (TTR) account as regularly as possible – it has an excellent track record for improving times table recall and is great fun. The children use TTR at school so should be aware of their username and password. One of the features of Times Tables Rockstars is the 'Sound Check'. This is an online game set up in the same way as the MTC. Practising via 'Sound Check' will help children to prepare for the MTC.

We shall inform you of further guidance from the government regarding the assessment when it is published in Spring 2023. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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