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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may know, the Multiplication Tables Check for year 4 children is happening between Monday 1st June to Friday 12th June 2026

What is the Multiplication Tables Check?

The checks consist of 25 times tables questions.
The questions will only be multiplication and they will go up to 12×12.
There will be 6 seconds to answer each question.
The check will be taken online during school time.

Why do the children need to take this test?

All year 4 pupils in England will take the check. The Government made the check compulsory in 2022. They say: *The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics.*

But why are times tables so important?

Having rapid recall of times tables makes other areas of maths much easier. Fractions is the most obvious area where learning times tables well is essential. However, every multiplication, division, long multiplication method and short division and long division method require speed and instant recall of times tables while at primary school. Furthermore, having the tables secure frees up their working memory for newer, more challenging tasks at hand. So learning them now, in year 4, sets children up for a more successful maths career later in their school life.

What are we doing to help your child prepare for the MTC?

Teachers in Year 4 have already been helping the children to prepare for the MTC. They have carried out baseline tests to assess which times tables the children know and which they need to practise. Each child has then been given a 'target times table'

- Each week, the children will be expected to practise their individual 'target times table' at home and will be tested daily in school. When they have achieved 100% in two tests of this times table, they will move onto the next.
- In school, children will use the ipads or chromebooks weekly to practise on TT Rockstars Soundcheck (which replicates the format of the MTC)

At home children should be using the TTRockstars 'Jamming' session to practice their target times table and Soundcheck to practise for the MTC.

If you have any further questions about the MTC or helping your child at home, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

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