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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware that at the end of Year 4, all pupils are required to sit a national assessment called the "Multiplication Tables Check". The check will take place in June 2022 and test each child's knowledge on their times tables up to 12x12 as per the National Curriculum.

The check itself will feature 25 questions and children will have 6 seconds to answer each question. There's no problem solving or division, just simple "3 x 4 = ?" type questions during the test there will be an emphasis on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables, which will form the majority of the questions. The whole check will take around 5 minutes.

The results are used by teachers so that we can provide the appropriate support where necessary. However, we will share your child's score with you as we would with all assessments completed at school.

We will need your continued support to help practice the times tables with your children.

Some easy ways to do this include:

- asking questions such as "what's 7 x 8?"
- reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc)
- using apps and games (TTRockstars)
- singing times tables songs (there are loads online)
- Speedy table pack - 2 minutes to see how many questions your child can answer. Children can mark these with a calculator.

All children are expected to log in to TT Rockstars for 20 minutes each week as part of homework to support their times tables fluency. The teacher dashboard is checked by your child's teacher weekly.

If you require any support with practising these calculations at home, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. For further information about these tests please visit:

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Jackson and Miss Cornell