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Monday 29th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 4 – National Multiplication Tables Test – 1st June – 12th June

In June, Year 4 will be taking part in the Multiplication Tables Check. The purpose of the check is to assess children's recall of their times tables up to 12.

The check is an on-screen assessment, consisting of 25 times tables questions completed within 6 seconds each. The entire check will take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. The pass mark, determined by the DFE, is considered to be full marks. Whilst this may seem overly ambitious, years of experience in school tells us that this is attainable by all.

The Multiplication Check is very similar to the one on Maths Frame should you wish to see what it will look like. (<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>). The children have been using this site in class so they should be familiar with how it works.

Why do we learn the times tables?

In primary school, times tables knowledge is vital for quick mental maths calculations and problem solving, as well as for many of the content children learn in Years 5 and 6 and beyond. Proficiency within times tables almost always results in later maths success. Any gaps here often leads to difficulties in mathematics learning down the line.

Format

Your children are working hard in school in preparation for the times table check. We work on our maths skills each afternoon following our Mastering Number program, alongside daily practice of key facts. In order to familiarise children with the process and to allow them to recognise that there is nothing to be worried about, your child will engage in a weekly practice session led by the Year 4 team. From the end of the week, the Year 4 teachers will let you know weekly if your child needs further practise on their times tables. If you require any support with practising these calculations at home or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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,

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