

30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear families,

As you may be aware, all Year 4 children nationally are required by the government to complete a 'Multiplication Check' in June each year. The assessment is mandatory for all schools in England.

Under the National Curriculum, primary school children are expected to know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables by the end of Year 2; their 3, 4 and 8 times tables by the end of Year 3 and all tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4.

The check itself:

- will take place in the summer term in June over a three-week period from Monday 5th June 2023;
- is done online using a computer or tablet;
- can be done one pupil at a time, in groups or as a class;
- will take no longer than 5 minutes;
- 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;

The results are for the teachers; there is no pass or fail mark and individual results of the test are not published publicly. They are for us to use so that we can provide the appropriate support where necessary. Your child's score will be given to you in Praising Stars 6.

As you don't, we do not want our children worried or stressed about the check therefore the Government has called it a "check" rather than a "test" or "exam" for a reason.

### **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 topics children learn in Years 5 and 6 (division, fractions, percentages).

### **Practise in school**

We are providing the following opportunities for your child in Year 4:

- **We warmly welcome and encourage all children in Year 4 to attend school from 8:30am Monday - Thursday (entering via the main entrance) to practise on TTRS from 17th April 2023**
- All children are completing a soundcheck on TTRS every morning Monday - Thursday during registration and at other times throughout the day

### **Practise at home**

We need your continued support to help practise the times tables with your children. Some easy ways to do this include:

- learning the multiplication tables set weekly as homework.
- reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc)
- using apps and games (your child has a login to TTRockstars)
- <https://www.themathsfactor.com/times-tables-check/pinpoint/#/> this website is really useful.
- singing times tables songs (there are loads online)

For further information about these tests please visit:

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

Thank you for your continued support.

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