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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you that on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> all children in Year 4 will be taking part in a pilot government multiplication tables check. The multiplication tables check is designed to help ensure children in primary school know their times tables up to 12 fluently. As well as being critical for everyday life, knowledge of multiplication tables helps children to solve problems quickly and flexibly, and allows them to tackle more complex mathematics in years 5 and 6 as well as at secondary school.

The new on-screen check will last no longer than five minutes in school time. It will enable teachers to monitor a child's progress in a consistent and reliable way but has been carefully designed to avoid causing additional stress for children and teachers. Results from the check will not be published at school-level and will not be used by Ofsted.

Regular use of Times Tables Rockstars is recommended to support your child in preparation. Please particularly encourage your child to use the 'Sound Check' game as this is very similar to what the check will actually look like.

If you have any further questions about the multiplication tables check, or you would like a copy of your child's log-in details for Times Tables Rockstars, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr Mastrelli and Mrs Canham.

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