



4th March 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

I am writing to inform you about the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) that all Year 4 children will be sitting in June this year.

The MTC is to determine whether the key mathematical objective in Year 4 of knowing all times tables up to 12 is fluent. Times tables are a crucial part of mathematics and quick recall is essential for your child's future success in the subject. The MTC will determine which of our children have met the standard and which children will need further support with their times tables in years 5 and 6.

The attached information explains in more detail how the check will be carried out and how the results will be reported to you.

Classes 5, 6 and 7 have been steadily preparing for the MTC since September through regular teaching of times tables in maths lessons, the use of 'Times Table Rockstars' and some children have also attended Times Table Club.

You can support your child further at home by:

- Practising times tables with them through chanting, posing questions to them verbally, or writing out their tables
- Children in Year 4 have told us that they find x6, x7, x8 and x9 the most challenging and so you could focus on these facts
- Enabling them to log onto Rockstars, play on the 'Soundcheck' game and look at their 'Heat Map' which shows you their current speeds
- Encouraging them to come to Times Table Club on Thursday lunchtimes

If you have any questions about the MTC or how to help your child at home with their times tables, please do see your child's class teacher or myself.

Very best wishes,

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