



9<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you about the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) that all Year 4 children will be sitting on 23rd June 2021 at school.

This is a pilot assessment and helps us 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.

Year 4 have been steadily preparing for the MTC since September through regular teaching of times tables in maths lessons and the use of 'Times Table Rockstars'.

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 tend to find the 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.

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.

Best wishes,

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