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Dear Parent/Carers of Class 4

Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

As part of Year 4 statutory assessments, children will sit a Multiplication Tables Check in June 2023.

The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether Year 4 pupils can recall their multiplication tables up to 12x12 fluently as outlined in the National Curriculum. Children will be tested using a computer, where they will have to answer multiplication questions against a clock. The test will last no longer than 5 minutes; children will have **6 seconds** to answer each question in a series of 25. There are no problem solving or division questions; just simple "3 x 4 = ?" type questions.

We would appreciate your continued support to help practise the times tables with your child at home during the lead up to the check. Playing the 'Sound Check' game on TT Rockstars is closest in format to the MTC assessment and this will prepare the children to complete the 25 questions with a 6-second timer using a computer keypad.

Some other easy ways to practice include:

- asking questions such as "What is 7 x 8?"
- reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc)
- using TT Rockstars games
- singing times tables songs (there are examples on Purple Mash as well as online)
- work on the tricky times tables (6s, 7s, 8s, 9s)

Some useful websites:

www.timestables.co.uk (particularly helpful if you want to practise first)

www.cgpbooks.co.uk/info/times-table-tester

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

Please see the following document for more information:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/116420/2023_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check_Nov_22_PDFa.pdf

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