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Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR FOUR: NATIONAL MULTIPLICATION TABLE CHECK

You will find some information accompanying this letter relating to the National Multiplication Table Check for Year Four pupils. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall his/her times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help us to identify if your child may need additional support.

We spoke to the children about the assessment in September and they have spent time practicing for the check. It is an on-screen test consisting of 25 times-table questions. Your child will be able to answer three practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have six seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than five minutes to complete.

It would be extremely beneficial if you could help your child to practise his/her times-tables. Good tables knowledge helps every child to succeed in almost every maths lesson.

In order to help with good tables knowledge, we plan regular, small, teaching sessions at school and the children have time each week on Times Table Rock stars.

As you are aware, Times Table Rockstars is set most weeks for home learning, it is very important your child is completing these soundchecks as they are the closest indicator and visually comforting for the children. There is an unofficial check we will be using Times Tables Rockstars for this coming week so the children can become familiar with the format and timings with a known programme.

We will also be completing an official practice test at school in the Spring term with the children, so they can see the format of the official test and become comfortable with the timings.

If you have any questions about the practice or official check, please see your child's class teacher who will be happy to answer any concerns/worries you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Archer
Head of Year Four