



15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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 their 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 practising 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 their times-tables. Good tables knowledge helps every child to succeed in almost every maths lesson. 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 a good indicator of their success on the Multiplication Tables Check and visually comforting for the children. We will conduct three unofficial checks throughout the year using Times Tables Rockstars so that children have a chance to become familiar with the format and timings before they undertake the official check in June. We have already undertaken one of these and you can find your child's results for this and subsequent checks in the back of their reading diary.

The children will be taking part in the official check during June 2025.

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.

Please see the government information for parents attached.

Yours sincerely,

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**Head of Year Four**