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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

We are writing to inform you that all Year 4 children will be taking part in the statutory **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)** starting from the 1st June. The purpose of this check is to assess how well children can recall their times tables up to 12x12, which is an essential skill for their future success in mathematics.

Why Do We Learn Times Tables?

Times Table knowledge is vital for **quick mental maths calculations** and **problem-solving**, as well as for many of the key topics children will encounter in **Years 5 and 6**, including **division, fractions, and percentages**. Developing fluency in times tables now will support their confidence and progress in maths as they move through the school.

What is the MTC?

- The MTC is a check designed to assess recall, not a formal exam.
- The check consists of 25 on-screen multiplication questions, each with a 6-second time limit for responses.
- Children will have the chance to try **3 practice questions** before starting.
- The check is designed to be **quick and accessible**, taking around **5 minutes** to complete.
- The check is low-pressure, and helps us identify where support may be needed.
- From April, we will have access to a 'try it out' area to help familiarise children with the format of the check and try out any access arrangements that may be required.

How You Can Support at Home

- **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)** – We encourage all children to use TTRS regularly, as it is a fantastic and fun way to build speed and confidence with multiplication facts.
- **Quick-fire questions** – Asking “What’s 7×8 ?” at random times helps build recall.
- **Chanting and repetition** – Saying tables aloud in order helps with fluency.

Results and Feedback

- There is no pass or fail mark; the check is purely to identify any areas where children may need additional support.
- Your child's MTC score will be included in their end-of-year report, which will be sent home in July.

Access Arrangements

The MTC is designed to be inclusive. If your child has any specific needs, their teacher will ensure that appropriate access arrangements are in place.

You might also find helpful the official 'Information for Parents: Multiplication Tables Check' document, published by the Department for Education (DfE). This provides further details about the purpose of the check, how it will be administered, and what to expect. You can find this here: [Information for parents: multiplication tables check - GOV.UK](#)

We have also attached a video link from myself, which contains further information about the MTC: <https://youtu.be/235G6LF11yI>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Byrne - LKS2 Phase Leader