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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the importance of practising multiplication tables with your child at home as they begin their journey through Year 4.

During Year 4, children will take part in the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). This is a short assessment which takes place in June and is designed to check how confidently and fluently children can recall their multiplication and division facts.

What is the Multiplication Tables Check?

The MTC consists of 25 multiplication questions. Children have 6 seconds to answer each question, so developing quick and confident recall of multiplication facts is really important.

The aim is not to put pressure on the children, but to help them become increasingly fluent, confident and accurate when recalling their times tables.

How are we practising at school?

Times tables will be regularly practised in school through a range of activities, games and challenges. We will support the children to develop their speed, accuracy and confidence, while making sure that practice is enjoyable and engaging.

We will be working on all multiplication tables throughout Year 4, helping children to build on their existing knowledge and develop quick recall of their multiplication and division facts.

How can you help at home?

Regular practice at home can make a huge difference. Little and often is best! Even just 5–10 minutes a few times a week can help children become more confident.

There are lots of ways you can practise together at home, including:

- Asking multiplication questions while travelling in the car or walking.
- Using quick-fire questions.
- Practising multiplication and division facts.
- Playing times table games together.
- Asking your child to explain how they worked out an answer.
- Celebrating improvements and encouraging them when they find something tricky.

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TT Rock Stars

The children can also practise their times tables using Times Tables Rock Stars (TT Rock Stars). This is a fun and engaging way for children to practise their recall and improve their speed.

TT Rock Stars logins are stuck in the children's reading records. Logins can be resent home if needed.

MTC Practice

Other useful resources are the Urbrainy Multiplication Tables Check website, which allows children to practise in a format similar to the actual MTC. As well as the times tables multiplication check.

<https://urbrainy.com/mtc>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

These are particularly useful for helping children become familiar with answering questions within the 6-second time limit.

Please remember that children develop their times table recall at different speeds. The most important thing is to encourage, praise and practise regularly, rather than putting pressure on your child.

We will continue to work hard with the children in school and really appreciate your support in reinforcing this learning at home. Working together will help your child to develop the confidence, fluency and quick recall they need to succeed in maths.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Mrs Clarke and Miss Bates.

