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Dear Year 4 parents,

We are writing to inform you that your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check in June. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12x12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It is a statutory assessment that all Year 4 pupils will undertake this year.

What is the Multiplication tables check?

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

What if my child cannot access the check?

There are several access arrangements available for the check, these can be used to support pupils with specific needs. Your child's teacher will ensure that the access arrangements are appropriate for your child before they take the check in June. The check has been designed so that it is inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL). However, there may be some circumstances in which it will not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check, even when using suitable access arrangements. If you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, you should discuss this with your child's teacher.

Do I need to do anything to prepare my child for the check?

No, you do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check. As part of usual daily activities and homework, we give your child lots of opportunities to practise their times tables. There are of course ways in which you can help them at home:

- Play TTRockstars - 'Sound Check' which is a direct replica of the MTC and Jammin (which is a great way to practise tables without the time pressure)
- asking questions such as "What's 7 x 8?"
- reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc)
- using other maths apps and games
- singing times tables songs - you tube has lots!

We hope you will support us with this and if you have any questions or would like to know more you can join the year 4 teaching staff in a short meeting on Tuesday 25th February at 3.30pm in 4K.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gray, Miss Kelly & Mrs Clapperton