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Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may know, in year 4, the children take a Multiplication Tables Check at the start of June. All year 4 pupils in England will take the check, as it is really important that children are able to recall their times tables quickly. You will be invited in to school later in the year to find out more about the Multiplication Tables Check.

But why are times tables so important?

Rapid recall of time tables makes other areas of maths much easier and frees up the working memory for newer, more challenging tasks.

What can you do to help your child learn their times tables?

Your child will be bringing home a heatmap. It shows their current recall time for each of the times tables facts. The greener the fact, the quicker the response time. Any facts shown in red or orange are slower than 5 seconds, and should be practised. We use "Times Tables Rockstars" as a way of practising the times table facts.

How can you help them improve their recall times?

There are lots of ways to learn times tables, but here are a few suggestions to get you started.

	Use "Times Tables Rockstars" daily in Garage mode. It will adjust to ensure they are working on the facts they need to improve https://ttrockstars.com
	Sing times tables songs. There are hundreds available!
	Chanting the old-fashioned way - rehearse them forward, backwards, gradually getting faster.
	Write out the tables - it could be in a list or you could make it more creative.



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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to either me or your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support!

Kind regards,

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