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TTRockstars and Multiplication Check

Dear Parent/Carer,

In June 2026, Year 4 children will complete the national statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). The multiplication check will determine how well each child knows their multiplication facts up to 12 x 12. The National Curriculum (2014) states that, 'by the end of Year 4, pupils should have memorised their multiplication tables up to and including the 12-multiplication table and show precision and fluency in their work'.

Using an online testing tool, pupils will be asked to answer **25** questions on multiplication facts (not division) from 2 to 12. They will be given **six seconds per question**, with three seconds rest between each question; the test should take less than five minutes for each child to complete.

The best way to support your child is to incorporate practise of times tables into your daily routine well in advance. TTRockstars continues to have a significant impact on times table fluency. Children who access this resource little and often are well prepared for the test as it helps children to develop confidence and fluency with their times tables recall.

Please encourage your child to practise their times tables as much as possible to prepare the children for the Multiplication Check. I am sure they will love to show you their great achievements. The timed element of the test may be more challenging for some children but with regular practise, your child is more likely to get used to tackling these type of questions with ease.

In class, children will continue to be tested on their current times table set each week until they get full marks. Again, this will be a timed test to help prepare children for the multiplication check. Your child's score continues to be communicated to you enabling you to see the progress they are making. We will also regularly complete Soundchecks which are similar to the style of the Multiplication Check.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Ayling or myself.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Miss S. Hulme
Maths Lead