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Dear Families,

The Government has introduced a test for Year 4 children called the “Multiplication Tables Check”. This is due to take place for our Year 4 pupils this summer. Under the framework of the National Curriculum for Primary Schools, children are expected to know up to and including their 12-times-tables by the end of Year 4.

Times-tables knowledge is vital for quick mental-maths calculations and problem-solving, as well as for many of the topics children learn in school such as division, fractions and percentages. Children learn their times-tables at school and also through the Times-Tables Rockstar app.

The check itself:

- Takes place between the 1st June and the 12th June 2026.
- Is an online test completed using a computer or tablet.
- Can be done one pupil at a time, in groups or as a class and takes no longer than 5 minutes.
- Will feature 25 questions, with children having six seconds to answer each question.
- Involves no problem solving or division, just times-tables questions (e.g. $3 \times 4 = ?$).
- Has an emphasis on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12-times-tables, which form the majority of the questions.

There is no pass or fail mark. The results of the test are not published publicly. The information is for schools to ensure they provide the appropriate support where necessary.

Parents can help practice at home by:

- 1) Using Times-Tables Rockstar: All pupils have a login to the Times-Tables Rockstar app. If you don't have this, please contact your class teacher who can provide the login.
- 2) Keeping times-tables fresh in the mind by asking questions such as, “what's 7×8 ?” in the car or at home.
- 3) Helping children recite times-tables by rote (e.g. 4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc).

Accompanying this letter is a leaflet about the Multiplication Check.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Cotton

Maths Leader

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