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Dear Parent/Carer,

You may be aware that all Year 4 children across the country will be ongoing an assessment called the **Multiplication Tables Check** in June. Here's what you need to know:

Under the national curriculum, primary school children are expected to know their 12 times tables by the end of Year 4. Our pupils complete times tables practice every day and have been improving their speed and accuracy throughout the year.

The check itself:

- will take place in June;
- is done online using a computer or tablet;
- can be done one student at a time, in groups or as a class;
- will take no longer than 5 minutes;
- will feature 25 questions and children will have 6 seconds to answer each question;
- has simple "3 x 4 = ?" type questions;
- tests all facts up to 12 x 12.

The results are for the teachers. There is no pass or fail mark. The results of the test are not published publicly: the results are for us teachers to use so we can provide an even better education! Children do not need to prepare for the test beyond the work they are doing at school, although we would always encourage times tables practice at home. Your child has access to **Times Tables Rockstars** if they would like to practise at home by themselves.

### Why do we learn the times tables?

In primary school, times tables knowledge is vital for quick mental maths calculations and problem solving, as well as for many of the topics children learn in Years 5 and 6 (division, fractions, percentages). It is also vital that children secure this knowledge, so they can apply it to more complicated concepts when they reach high school.

Alongside this letter, you should have received the guidance provided **Standards & Testing Agency** who are in charge of administering the test. If you have a question or want to offer your thoughts on any of the above, please bring them to the attention of your child's teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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