

Monday 15th January 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Multiplication Check/Times Tables Rock Stars

As you may be aware, the government recently introduced a times table test called the 'Multiplication Check' for pupils in Year 4, to be taken in June each year. The assessment is mandatory for all schools in England.

Under the National Curriculum, primary school children are expected to know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables by the end of Year 2, their 3, 4 and 8 times tables by the end of year 3 and all tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4.

The Multiplication Check itself is an online assessment consisting of 25 multiplication questions. Further information about the Multiplication Check will be provided to all parents/carers once your child begins Year 4 however, I am sure you can appreciate that we want to ensure children are well prepared for this check. As your child is currently in Year 3, we are working in school to support them in becoming confident in recalling their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

As well as being prepared for the Multiplication Check, having a rapid recall of times tables helps children with their mental calculations and overall mathematical fluency.

One resource which we believe makes the learning of multiplication tables both enjoyable and effective is '**Times Tables Rock Stars**'. We are therefore asking for your support in encouraging your child to incorporate Times Table Rock Stars into their daily routine at home – playing little and often has shown to have the most impact on children becoming confident in their tables. Times Tables Rock Stars recommends 3 minutes per day, 4 or 5 times a week. Your child's log-in details can be found in their school planner.

Your child's class teacher will be encouraging the use of TTRS both in school and at home and will be celebrating their achievements and accomplishments.

Should you have any questions or need assistance in getting started with Times Tables Rock Stars please feel free to speak to myself or your child's class teacher. Together, we can ensure that your child is well-prepared and confident as they approach the Multiplication Times Table Check.

As always, I thank you for your continued support in your child's education.

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