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Dear Parents/Carers

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We just wanted to keep you informed about the new Multiplication Test Check (MTC) which is being introduced by the government for all children in Year 4 this year. The children will be given an online test with 25 questions. They have just 6 seconds to answer each question, which I'm sure you can appreciate is not long!

We know the children have been working hard to learn their KIRFS (Key Instant Recall Facts) this year and lots of this has been learning their times tables, but if they are to achieve well in this test, they will need to get lots of practice over the next few months.

We intend to give the children their test during the week beginning Monday 24th June and will be doing practice tests before this date to help them feel comfortable and familiar with using the online platform.

Another way to help prepare your child for the test is to use the Times Tables Rock Stars programme that we purchased last term. Details of your child's log in can be found in their homework book.

It is also a very similar platform to the one used in the government's online Multiplication Test Check which is why we have purchased it.

Every child needs to play 10 games in The Studio section which will then give them a baseline. It takes just over 10 minutes to do this. Then the children can be motivated by how well they make progress from this baseline score. Please can you ensure your child does this as soon as possible? If you do not have access at home, please let us know and we can arrange for them to do it in school at a convenient time.

There are lots of other fun ways to recall the times tables-singing, chanting in the car or walking to school or using online games and apps. Basically any practise little and often will really help them to recall them quickly.

Having instant recall of times tables facts is one of the best ways to help children become more confident and accurate mathematicians so the extra practice they do now will not just benefit the children in the test but will help them with many aspects of their maths learning.

You can find out more information about the test at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/multiplication-tables-check-development-process> Or please feel free to come and talk to us about any questions you have.

Thank you for your support.

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Year 3/4 Teacher



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