



West Vale Primary School - part of The Greetland Academy Trust

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Dear Class 4 Parents,

Earlier this year, your child brought home a login to TT Rockstars and I know that many of the children have had fun learning their times tables and corresponding division facts whilst earning coins to spend on outfits, guitars and hairstyles for their avatars!

By the end of Year 4, the National Curriculum requires children to be able to recall all times table facts up to 12 x 12. This year, the Government have introduced a Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) which will roll out this academic year as a pilot with a view to being a statutory requirement for all children in Year 4 in 2020. The check will take place in June and the children will be required to answer 25 random multiplication questions with a 6 second time limit within which to answer each question. The check will be completed on an I-Pad or laptop.

TT Rockstars have created a new section on their APP which replicates the MTC which we will be a part of this year. It is called the "Soundcheck" Once again, the children earn coins for every correct answer and it assists them toward becoming Rock Legends! The children will also have the chance to practice their times table skills in school on I-Pads.

Even before the introduction of the check, we as a school were committed to ensuring that as many children as possible were familiar with their times tables as a secure knowledge and quick recall of these facts will support them with their maths learning in Year 5, 6 and beyond. As far as the children are concerned, the Soundcheck is simply another way for them to enjoy TT Rockstars, but it obviously helps them to become familiar with the format of the check.

Should you have any question about the check, TT Rockstars itself or any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact either myself, Miss Banks or Miss Ashton. Further information can be accessed here <https://www.theschoolrun.com/new-primary-school-times-tables-tests-explained> and there is a downloadable leaflet too. Copies of the leaflet will be available at the office if required.

Yours faithfully,

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