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Dear Parents/Carers

Multiplication Times Tables Check

You may well be aware that there will be a national check on times tables for Y4 pupils from next year – June 2020. This check aims to ensure that all children have learned all their tables (up to 12x12) by the end of Y4.

We are participating in an early trial of this check which will take place after half term. The test will be completed on an iPad: children will simply type in the answer to the number sentence they are shown, eg $5 \times 7 = \square$. The test will take around 5 minutes to administer and they will be asked a total of 25 questions. Questions will be randomly selected by the software, but it is likely that there will be more questions from the 6, 7 and 8 times tables. Children have already used similar formats to practise their times tables in school and I am sure that many will have played similar games at home. Your child has practised the check today and will practise it twice more before the actual test. The test window is open from 10 June until the 28 June and children will not be given a specific date for their check. These will be carried out during normal lessons.

There is no official pass mark for the check and children will not be informed of their score at the end of the test. This year, results will not be published in any government documentation and scores will not be reported to parents. However, we may use this information internally to identify any child who needs further support in learning their tables.

It would be useful if you could continue to practise times tables with your child and help them to remember that multiplication is commutative: in other words, 7×5 is the same as 5×7 .

Yours sincerely

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Year 4 Leader

Respect

Reflection

Responsibility

Resilience