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Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check 2021

Dear parents,

The importance of children knowing and recalling (quickly) their times tables has always been at the forefront of teachers' (and hopefully pupils') minds. Children who have a good understanding and recall of multiplication and division facts are able to tackle more complex questions and ideas more confidently, more quickly and more accurately. Knowing these facts will also help equip children for life beyond school. The National Curriculum states that all children, by the end of Year 4, should "Recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 x 12."

The DFE's Multiplication Tables Check aims to test children's knowledge of times tables by the end of Year 4. Although the check is not yet statutory (due to the COVID 19 pandemic), we will be conducting the check in school as planned. The information from the check will be used to inform teachers' planning, identify individual targets and support children's future work relating to maths and times tables as required.

The Multiplication Tables Check is an online check (test) consisting of 25 times tables questions (and 3 practice questions at the start). Children will have 6 seconds to answer each question, so the check, on average, takes no longer than 5 minutes for a child to complete. To prepare the children for the on-screen nature of the check, children will be complete a "Try It Out" check in advance so that they get used to the questions, timing and format of the online process. The only other preparation necessary, in school and at home, is the usual times tables practice that we ask children to carry out through their home learning and in-class activities.

Year 4 children will carry out the Try It Out checks between 19th May and 28th May as short maths activities during lesson time. The children can 'try it out' as many times as they need to until they are confident with the online process. This will also aid their rapid recall, and hopefully they'll see themselves get quicker in the process.

The actual Multiplication Tables Checks will take place for all Year 4 children w/c 14th June 2021. Again, these will be in the ICT Suite with the class teachers. Children, for these, will be in smaller groups so that technical queries can be supported more efficiently by the teacher if they arise.

In the absence of face-to-face parent information meetings, the Year 4 team have put together a presentation for parents about the check and a booklet consisting of times tables activities and games that the children can do at home. We are not asking children to rehearse or revise for these checks, but as always we ask that children continue to practice their times tables at home to support their learning. Please note that some of the activities in the booklet are duplicated in the presentation. These resources are also available to view/download from our school website.

If you would like more information about the Multiplication Tables Check or how we will administer it in school, please contact your child's class teacher via office@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

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