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Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Next year the Government are introducing a statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). As with last year, the tests are currently available for schools to opt in to. At Fair Field we support the Government's notion that times tables are essential for a child's future success in mathematics. As such, we will be carrying out the tests in the week commencing Monday 21st June.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12. The MTC is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times tables questions. Your child will answer 3 practice questions before moving on to the official check and will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. Should it be necessary, they are entitled to repeat the test if there has been a disruption and the best score is taken.

There are several access arrangements available for us to use for children who may require this, and we will be able to ensure that these are appropriate for your child prior to the check in June.

As part of our usual practice, we ask that the children access Times Tables Rockstars a minimum of 3 times a week to practise their times. This, along with work in school, will ensure they are well prepared. Children who demonstrate an increased work ethic or who have improved their recall speed are recognised in our weekly F Factor assembly. In terms of preparing pupils for the on-screen nature of the MTC, all children will have the time to try it out and the children will be familiar with the process. In addition, as they regularly use TT Rockstars, they are used to completing times tables online.

If you have any concerns or queries, please speak to myself or your child's teacher.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Goodwin
Head of School