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Dear parents/carers,

As you may be aware, the government have introduced a Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) to be taken by all Year 4 pupils. This will consist of 25 multiplication tables questions with the children having six seconds to answer each question. In preparation for this, we have been doing lots of multiplication table focused activities with the Year 4 children in school. However, it is important that they are also practising their times tables at home. As I'm sure you are aware, good multiplication tables recall is essential for accelerated progress to all areas of the mathematics curriculum both in school and in everyday life.

In addition to this, the children will begin to bring home a small green times tables revision book. Each week, the children will have a new times tables focus and will glue the times tables list into their books on a Monday. Each night, we would like the children to practise our focus times tables by copying them into their green books without looking. They will then bring them into school each day just like they do with their reading companion. In school, we will then continue to practise the MTC daily. If your child scores 20 or more three times within any given week, they will then stop using their times tables revision book every night as they have learnt their times tables. However, they may still bring home times tables practice as word problems to help them consolidate their understanding.

Below, I have listed some websites and ideas you may want to use at home with your child to practise their multiplication tables in addition to your child's revision book.

- Times Tables Rockstars – all children have a log in for this provided by school and it allows them to practise their tables in a fun and engaging way. It can be accessed both on a tablet and a desktop computer. <https://trockstars.com/>
- Multiplication Tables Check – this website has created a practise MTC in the style of the government initiative. It can be accessed both on a tablet and a desktop computer. <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>
- Times Tables games – below are a couple of websites that allow the children to play a range of times tables based games. They can be accessed both on a tablet and a desktop computer. <https://www.timestables.co.uk/>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

I am aware that not all children have access to a computer or tablet; however, there are a range of other fun, engaging ways to teach and practise multiplication tables. It is best to practise little and often. This could be in the car, while cooking dinner, before bed – whenever works best for you!

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Your sincerely,



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