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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to highlight the importance of the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) for Year 4 pupils and to explain why it plays such a key role in your child's learning.

The MTC is designed to assess how well children know their times tables up to 12×12 . While it may seem like a simple recall exercise, a strong grasp of multiplication facts is fundamental to many areas of mathematics. When children can quickly and confidently recall these facts, it frees up their working memory, allowing them to focus on more complex problem-solving tasks such as division, fractions, algebra, and reasoning.

Fluency in multiplication also builds confidence. Children who know their times tables well are more likely to approach maths with a positive attitude, as they are not slowed down or discouraged by basic calculations. This confidence often has a lasting impact on their overall progress in mathematics.

The check itself is completed online and is designed to be low-pressure. It helps teachers identify any gaps in knowledge so that we can provide targeted support where needed. It is not about putting children under stress but rather ensuring they have the essential skills required for future success. Your child will complete their MTC in June of this year. Our Spring term assessments show that there is still considerable work to do so we are asking for your support please. Children must achieve full marks (25/25) to officially meet the expected standard.

You can support your child at home by practising little and often. Short, regular practice sessions—through games, quizzes, or apps—can make a significant difference. Encouraging a positive and relaxed approach will help your child feel more comfortable and confident.

One link we use in school which your child should be familiar with is here:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or would like further guidance on how to help at home, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Whiting
Executive Headteacher



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