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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may already be aware, in June 2022 there will be a new, statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) for Year 4 pupils. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether Year 4 pupils can efficiently recall their multiplication tables up to 12 x 12. The MTC is focused on the fluent recall of a mixture of these tables.

The MTC will be an online test, consisting of questions from the 2 to 12 times tables. There will be around 6 seconds given to answer each question, with a short pause before the next question appears. Given these estimated timings, we anticipate the test to only last around 5 minutes.

As children find the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables the most challenging, we believe these are the most likely to be tested.

Please see the following link if you would like further information about the MTC.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>

In order to help prepare your child for this, we already teach times tables facts in Mathematics and children enjoy working towards and earning their 33, 66, 99 and 100 Club Challenge awards at the end of each half term.

However, it is very important that children are learning and practising their times tables at home too. Having a secure knowledge of the times tables makes many areas of Mathematics more straight forward.

The most challenging times tables facts that you can support your child with learning at home are:

$6 \times 6 = 36$	$6 \times 7 = 42$	$6 \times 8 = 48$	$6 \times 9 = 54$	$6 \times 12 = 72$	$7 \times 8 = 56$
$7 \times 9 = 63$	$7 \times 12 = 84$	$8 \times 9 = 72$	$8 \times 12 = 96$	$12 \times 12 = 144$	

To support you with this, two years ago, one of our parents created an app to support our children with learning and practising their times tables. The app features a section tailored to our 33, 66 and 99 Club Challenges, as well as focusing on the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check. The timings given and questions asked are closely matched to the expectation of the MTC. The app is called 'Mathtermind' and costs just 99p - it is available for both Apple and Android devices.

We use the app in school and it is brilliant! It is fit for purpose and an exciting new way for your child to practise their times tables facts. There are other available activities too, including telling the time and quick fire addition, subtraction, multiplication and division questions. There is even a statistics page to show you how your child is doing, including their average score. For more information, please visit the website <https://mathtermind.com/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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To the Parents/Carers of

As stated by the Key Stage 2 National Curriculum, it is essential for all children to know their times tables (up to 12x12) off by heart by the end of Year 4. In school, we have our times table challenges that children work towards.

As you are now aware, Year 4 will be completing a statutory online times tables test in June 2022. This is to assess fluency with times tables and the speed of recall.

We believe questions from the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables are more likely to be tested, as these are the ones that children find the most challenging. Below is a list of the key times table facts your child needs to know:

4 x 7, 4 x 8, 4 x 9

6 x 6, 6 x 7, 6 x 8, 6 x 9, 6 x 12

7 x 8, 7 x 9, 7 x 12

8 x 9, 8 x 12

12 x 12

Currently your child is:

On track to be <u>well below</u> the government standard of expected times tables knowledge	On track to be <u>below</u> the government standard of expected times tables knowledge	On track to <u>meet</u> the government standard of expected times tables knowledge

In order for your child to be well-prepared for the online assessment, they would benefit from regular practice of these particular times tables facts at home.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs. Cooney