

May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Information to parents - The Multiplication Tables check**

Next term, your child will be taking the Multiplication tables check. The check will take place within the required window: 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> June.

The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for all year 4 pupils. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether your child can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. The format of the test involves answering 25 times table questions at random within a 6 second time limit.

It is similar to the format of Times Table Rockstars' (TTRS) and children have engaged in regular practice. Daily practice supports the honing of their skills and recall.

Attached is your child's TTRS 'heatmat' which shows through colour their speed and recall.

Green = at speed and within the six seconds

Orange and red = longer than six seconds

Please encourage your child to practise the orange and red times tables at home with your child. Encourage your child to play TTRS for at least 6 minutes every day, including the 'sound check' for test practice.

The TTRS app can be downloaded onto any electronic device including smartphones and tablets. It can also be accessed online via a laptop or computer – via our website home page.

Come along to our Tea and Talk on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 8.45am to find out more including tips on how to best support your child in their fast recall of times tables.

Kind regards,

Mrs Powell (KS2 Assistant Principal)