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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may well be aware, Year 4 children will be participating in a statutory assessment of their multiplication tables towards the end of Year 4. This will take place between Wednesday 5 June and Friday 7 June.

The purpose of the multiplication tables check (MTC) is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.

The multiplication tables check will be completed online with on a laptop or ipad depending on the child's preference and will consist of 25 random mixed multiplication questions up to 12x12. The Soundcheck games on the Times Table Rock Stars website and application replicates the multiplication tables check and can be used to track your child's progress.

In preparation, in class we have been practising our multiplication tables daily and regular use of the Times Table Rock Stars online platform to develop the children's understanding and fluency.

To support your child at home, please support them in learning their times tables and ensure they practice regularly using the Times Tables Rock Stars at home. It is part of the children's weekly homework that they practice for at least 10 minutes a day.

Attached to this letter an information leaflet that has been put together by the Standards and Testing Agency (STA) which will provide you with further information.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.D. Smith'.

Mr Paul D Smith
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