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Dear Parent/Carers,

You may be aware that the children in Year 4 children will be taking part in a 'Multiplication Tables Check'. Here is what you need to know:

The check itself:

- Will take place between Monday 3 June and Friday 14 June
- It is done online using a computer.
- Will be carried out 1 child at a time in a quiet area in school.
- Will take no longer than 5 minutes.
- Will feature 25 questions and children will have 6 seconds to answer each question.
- There's no problem solving or division just simple " $3 \times 4 = ?$ " type questions.

I am sure that along with you, we do not want our children to be worried or stressed about the check. The Government has called it a 'check' rather than a 'test' or 'exam' for this reason. We will endeavour not to draw children's attention to the check so will not be referencing in class unduly and as preparation we have practised online using the same format.

If you wish to practise at home:

Here are some strategies that we have used in school, that you could also use at home:

- Asking questions such as "What's 7×8 ?"
- Reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc)
- Using TT Rockstars regularly at home
- Singing times tables songs

If you have a question regarding any of the above, please bring them to the attention of your child's teacher.

Yours sincerely,

S. Ray

