

13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Year 4 Parents,

### Year 4 Spring Term Times Tables

Thank you once again for your continued support in helping your child to practise their times tables at home. It really does make a huge difference and we are really pleased to see the progress they are making week by week. Recalling multiplication facts is a skill that requires regular, repeated practice to improve and maintain both speed and accuracy. This in turn plays a vital role in developing children's mathematical fluency skills. The National Curriculum states that by the end of year 4, *pupils should have memorised their multiplication tables up to and including 12 x 12 and show precision and fluency in their work.*

As previously mentioned, all year 4 children will take part in a statutory assessment called the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in June. The Multiplication Tables Check will include only multiplication facts (e.g. 7 x 6). Division facts will NOT be tested. Attached is an information leaflet for parents on this year's MTC.

Please find below a list of the times tables that have been set for the rest of this term. The dates written in bold are when the children will have their quiz. **It would also be really beneficial if the children could try regular 'Soundcheck' games at home (up to 3 x a week).** These mimic the MTC test mentioned above. I have included a check list on the chart below to help record this. Initially the children may find it tricky but it will become easier with practice. Additionally, I will be able to see online how the children are doing and where they may need support.

YEAR 4 TIMES TABLES											
Fri 13 Jan	Fri 20 Jan	Fri 27 Jan	Fri 3 Feb	Fri 10 Feb	Fri 17 Feb	24 Feb – half term	Fri 3 Mar	Fri 10 Mar	Fri 17 Mar	Fri 24 Mar	Fri 31 Mar
Baseline assessment	7x	9x	4x	STEM FORTNIGHT		6x	6x	3x, 6x	6x 7x 8x	7x 9x	11x 12x
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Please remember that your child has access to Times Table Rock Stars <https://ttrockstars.com/> Once logged in, the following areas are the most useful.

<b>Garage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Short games set up weekly by us for the children to practise the tables from the above homework list.</li><li>Both multiplication and division facts tested</li></ul>
<b>Jamming</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No time limit.</li><li>Simply choose the times table you need to practise from the list above.</li><li>You decide whether you would like to practise multiplication only or with division.</li><li>You can even choose how many questions you would like to try.</li></ul>
<b>Studio</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 minute games covering tables up to 12 x 12 (both multiplication and division)</li><li>Children try to get at least one right answer in every Studio game.</li><li>They will be given their first 'Rock Status' when they have scored in 10 Studio games</li></ul>
<b>Sound Check</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>25 questions up to 12 x 12 (both multiplication and division)</li><li>6 seconds per question</li><li>Mimics the Multiplication Tables Check what will take place at the end of Year 4</li></ul>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Thank you for all your help and support.

Janine Gray & Jill Robertson

