Dear Year 4 parents,



## Y4 Multiplication Tables – Summer 2023

Thank you so much for your continued support over the Easter break. We hope that you found the paper packs that were sent home helpful. As we are now in the final half-term of our times tables practice before administering the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in early June, there will be a change to the format of the weekly times tables homework.

Please note that for the rest of this half-term times tables homework will be set online using **GARAGE** and **SOUNDCHECK**, two key features of TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars).

**Garage** is now set to all tables for everyone. The smart algorithm automatically selects the best questions for each child based on their previous answers. A very helpful feature is that you will be able to see your child's individual 'heat map' which is colour coded to show the accuracy of their recall. Regular **Soundcheck** sessions continue to be vital as these mimic the format of the MTC.

An additional benefit to using TTRS online means we can see at a glance how the children are progressing and provide specific support where it is most needed.

Attached is a suggested practice timetable. We will, of course, continue to practise, discuss and reinforce times tables in school.

We will also be holding an informal 'drop-in' session after school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May for Year 4 parents who wish to find out more about the Multiplication Tables Check.

Once again, thank you all so much for the hard work and time spent working on times tables at home. We really do appreciate it. It provides the children with a solid foundation in essential numeracy skills as they prepare for the move to Middle School in September.

Please do not hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions.

Regards,

Mrs Gray & Mrs Robertson

## **SUGGESTED** PRACTICE PROGRAMME FOR YEAR 4 CHILDREN (April – June 2023)

Approximately 10/15 minutes daily.

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