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Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, the government has decided to introduce an on-line 'multiplication tables check' for Year 4 pupils. There will be a voluntary roll out for Year 4 pupils in June 2019 before the check becomes mandatory in June 2020. Therefore, the current Year 3 pupils will be the first cohort to take this tables check next academic year. The National Curriculum expectations for times tables are as follows:

- By the end of Year 2, children can recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables.
- By the end of Year 3, children can recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables.
- By the end of Year 4, children can recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12×12 .

These are challenging expectations but the rapid recall of times table facts is crucial in developing confidence with mathematics. Since we introduced Times Table Rockstars last year, we have noticed a huge increase in children wanting to learn their tables and a much quicker recall of times table facts in all Key Stage 2 year groups.

Please could you continue to encourage your children to learn their times tables at home. This might include: playing games, reciting tables and using computer programmes such as Times Table Rockstars.

Yours sincerely

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