



Thursday 15th December

Year 4 Times Table Check and Spelling Shed

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware that from June 2020 the Government announced a new test for Year 4 children called the "Multiplication Tables Check". Under the National Curriculum primary school children are expected to know their all up their times tables by the end of Year 4, up to 12x12.

What is the Multiplication Tables Check?

- The check will take place in the summer term in June
- It is done online using a computer or tablet and will take no longer than 5 minutes
- It will feature 25 questions and children will have 6 seconds to answer each question
- There's no problem solving or division, just simple "3 x 4 = ?" type questions
- During the test, there will be an emphasis on the **6, 7, 8, 9** and **12** times tables

Who are the results for and where will they be published?

The results of the test are not published publicly, they are for us to use so that we can provide the appropriate support where necessary. Your child's score will be given to you in a letter.

Why do we learn the times tables?

In primary school, times tables knowledge is vital for quick mental maths calculations and problem solving, as well as for many of the topics children learn in Years 5 and 6 (division, fractions, percentages).

How can I help my child at home?

Recent assessments and observations have shown a gap in children's knowledge of the times tables across Year 4 and their ability to rapidly recall them. We use Times Table Rock Stars because it mirrors the multiplication check. At the end of each half term, two children from each class will now be nominated as '**most improved**' based on the progress they have made recalling their times tables. They will win an hour-long reward out of class with a Year 4 teacher to celebrate their success at the end of each half term. Your child could learn their table facts using TTRS (recommended), song, rhymes or rote learning.

Each week we will also nominate the '**most active**' child on TTRS who will win a prize and be presented with a certificate.

Spelling Shed

Each half term, we upload spellings onto your child's Spelling Shed account that link to the spelling pattern they are covering in their daily spelling lessons. After Christmas, we will also be handing out a weekly prize for the most active on Spelling Shed! If you need help accessing your child's log in, please contact your child's class teacher.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Mason, Mrs Buckley and Mr Saunders

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