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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Supporting Your Child with the Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check



As you may know, all Year 4 pupils in England will take part in the *Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)* in the second half of the Summer term. This check is designed to assess children's fluency in recalling their times tables up to  $12 \times 12$  – an essential skill for success in maths.

Our Year 4s have been taking part in extra daily sessions of TTRockstars, focussing on their soundcheck game, which provides the children with the same format as the official check. In just a week of daily 10 minute sessions, all our children have increased their results and are now averaging between 17 to 25 questions correct. The pass mark of the test is 25 out of 25.

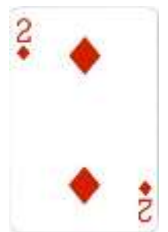
To help your child feel confident and well-prepared, we would like to share some fun and simple multiplication games that you can enjoy together at home over half term. These activities can make learning more engaging and reduce anxiety around the check. Please, support your child in continuing to learn their tables over the holidays, as some of them are now so close to 25, it would be such a shame if they stepped back again just before the check. It only takes 10 to 15 minutes a day (2½ minutes per soundcheck game played or Multiplication tables game)



### Fun Times Table Games to Try at Home

#### 1. Times Table Snap

Use a deck of cards or printable number cards. Instead of shouting "snap" for matching numbers, snap when the product of two cards matches a given times table (e.g. snap when the result is 36 in the 6 times table).



#### 2. Roll and Multiply

Roll two dice and multiply the numbers together. For an extra challenge, use a 12-sided dice or multiply by a set number (e.g. always multiply the result by 7).



### 3. Hit the Target

Pick a target number (like 72). Take turns picking two numbers to multiply and try to reach the target number. Great for strategic thinking and deeper multiplication understanding.



### 4. Online Games

There are many free and fun online platforms, including:

- **Times Table Rock Stars** (all children should complete at least 3 to 5 soundchecks daily and practice tables they are unsure of in their garage game)
- **Times Tables** – <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/> - same format as the test

We recommend that you use both of these platforms to practice their MTC in test condition (same format as the test).



### 5. Chanting or Skip Counting

Say times tables aloud while clapping, jumping, or skipping to rhythm. These builds recall and can be a great movement break too!

### Tips for Success

- Focus on tricky tables like 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12.
- Keep practice sessions short and frequent – 5 to 10 minutes daily is ideal.
- Praise effort and progress to boost confidence and motivation.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop strong maths skills.

If you have any questions or would like further resources, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

Warm regards,

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