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Dear Parents,

You may already be aware that the government recently announced that there would be a statutory times table check at the end of year 4 from 2020 onwards.

The following information is taken from the government's website and explains, in more detail, their thoughts behind the test.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/multiplication-tables-check-trials-to-begin-in-schools>

"The multiplication tables check is designed to help ensure children in primary school know their times tables up to 12 off by heart. As well as being critical for everyday life, knowledge of multiplication tables helps children to solve problems quickly and flexibly, and allows them to tackle more complex mathematics later on in school."

"The new on-screen check will last no longer than five minutes and is similar to the checks many schools use already. It will enable teachers to monitor a child's progress in a consistent and reliable way but has been carefully designed to avoid causing additional stress for children and teachers."

In preparation for this new test, we will be administering our own check for all children currently in year 4. In June next year, all the children currently in year 4 will complete a times table check.

The following year, the children who are currently in year 3 will have to take the statutory test set by the government.

Don't forget to also use Times Tables Rock Stars in order to practice your times tables;

<https://trockstars.com/login>

The following websites may also help support your child's learning of times tables at home;

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/speed-test/>

<https://tablestest.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

Your child will also have times table homework (Around the World Travels) to support their learning.

Kind Regards,

The Phase 2 Team



