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Dear Parents

As some of you may be aware, the DFE have confirmed that all schools will be expected to administer a multiplication test to their year 4 pupils from 2019-20. This multiplication tables check has been designed to help ensure that children in primary school know their times tables up to 12 off by heart. The test will be a timed assessment of 20 questions. 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.

Therefore multiplication and division facts will continue to be the main focus of the maths homework given to your children in Years 3 and 4.

Each week your child will have a list of 10 to 20 calculations (sometimes more depending on the level of challenge) to learn based on the times table that they are working on. They will have **5 minutes** in which to complete the calculations. If they are working on straight forward \times or \div questions and get all questions correct they will move on to the next level. If they are working on a Challenge or mixed \times and \div , they need to get all calculations correct **2 weeks in a row** before moving on. The children will bring home a blue maths folder in which they will keep the completed test for you to see and the new tables to work on if they are moving on.

Please encourage your child to practise these at least three times in the week (we tend to find little and often is best) although daily practice is even more beneficial. The process of quick, accurate mental calculation is so important so please practise a range of calculations with your child, not just the ones on the sheet

Please also remember to make use of **TT Rockstars and Doodle Tables** to further support your child. On our class webpage, you will also find a variety of games that you can download, print and play.

If you require any support with practising these calculations at home please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

The Year 4 team will be sending out an invitation to discuss the statutory tests in more detail with Y4 parents/carers early in term 3 but please can you start supporting your child with their tables now so that they are as well prepared as they can be.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Lower Key Stage team.