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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 4 Change to Times Tables tests

We are working with the children to focus on the multiplication tables which they are finding most difficult to recall. Secure times tables knowledge is at the heart of so much of the maths they will do throughout KS2 and we feel that ensuring they are confident at an early stage will help them to grasp many of the concepts they will encounter through their time at Saltford.

From now on, instead of doing weekly tests on paper, we will be using TT rockstars in school; with the children working on an iPad in their times tables test sessions to provide them with targeted times tables questions, focussing on any areas of weakness. This will also help develop familiarity with the style of the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check, which is done digitally and is timed.

We will also be able to provide targeted stretch and challenge activities for our highest attaining pupils.

We will continue practising times tables skills in our daily maths lessons.

TT Rockstars will be able to identify the tables that the children need additional practice on, and we will share that information with you in the form of 'heatmaps' at parent consultation meetings. Children will also be able to use TT Rockstars at home, if you would like them to, to reinforce their understanding from their work in school.

You have already received details of the meeting on Monday 3rd March when we will be discussing this in more detail.

Yours sincerely

Y4 Team