

Friday 9th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

In Year 4, the children take part in a national times tables check. This consists of each child answering 25 times table questions (up to the 12 times table), where they are given 6 seconds to answer each question. In the academy, we have been doing a lot of preparation for this and you can prepare with your child at home too. All children have access to 'Times table Rockstars' on their iPad. Preparation at home will involve children playing in the 'soundcheck' mode.

When pupils play in this mode, they are asked 25 questions, each with a 6-second time limit. The questions are multiplication only and evenly weighted in terms of difficulty each time they play - exactly the same as the official Maths times table check, ensuring that the children gain lots of practice and improve their speed.

After Christmas, children will begin to complete a fortnightly check in school, in which we hope to see their scores improving ready for the official check. These scores will be sent home so that you can also monitor their progress.

**Although the official check won't take place until June 2024 (when your child is in Year 4) we wanted to ensure that you were aware of this, so that the children have as much time to practise as possible. You will be given more information in the next academic year.**

If you have any other questions about this, then please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Clarke, Miss Spicer and Year 3 team