



# THE RICHARD CLARKE FIRST SCHOOL

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**RE: Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)**

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Dear parent/carer,

As you may be aware, the Department for Education are introducing a statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) for children in Year 4 from the academic year 2019-20. Although the exact details of the check are not yet finalised, it is understood that children will complete the check online and face a series of quick-fire questions based around the times tables up to 12x12.

As is the case with the Phonics Check in Year 1, your support is vital to help children master important skills. In order to ensure that children grasp the times tables needed, practise at home will be essential.

Last year, we purchased **Times Tables Rock Stars** for use with children in Y2, Y3 and Y4. I am pleased to inform you that we have renewed this service again for the next 12 months. This means you have free access to the website and can download the app to your device(s). We are grateful to the PTFA for agreeing to fund this. Children in Year 3 and 4 should already have received a username and password from your child's class teacher. If you have not, or have mislaid this information, please speak to them. Children in Year 2 will be introduced to it in spring. There are various games within the TTRS website/app.

In addition to regular use of Times Tables Rock Stars, you can practise times tables in other, more traditional ways, too – including related division facts (e.g.  $5 \times 6 = 30$  and  $30 \div 6 = 5$ ). Children will also learn times table strategies in school as part of the maths curriculum.

Children in the current Y4 class are likely to take part in a trial of the MTC in **June 2019**. Children in the current Y3 class will be the first year group to take the full MTC in **June 2020**, whilst the current Y2 class will take the MTC in **June 2021**.

We look forward to working with you to ensure your children have the skills needed to become lifelong mathematicians. If you have any questions, please drop me an email.

Kind regards,

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