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Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – June 2023

Dear Parents and carers

All children in year 4 take part in a Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in June 2023. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12. The checks became compulsory in 2020. We have a three-week window in June to administer the check in school but we will be administering the check the week beginning 12 June 2023. The children take this online check in the comfort of their own classroom and on a school device.

Please find an attached an 'Information for parents' leaflet from the government with further details about the MTC.

There are some other things about maths, times tables and the MTC that we think you might also you need to know:

1. We, at Curbar, love maths. It's a great subject to learn and to teach.
2. Maths is a big subject and we appreciate there's more to it than times tables and there's more to times tables than learning them off by heart. However, a lot of the rich, interesting maths is all about the multiplicative relationships and these are hard to fully grasp without fluent recall of the tables. For that reason, learning the tables is fundamental.
3. Our children take part in regular learning of the times tables. We also subscribe to '**Times Tables Rock Stars' (TTRS)** to support this learning and it's a really useful resource to practice and hone skills on an exciting platform. Please contact me if you are having any issues using TTRS at home and I can help out.
4. We're not worried about the checks. We're already in a good place with learning the tables and the expectations are in line with the National Curriculum that we cover in class.
5. There's no pass or fail, there's just a score out of 25 marks. They're not to be used to compare children, they're for *us* to reflect on so that we make the most of our provision.
6. The checks are all about remembering the multiplication facts. That doesn't mean we'll forget all about the concepts, patterns, structures and relationships in multiplication. We're going to be learning those too, partly because they go hand in hand with excellent recall.
7. The children will be used to the approach that is taken during the actual check. As far as the children are concerned, when it comes to the day itself, they're going to have the computers or tablets out so it will just seem like the teachers have chosen to do something slightly different.
8. You may notice us taking even more initiative when it comes to learning the tables with more options for home learning as we get nearer to the check. But, if you are practising with your child, remember you're practising for the benefit of their wider maths education too.

If you have a question, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Claudie Pattison