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Dear Parents/Carers

Following on from the letter dated 10 December 2019 regarding the new times tables test set by the Government for June 2020, please find below a list of dates that the times tables test will take place on. This will be on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week.

The following strategies are recommended to help children learn their tables:

- To write the table out in full e.g. $1 \times 8 = 8$, $2 \times 8 = 16$, $3 \times 8 = 24$ and learn by rote.
- To learn the multiples of the times table e.g. 8, 16, 24.
- To continue to memorise the table in order without looking at the written form.
- To learn the table through instant recall (where the questions are not in order and the children can answer the calculation quickly).

Please note that some children will find it difficult to learn their tables by instant recall and will need to count up in the order of the multiples to find the answer.

As stated previously, the aim of the tests in class is for the children to improve their own personal goals and targets rather than competing against others in their class.

W/C 3 rd February	X3	W/C 16 th March	X7
W/C 10 th February	X4	W/C 23 rd March	X6,X7
W/C 24 th February	X 5	W/C 30 th March	X3,X4,X5
W/C 2 nd March	X3,X4,X5	W/C 20 th April	X6,X7
W/C 9 th March	X6	W/C 27 th April	X8

To help your child prepare for the test, it would be beneficial for them to continue to practice using iPads or technology (Times Table Rock Stars, Hit the Button, Coconut Multiples, Meteor Multiplication, Maths Fishing from topmarks.com). There are many others available too.

The expectation is for the children to know their times tables up to 12×12 .

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask one of the Year Four Team.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Browne, Miss Pattison, Mr Vallois
Year 4 Team



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