



# LONDON COLNEY PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



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Dear Y4 Parents and Carers,

## Y4 Multiplication Screening Check

As discussed in the 'Meet My Classroom' event at the beginning of the term, this year children in Year 4 will be required to complete a Multiplication Check. This is a government designed check to help schools assess how well children in Year 4 are meeting the requirements of the National Curriculum to know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12. The nature of the check is to assess how fluently children know their multiplication facts and whether they can recall them at speed. When completing the check, children will have 5 minutes to complete approximately 50 questions. This averages to the children having 6 seconds to answer each question – which I am sure you can appreciate is not a lot of time. This year your child will be completing the check in the summer term.

In order to give your child their best chance of being successful in this check, we have already begun work on learning and practicing our times tables, recalling them at speed and in any order. I hope that your child has already accessed their Times Table Rock Stars account at home as this website is designed to help the children to get comfortable with the format of the test whilst helping them practice their x facts. It is of vital importance that your child is practicing their times tables at home every day for 10-15 minutes to support with their rapid recall.

Attached to this letter is an up to date snapshot of how quickly your child is currently answering the multiplication facts assigned to them on Times Table Rock Stars. Where a fact is shaded green or yellow, your child is answering the question in less than 6 seconds and is recalling the x table quickly. Where a fact is shaded orange or red, your child is taking longer than 6 seconds to answer the question and needs further support to be able to recall the fact at speed. Please look at this and work with your child on the facts that are coloured orange and red.

In the spring term, I will be providing more information on this check and will be holding a workshop for Parents and Carers to better prepare you and your child. For now – happy practicing.

Kind Regards  
Luke Varney

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