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Re: Times Table Rock Stars Soundcheck Challenge - Wednesday 1st July

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support with all things times tables this year! Special thanks too for encouraging your children to log in and practise their learning on Times Tables Rock Stars. We know that many of you have been enjoying using TT Rock Stars, particularly throughout this period of home learning.

It was a shame that after practising so hard and putting so much effort into learning their tables this year, our year 4s would not have the chance to perform in the DfE Multiplication Tables Check that was scheduled for Summer term. Nevertheless, it's important to us to end the year with a sense of how they might have done so I am asking your child to play two Soundcheck games on Times Table Rockstars in place of the Multiplication Tables Check. (If you are unfamiliar with the game modes, the Soundcheck replicates the Multiplication Tables Check itself. Your child is already familiar with how it works.)

When?

I would like your child to log in to Times Table Rock Stars on **Wednesday 1st July** (at any time during the day) and they will be automatically guided through the simple process of playing two Soundcheck games – one game to warm up and one to really show us what they're made of. Both games are made of 25 questions and should be given their best shot.

How?

As soon as they login on Wednesday 1st July, a pop up message appears to direct them through the steps. There will not be an opportunity to repeat the games. If playing on a phone and a call comes through or if your child is interrupted mid game, it will have an impact on their concentration. Please find a quiet 5-minute window, away from distractions, when they can play these two games, each lasting no more than 2 and a half minutes. As you can appreciate, the score is only meaningful if every answer is given by them with no assistance of any kind.

What next?

When they complete the two Soundcheck games, they can use TT Rock Stars as usual! The results will be made available to me only and will help inform our planning and teaching next year by identifying and highlighting times table facts that the children need to continue to work on.

Many thanks for your continued support and please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

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