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Dear Y4 Parents & Carers

In June 2020, a national Multiplication Tables Check will be made statutory for all primary schools. At Primrose Hill, we have decided to opt into the voluntary 'trial' check this year before it becomes statutory next year.

The multiplication tables check is designed to help ensure children in primary school know their times tables up to 12 off by heart. As well as being critical for everyday life, knowledge of multiplication tables helps children to solve problems quickly and flexibly, and allows them to tackle more complex mathematics later on in school. This follows the introduction of the Phonics Check in 2012.

The Multiplication Tables Check has been described as an online, on-screen digital assessment – meaning the children will take the test on a desktop or device. We have already looked at the programme.

I have decided to do the trial this year so we can evaluate what the check process looks like, and how our children can be best supported. I am not anticipating any issues with this. The team are prepared and ready and the children will enjoy the process.

We have planned to administer the check during the two weeks beginning Monday 17th June 2019.

If you have any questions about this, please speak to Jemma, Lucy, Laura or myself.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robin Warren". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robin Warren  
Head Teacher