

Dear Parents/Carers,

Just a brief note, to inform you of a few things.

1. National Multiplication Tables Check

In the first two weeks of next half-term, Year 4 children are required to take the **National Multiplication Tables Check** (using computers or iPads). I'm mentioning this as you may like to do some extra practice of times tables before and during the half-term break.



How to find out more:

- Google Search: Year 4 multiplication tables check 2025
- Click on the GOV.UK link.
- There is a further link near the bottom of this webpage: 'Information for parents'

There are several websites featuring an 'in the style of the Stat test'. Here is one example:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

2. Telling the time; months of the year etc.

Children can find it difficult to learn to tell the time. We find by Year 4, some children are fully able to tell analogue, digital and 24-hour time, whilst some are not able to tell the time at all. During the final half-term, telling the time is one of our maths topics. We always find that grasping telling the time takes repeated practice both at school and at home.

Parents sometimes ask what they can do to help their children with this. I thought it may interest you to see the types of age-related question that Year 4 children are typically given:

1 How many days are in January? _____ days

2 
☐ 5 to 5
☐ 20 past 8
☐ 20 to 5

3 
Write this time on the digital clock using 12 hour notation

4 
Write this time on the digital clock using 24 hour notation

7 Which of these 3 analogue clocks show the equivalent time?
15:08





Plus other time facts such as:

- 365 days in a year
- 60 minutes in an hour
- 60 seconds in a minute

6 4 hours = _____ minutes
3 minutes = _____ seconds
_____ months = 5 years
_____ days = 4 weeks

The TWELVE Months of the Year

Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

30 days have September, April, June and November.

All the rest have 31 except February alone which has 28 days clear and 29 days in a Leap Year.

3. Egyptian Activities at Home

I would like to stress that these activities are optional and there is no obligation to complete anything. Hopefully it'll be a fun holiday activity for those who want to 'give it a go' or after the holiday when we have studied the topic in more detail.

4. Kensuke's Kingdom (PG)

Finally, at some point before the end of the summer term I would like to show Year 4 children the movie *Kensuke's Kingdom* having now finished reading the book in class. The film has been classified a PG which means I need to ask for your permission to show it. The movie is an animation with some thematic violence (hence the PG rating), not suitable for a five-year old but acceptable for 8 and 9 years olds in my view. If you object to your child watching this movie, please indicate on the slip below and alternative arrangements will be made. If I do not hear from you, I will assume that you are happy to allow us to go ahead.
Thank you.

Many thanks and kindest regards,

Karen Davison

I would prefer my child _____ **not** to watch *Kensuke's Kingdom*.

Signed: _____ Date: _____