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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 4 Multiplication Check June 2024

You may be aware that, in June 2020, the Government announced a new test for Year Four children called the "Multiplication Tables Check".

The expectation in the National Curriculum is that all children should know all their times tables by the end of Year Four up to 12x12. We have therefore been preparing the children to know their times tables facts from the start of Year Three so that, by the end of Year Four, the majority will be fluent in times table recall. The multiplication check in June 2024 will be a good marker and enable us to check children's knowledge of times tables across the year group.

Why do we learn the times tables?

In primary and secondary school, times tables knowledge is fundamental to many areas of the curriculum. Children need to know their times tables for quick mental maths calculations and problem solving. When children are not fluent in their times table knowledge, this can lead to them making errors in calculations as well as not being able to access areas of the mathematics curriculum confidently and accurately such as division, fractions and percentages.

The check itself:

- In 2024, schools must administer the MTC to all eligible Year Four pupils between Monday 3 June and Friday 14 June.
- Is done online using a computer or tablet.
- Can be done one pupil at a time, in groups or as a class.
- Will take no longer than 5 minutes.
- Will feature 25 questions and children will have 6 seconds to answer each question.
- There is no problem solving or division, just simple "3 x 4 =" type questions.



- During the test, there will be an emphasis on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12-times tables, which will form the majority of the questions.
- The results are for the teachers. There is no pass or fail mark. The results of each child's individual test are for us to use so that we can provide the appropriate support where necessary. However, our aim is for all children to score full marks.
- Your child's score will be given to you in their end of year report.

Please be reassured, we do not want our children worried or stressed about the check. The Government has called it a "check" rather than a "test" or "exam" for a reason. We will give the children plenty of opportunities to practise taking the check using the practice links the DfE provide.

How you can support your child:

We will, of course, continue to teach the full Mathematics curriculum. Therefore, we will need your continued support to help practise the times tables with your children. Some easy ways to do this include:

- Encouraging your child to log into TTRS daily to practise their times tables.
- Asking questions such as, "what is 7 x 8?"
- Reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc).
- Using apps and games. A website which is very similar to the actual check is [Multiplication Tables Check - 2023 - Timestables.co.uk](https://www.timestables.co.uk)
- Singing times tables songs (there are many online).

We have also enclosed, with this letter, a parent/carer leaflet with some further information about the check. For further information about these tests please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>

If you should have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us using the school office email address.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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