

Thursday 22nd May

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

As you are aware, in Year 4 we have been preparing the children to become fluent in their times tables knowledge. This is supported through in class teaching and is enhanced through your support at home by helping the children practise their weekly times tables focus.

The children will sit the multiplication tables check (MTC) between 3rd June and the 13th June. This is a statutory check introduced by Government for all primary schools. As this is in the first 2 weeks back after half term, it would be beneficial for you to continue to support your children with their times table knowledge over half term.

We are aware that some children have been accessing the practice check online at home and we strongly encourage them to continue to do this. They can practise using both a laptop or an iPad/tablet but we will be conducting the official check in June using iPads so we recommend practicing using this technology if possible.

Link for the practice test:

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

Information about the Year 4 multiplication check

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12X12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It is not a judgement on what your child can do, but a way for us to know how our teaching is going and to adjust our focus if needed.

Pupils are asked to answer **25 questions** on times tables from **2 to 12**. They are given **six seconds per question**, with three seconds rest between each question, so the check should last less than five minutes, but the rate at which they have to work is extremely challenging.

Questions about the **six, seven, eight, nine, and 12 times tables** are likely to come up most often, as these are the hardest for most children to learn. It's a good idea to focus on these tricky times tables at home with your child.

If you have any worries or questions, please email the office and we will get in touch with you.

Yours sincerely,

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