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Dear Parents,

## **Year 4 Multiplication Check June 2022**

In June 2022, all children in Year 4 will take part in a statutory multiplication tables check. Each child will take a short online test to make sure their times tables knowledge is at the expected level.

The National Curriculum states that all children should be confident with all times tables up to 12x12 by the end of Y4. Rapid recall of these times tables really gives all children an excellent foundation on which they can build a wide variety of mathematical skills. As a result, we've been preparing the children to know their times tables by the end of Year 4 for quite some time now starting every maths lesson with daily times table practice.

### **The check itself:**

- will take place in the summer term from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022
- is done online using a computer or iPad
- 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's 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 DfE state that the motivation behind the multiplication tables check is to allow teachers a chance to identify children who may need some more help with their times tables. And in doing so, stop them from falling further behind their peers, as they move up to Year 5 (and then Year 6). It is important to note that it is not a judgement on what your child can do, but a way for the school to provide the appropriate support where necessary. There is no pass or fail mark. We will share your child's score with you.

I am sure that along with you, 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 would greatly appreciate it if you could continue to support your child with their times tables learning at home over the half term holiday to reinforce the daily practise which happens in school.

### **Useful Websites:**

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

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

<https://urbrainy.com/mtc/test#>

If you have any queries or questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks,

Mrs Walters and Miss Haynes

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