

9th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carers of Year 4 children,

As your child is in Year 4, they will be completing The Multiplication Tables Check that the government introduced in 2017 as a way of assessing the children's ability to fluently recall their multiplication tables up to 12. It will take place in the second half of the summer term.

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

In school we are, and will be continuing to be, doing lots of preparation for this so that we can be sure the children are confident in recalling their times tables to a secure level of automaticity. The children can enjoy and benefit from attending Times Table Club on a Thursday lunchtime in Maroon Class.

If you would like to support your child at home, please spend time with them practising for 5 minutes a day. Chanting times tables, recalling random facts (out of order), writing out a full times table and singing times table songs are all beneficial to your child. Regular practice on Times Table Rockstars, particularly using the 'Soundcheck' game, is really helpful too. We have worked with your child to identify facts that they find trickier than others. Please see the 'Heat Map' that the children will be bringing home with them this week.

There is no specific pass mark for this test, but your child's teacher will inform you of the result they got once the check has been completed.

For any further information, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or visit Multiplication tables check: information for parents (text version) - GOV.UK

Thank you for your continued support,

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