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### Year 4 Multiplication Check June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware that from June 2020 the Government announced a new test for Year 4 children called the "Multiplication Tables Check".

**The Children will take the test in the first two weeks after the summer half term but not the first Monday in order for them to settle into the new term again.**

#### **Here's what you need to know:**

Under the National Curriculum primary school children are expected to know all their times tables by the end of Year 4, up to 12x12. As a result, we will be preparing the children to know their times tables by the end of Year 4.

#### **The check itself:**

- will take place in the summer term over a two-week period in June 2024
- 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'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 results are for the teachers. There is no pass or fail mark. The results of the test are not published publicly. They are for us to use so that we can provide the appropriate support where necessary. Your child's score will be given to you in a letter. 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.

#### **How you can support you child:**

As maths is such a big subject, and we will of course continue to teach the full curriculum, we will need your continued support to help practice the times tables with your children.

Some easy ways to do this include:

- asking questions such as "what's 7 x 8?"

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- reciting times tables (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc)
- using apps and games (a list of which are below)

Why do we learn the times tables? In primary school, times tables knowledge is vital for quick mental maths calculations and problem solving, as well as for many of the topics children learn in Years 5 and 6 (division, fractions, percentages).

The following links are websites that match closely to the format and structure of the actual test. They are easily accessed on the internet.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/504/Super-Maths-Bowling-Multiplication>

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

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

<https://urbrainy.com/mtc>

Many thanks,

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