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The Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

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The Multiplication Tables Check

Since June 2022, every primary school has been required to take part in the check which is happening again this year.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

It will also help the school to identify if your child may need additional support.

National Curriculum Objectives

Year 3

Recall and use multiplication and division facts for 3, 4, 6, 8.

Year 4

Recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12×12 .

Check, not a test



DfE does not call this a ‘**test**’, hence the use of the word ‘**check**’.

We do not want to cause any anxiety for your child and will not be using the ‘test’ terminology.

We encourage a similar approach too when talking about this with your child.

What is the check like?



- ▶ An **online** check. Children will perform it at a computer.
- ▶ To begin with the children are given **3 practice questions** as a warm up.
- ▶ Pupils are then asked to answer **25 questions** on times tables from **up to 12 x 12**.
- ▶ They are given **six seconds per question**.
- ▶ They are given **three seconds 'rest'** between each question.
- ▶ Overall the check should last less no more than **five minutes**.
- ▶ The 'Soundcheck' sessions on TTRockstars mimic the style and structure of the check. This is why we urge your child to play here.

What if my child cannot access the check?

If you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, you should discuss this with your child's teacher.

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Will I receive feedback on my child's check?

Yes. We will share your child's score with you, as we would with all national curriculum assessments.

Dates

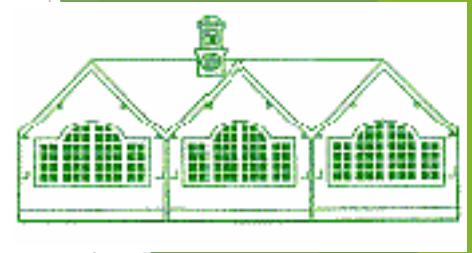
4JA Tuesday 4th June

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How we will administer it in school

- ▶ Small groups with class teacher.
- ▶ Learning Lab.
- ▶ Teacher to help log on.
- ▶ When each child is ready, they can begin.
- ▶ Children can return back to class as normal because each check will be different.

What we are doing in school



- ▶ Revision in the classroom:
 - ▶ TT Rockstars
 - ▶ Hit The Button
 - ▶ Mental maths starters
 - ▶ Written checks
- ▶ TT Rockstars lunchtime club with priority for Year 4 children.
- ▶ Familiarising the children with the MTC

How can I help my child prepare?

The best way to keep stress-free is to work some times tables practice into your daily routine in advance. With regular practice, your child will get used to tackling these kind of questions with confidence.

- 1. Use times table wall charts**

Wall charts show all the answers for a particular times table and display them up somewhere they'll be seen often. For example, over the sink so that your child will see them when they're brushing their teeth.

- 2. Learn the tricks for difficult times tables**

There are clever tricks for remembering several of the times tables.

- 3. TTRockstars homework**

Please ensure that your child is accessing TTRockstars every week, even if this is not set as the homework. If you are having trouble accessing this, please see your class teacher.

6, 7, 8, 9, and 12 times tables

These are the hardest for most children to learn. It's a good idea to focus on these tricky times tables with your child.



Questions

Please contact your class teacher.