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### Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

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 gives all children an excellent foundation on which they can build a wide variety of mathematical skills. Children in Year 4 are therefore required to sit the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). The MTC will start on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June and will be administered until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. The outcome of the check should inform both us as a school and you as parents as to where each child is in terms of times tables. We can then celebrate their successes and work together to identify and address any gaps.

The check itself:

- Will take place from 1<sup>st</sup> June.
- Will be completed online using an iPad.
- Will be carried out either one pupil at a time or in a small group.
- Will take no longer than 5 minutes.
- Will feature 25 questions and children will have 6 seconds to answer each question.
- Will not involve problem solving or division, just simple “ $3 \times 4 = ?$ ” type questions.

### What can you do?

We will continue to support Year 4 children with recalling their times tables in class. At home, you can support your child by asking questions such as ‘What is  $7 \times 8$ ?’ and reciting times tables by rote ( $4 \times 1$  is 4,  $4 \times 2$  is 8 etc). Crucially, we also ask that you encourage your Year 4 child to use their online TTRockstars account as regularly as possible – it has an excellent track record for improving times table recall and is great fun! Children can earn coins and create an online Rockstar avatar by battling one another and taking part in arena tours! One of the excellent features of TTRockstars is the ‘Sound Check’. This is an online game set up in the same way as the MTC in June. Practising via ‘Sound Check’ will help children to prepare for the MTC.

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Furthermore, MathsFrame and Timestables have also created an online check that is very similar to the MTC – see the links below.

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

Our aim is to prepare the children well enough that they feel confident about their tables recall. To this end, they complete daily timed timetables practises either online or on paper in readiness for the check. The Government has called it a “check” rather than a “test” or “exam” and we would like to ensure that the children do not feel worried or stressed about the check.

If you have any questions on the MTC, please just ask.

Kind regards,

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