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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 Year 4. 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 from 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 one pupil at a time.
- 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 x 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 x 8?’ and reciting times tables by rote (4 x 1 is 4, 4 x 2 is 8 etc).

Crucially, we also ask that you encourage your Year 4 child to use their online SumDog account as regularly as possible – it has an excellent track record for improving times table recall and is great fun! 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 not feel worried or stressed about the check.

If you have any questions on the MTC, please speak to your child’s teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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