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Dear Parents/ Guardians of children in Year 4

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check 2025

Some information for you regarding the Multiplication tables check Year 4 children will be involved in during June 2025. We have included below information for parents published by the Standards and Testing Agency.

The test is carried out online and the children are given random multiplications to answer with a time limit of 6 seconds per question (this includes typing in the answer and pressing enter). There are 25 random multiplication questions in total with the majority of the questions based around the 6,7,8,9,11 and 12 times table.

We are impressed that many of the children have been accessing Times Table Rock Stars at home, however we are asking that children access this every evening for approximately 10 minutes as part of their weekly homework. We are also practising our times tables in class.

We are able to access the statistics part of the website and see how children are progressing. It is important that the children are as independent as possible when practicing at home so if your child is unsure of an answer, please make a note of it for them to practice rather than giving them the answer.

The following link will take you to an information video about the Multiplication check and is produced by TTRs.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ZxZbRVvbYM>

Thank you so much your support in this matter.

Mrs Murphy and Miss Blake



Multiplication tables check

Do you have a child in year 4 at primary school?

If so, your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check in June.

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 your child's school to identify if your child may need additional support.

What is the multiplication tables check?

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.

What if my child cannot access the check?

There are several access arrangements available for the check, which can be used to support pupils with specific needs. Your child's teacher will ensure that the access arrangements are appropriate for your child before they take the check in June.

The check has been designed so that it is inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL). However, there may be some circumstances in which it will not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check, even when using suitable access arrangements. If you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, you should discuss this with your child's headteacher.

Do I need to do anything to prepare my child for the check?

No, you do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check. As part of usual practice, teachers may ask you to practise times tables with your child.



Schools will have unlimited access to a 'try it out' area from April. They can use this to make sure pupils have the necessary support required to access the check. This includes opportunities for pupils to familiarise themselves with the check application and try out any access arrangements that may be required.

How will the results be used?

Schools will have access to all their pupils' results, allowing those pupils who need additional support to be identified.

Will I receive feedback on my child's check?

Yes. Your child's teacher will share your child's score with you, as they would with all national curriculum assessments. There is no pass mark for the check.

Further information

Your child's teacher will be able to answer any questions about the multiplication tables check.

For further details you can also visit www.gov.uk/STA.

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