

## Year 4 Multiplication Check

Dear Parents/Carers,

From Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, all the children in Year 4 will take part in a **Multiplication Check**. Under the National Curriculum, primary school children are expected to know **up to and including the 12 times tables** by the end of Year 4.

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 allow staff in school to assess and support your child's learning.

### The check itself:

- Will take place in the summer term in June.
- Will be completed using a school iPad
- Can be completed one child 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.
- Will only include multiplication type questions such as '3 x 4 = '

The results of the test will not be published publicly and there is no pass or fail mark. The check will be discussed with the children beforehand in order to prepare and motivate the children however this will be done in an encouraging and supportive manner.

### How can I help?

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). Children who know their timetables confidently are much more likely to be able to problem solve and reason with more confidence, speed and success.

You can help by:

- Regularly practising timetables at home in a fun and motivating way and asking your child questions such as "What's 7 x 8?"
- reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc)
- using apps and games (TTRS, Numbots, Mathletics)
- ensuring maths homework is complete weekly
- <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Please find attached a Government Information Sheet for parents. The following link is also useful if your child would like further practice beforehand: <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Thank you in advance for your support,

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