



Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Workshop with your Child

Dear Parents/Carers,

Under the national curriculum primary school children are expected to know the 12 different times tables and recall these facts in 6 seconds by the end of Year 4. As a result we've been preparing the children to know their times tables by the end of Year 4 for quite some time now and this will be a useful checkpoint.

The check itself:

- Will take place in the summer term in June sometime over a one-week period from Monday 3rd June 2024
- Is done online using a Chromebook and can be done in groups or as a class
- Will take no longer than 5 minutes and will feature 25 questions - children will have 6 seconds to answer each question
- There's no problem-solving or division, just simple "3 x 4 = ?" type questions. During the test, there will be an emphasis on the **6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables**, which will form the majority of the questions.

Out of the 25 questions that will be asked the children will need to achieve a mark of 20 or above to pass. The results of the test are not published publicly. They are for us to use so that we can provide the appropriate support where necessary. Your child's score will be given to you in a letter.

I am sure that along with you, we do not want our children worried or stressed about the check. The Government has called it a "check" rather than a "test" or "exam" for a reason.

Practise at home: as maths is such a big subject, and we will of course continue to teach the full curriculum, we will need your continued support to help practise the times tables with your children. Some easy ways to do this include:

- Asking 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 (see below about a resource your pupil has access to)
- Singing times tables songs (there are loads online)
- Learning multiplication rhymes e.g. "6 and 5 watched the birdie, the number of times she chirped was 30", "6 and 7 live in a shoe, it must be size 42" - there are plenty more multiplication rhymes available online.

Why do we learn the times tables? 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).



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Please also remember to use TTRockstars and Century to further support your child. The homework expectations are that your child will complete a minimum 5 times a week for homework.

We also suggest using the following online resources;

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/maths/primary-multiplication-division/help-with-times-tables/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

In school, we have been using timestables.co.uk for some class work to practice the multiplication tables check, providing the children with an easy-to-access test that is very similar to the government test they will sit. Online games such as 'hit the button' can be used as a place to start learning times tables and somewhere to help your child improve their speed when answering questions.

Reminder: Parent Workshop **Friday 15th March 9 am to 9.30am**

Please attend and see schoolcomms to secure a place for yourself and your child.

Easter Homework Online & Booklet

All pupils will be asked to complete either online or / and paper booklet homework based Time tables.

To increase completion a treat and reward will be given to all participating pupils.

(Deadline Friday 19th April 2024).

If you require any support with practising these calculations at home, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

For further information about these tests please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/multiplication-tables-check>

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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