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## Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Dear Parents/Carers,

In 2018 the Government began trials to roll out a Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) for Year 4 pupils. This check is now statutory, and is designed to assess if, by the end of Year 4, children are confident and fluent in recalling their times tables up to 12 x 12.

The check will take place over a three-week window between 6<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Before that, the children will have the opportunity to use the 'Try It Out' check to familiarise themselves with the system and this will happen as part of their normal maths lessons during May.

We would like to emphasise that the MTC is simply a times table quiz (something the children are used to doing at school regularly) and is nothing for you or your children to worry about. The children will complete the check electronically, entering the answers on an iPad. We please ask that you continue to support your children with practising their times tables at home – this will help to boost their confidence in the run up to the MTC. There are a number of ways you can support your child at home:

- Regularly practising their tables using Times Tables Rock Stars. The site has a mode called 'Soundcheck' which is structured in the exact same way as the MTC the children will take in June.
- Using the 'Heatmap' your child's teacher has recently sent home – this will show you the specific facts your child needs to work on the most.
- Your child's teacher will be sending home a booklet with lots of practice activities.
- You can also find lots of times tables activities on our school website. These can be found under 'Curriculum' – 'Classes' (select the Year 3 and 4 tabs).

Taking the time to practice – little, but often – will put your child in a good position for the MTC.

If you would like any additional information, the DfE have published this information leaflet which may answer any remaining questions.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1031901/2022\\_Information\\_for\\_parents\\_Multiplication\\_tables\\_check.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1031901/2022_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check.pdf)

Thank you for your continued support.

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