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Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) – June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Starting in June 2020, all UK children in Year 4 will be assessed on their times table knowledge through a new, national statutory test set by the government. This academic year, the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) will take place during a 3 week window beginning on Monday 8th June 2020. The test comprises of 25 online multiplication questions and children will have 6 seconds to answer each question on an iPad. It is anticipated that children will take no longer than 5 minutes to complete the check. Throughout Year 4, children will have access to similar online programmes to build their confidence and increase their familiarity with the layout of the assessment. The following link also mirrors the format of the test, should any children wish to practise at home

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

There will be no “pass mark” for the check and no child will “fail” the test. The DfE says the purpose of the check is to help teachers identify which children require extra support with learning times tables as they move into Year 5. The current government expectation is that children working at the ‘expected level’ will know all times tables and division facts up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4. 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 KS2 (division, fractions, percentages). In secondary school, good multiplication skills are a great help when starting to learn algebra, as well as chemistry, physics, biology and ICT, all of which depend heavily on maths knowledge.

Chanting times tables, asking children times tables questions out of order and singing times tables songs are just some useful techniques when it comes to learning times tables. The following websites and apps may also be useful to anyone wishing to support their child at home:

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/maths/times-tables>

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

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division> - ‘hit the button’ can be found here

<https://www.multiplication.com/games/all-games>

https://www.mathplayground.com/ASB_Index.html

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=mr+demaio+times+tables

Useful apps

Math Ninja

Edplus

Multiplication genius

Marble Math Multiplication

Quick strike

Times Tables and Friends

Squeebles Times Tables 2

10 minutes a day times tables

If you would like any further information regarding the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC), then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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