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Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Dear Year 4 Parents/Carers,

You may be aware that in June 2020 the Government announced a new, compulsory test for Year 4 children called the ‘Multiplication Tables Check’ (MTC). If you have a child in Year 4, your child will be participating in the MTC in June, 2023.

The National Curriculum for Mathematics states that primary school children are expected to know their 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, which is essential for future success in Mathematics.

The check itself:

- will take place during school hours between Monday 5th June and Friday 16th June 2023 (exact dates to be confirmed)
- is done online using a computer or tablet and the online programme will automatically score the MTC
- can be done one pupil 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
- there’s no problem solving or division, just simple “ $3 \times 4 = ?$ ” multiplication 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.



The results of the test are not published publicly and there is no pass or fail mark. Your child’s score will be given to you in a letter. The results are mainly for the teachers; it will help class teachers to identify if your child may need additional support as they move through upper Key Stage 2.

We do not want your child to worry about the check, hence why the Government has called it a “check” rather than a “test” or “exam”. Myself and the Year 4 team will be doing lots of preparation in school for the MTC alongside teaching the broad Mathematics curriculum, though, we will need your continued support to help practise the times tables with your children at home.

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The following websites are great for your child to practise at home:

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

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

<https://trockstars.com/>



The above websites are free and can be accessed on any device that has access to the internet. Swanwick Primary has a subscription to TTRockstars, which is a great resource for practising times tables. Your child should have a log in, but if there are any issues please speak to your child's class teacher.

More information can be found on the Government website below, however, I will be hosting optional meetings on **Wednesday 8th February at 2:30pm** and **Thursday 9th February at 5:00pm** to give you further information. The sessions will last approximately 30 minutes; there will be an opportunity for us to talk to you about the ways in which you can support your child in readiness for the MTC and for you to ask any questions.

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

Thank you for your continued support,

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