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Y4 Multiplication Times Table Check – Parent Guide 2024

What is the Multiplication Tables Check?

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12 x 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help us as school to identify if your child may need additional support. The check is on-screen and consists of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

What if my child cannot access the test?

There are several access arrangements available for the check, which can be used to support pupils with specific needs. Your child's teacher will ensure that the access arrangements are appropriate for your child before they take the check in June.

The check has been designed so that it is inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL). However, there may be some circumstances in which it will not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check, even when using suitable access arrangements. If you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, you should discuss this with your child's headteacher.

Do I need to do anything to help prepare my child for the check?

Please continue to help your child practise their times tables at home. Each child has access to a Times Table Rockstar account which is a great resource to help your child prepare. Soundcheck mode will help children become more familiar with the speed at which they are expected to recall times table facts. Practising in this mode will also help to take away anxiety over the Multiplication Tables Check. We don't want children to see this as a "test". We want them to see that they are practising for the benefit of their wider maths education.

When will the Multiplication Tables Check take place?

Schools will administer the Multiplication Tables Check in a **two-week period starting Monday 3rd June 2024**. If your child has any pre-planned absences from school during this two-week period, please inform your child's class teacher of the date/s as soon as possible so that we can ensure they are timetabled to sit the Multiplication Tables Check on a day when they are in school. If, for any reason your child is not in school during this period then an additional week can be used **only** for those children who have been absent during the first two week period.

How will the results be used?

Schools will have access to all their pupils' results, allowing those who need additional support to be identified. Your child's class teacher will share your child's score with you with their end of year report. If you have any further questions regarding the Multiplication Tables Check, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Exley

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