

## **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we previously mentioned in our information session at the start of this school year, your child will be participating in the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in June which is a government requirement for children in Year 4.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

The test is an on-screen check consisting 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.

We have been working hard to prepare the children for this and the practice that they do in their homework grids and on Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) is also essential. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the importance of the children completing regular practice on Times Table Rock Stars which is available online and as a free app for all tablets and smartphones. We would like the children to practice as often as possible, but to aim for 5 minutes practice on at least 5 days of the week. If you are unable to access TTRS easily, it is perfectly fine to practice tables using quick fire questions, flash cards or other resources to help you. Please let us know if you would like any help or guidance with this.

If you would like the opportunity to see what the MTC looks like, there is a free resource provided by Maths Frame which closely mirrors the check itself. You can find it by searching "Maths Frame Multiplication Check" or by following the QR code below. We will be using this resource in class on occasions to help the children become familiar with the task and become more confident with it, but there is no harm in the children using it at home too and may be a helpful way for you to track their progress too.

It is worth noting that there is no pass mark for the times table check, but the national curriculum expects all children to know all their multiplication facts by the end of year 4. Not knowing these will make many aspects of maths in year 5 and 6 (such as written methods for multiplication and division and work involving fractions and simple algebra) much more difficult for a child and may impede their progress in maths as a whole.

Please feel free to come and speak to us if you have any questions or require any extra support in helping your child with their Times Tables.

Regards,

The Year 4 team.



Scan here to link to the Maths Frame MTC Activity

