

## Information for Parents/Carers regarding Check



## the national Multiplication Tables

### About the Multiplication Tables Check

The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is a statutory Key Stage 2 assessment to be taken by pupils at the end of Year 4 from the 2019/2020 academic year. Our Year 4 pupils will be taking part in the 2019 ***pilot*** of the national MTC in June this year (2019).

The MTC is focused on the fluent recall of multiplication facts from the ***2 to 12 times tables up to 12 x 12***. There will be particular focus on the ***6, 7, 8, 9 and 12*** multiplication tables as these are determined to be the most difficult.

### How the Multiplication Tables Check will be administered

The MTC will be delivered in school as an online, on-screen digital assessment and will take each pupil less than 5 minutes to complete. There will be a total of 25 questions, worth 1 mark each, and pupils will have 6 seconds to enter their answer to each multiplication recall question. Prior to the MTC pilot in June, your child will have the opportunity to practise the skills required to input their responses, allowing them to become familiar with the check itself.

### How you can support your child at home

- When practising with your child, focus more on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 multiplication tables as these will be the multiplication facts which they will encounter the most within the check.
- When supporting your child, make it fun and engaging by having mini-competitions or playing Rock, Paper, Scissors to challenge each other to create the product of a times tables question.
- <https://ttrockstars.com/> Pupils can access TT Rockstars on any internet-enabled devices (e.g. tablets and mobiles). The 'Soundcheck' area is designed to aid with practise for the MTC as it tests the children on 25 random questions with a maximum time of 6 seconds per question. The 'Studio' area on TT Rockstars allows pupils to access multiplication recall questions up to 12 x 12 in random order. This area also allows students to track their speed to support with the timed element of the MTC. Your child has a unique username and password to access this in their Home-School Links books.
- <https://www.theschoolrun.com/maths/times-tables> This website has lots of free resources for supporting times tables recall.
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables> Your child is familiar with the different times tables games available on the 'Topmarks' website.
- Times Tables songs are available on YouTube to aid retention.

If you have any queries or would like support with any of the above, please do not hesitate to ask. Your assistance is very much appreciated,

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