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Head of School Mrs S Sullivan

Dear parents/carers,

From June 2020, all state-funded maintained schools and academies (including free schools) in England will be required to administer an online multiplication tables check (MTC) to year 4 pupils.

The national curriculum specifies that pupils should be taught to recall the multiplication tables up to and including 12×12 by the end of year 4. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

Pupils will answer 3 practice questions before the check begins. The check consists of 25 questions. Pupils will have 6 seconds to answer each question, with a 3-second pause between questions. There is an emphasis on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 multiplication tables because these have been determined to be the most difficult multiplication tables.

As part of the curriculum, the children are taught specific times tables in their year groups at school and so have seen and been introduced to all their times tables up to 12×12 by the time they reach year 4.

As a school, we have introduced Times Tables Rockstars to all children from year 2 upwards. The expectation has always been that children should practice their times tables weekly for homework and in year 3 and 4, there have been 3 x weekly fluency checks based on these times tables. Every child has a log in and can access the site in school and outside of school.

How to prepare

A good way to prepare is to start early and build a daily routine practising the times tables. With regular practise you will learn all the questions and gain confidence. We suggest practising 10 to 15 minutes a day for optimal results.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check> checks in a similar way and you can adjust the difficulty to practise times tables lower down, however, the expectation is they are practising all their times tables up to 12×12 .

Kind regards

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