



# Year 4 Multiplication Check

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

# What is it?



- ▶ A national multiplication tables check for all year 4 children.
- ▶ Began in 2020 but covid meant it has not happened in 2020 and 2021
- ▶ The check is to find out if children can fluently recall their times tables up to 12

# What is in it?



- ▶ It is an on-screen (online) check 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.

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- ▶ The check starts from 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022
- ▶ There is a 3 week window from this date for children to complete the check.
- ▶ During the 3 weeks from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June your child will complete their check
- ▶ Tests take place in school, during the school day.

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

- ▶ We are preparing children in school, but there are some things you could do too (see later in this powerpoint)
- ▶ We regularly practise multiplication tables at school, use them as Maths lesson starters and complete written tests weekly. We have also been getting the children to do practise online multiplication checks (25 questions, 6 seconds per question)
- ▶ There is a try out area which schools have unlimited access to from 21<sup>st</sup> March. We will be using this to make sure pupils have the necessary support required to access the check. This includes opportunities for pupils to familiarise themselves with the check.



# What happens with the results?



- ▶ Schools will have access to all their pupils' results, allowing those pupils who need additional support to be identified.
- ▶ The result will also be shared with you - your child's teacher will share your child's score with you, as they would with all national curriculum assessments. There is no pass mark for the check.

# What can you do to help?



- ▶ Practise times tables with your child. They can chant them, write them, play online games (see next slide) – you could test them too, but make it short bursts of fun activity. If you are unsure where to start, ask your child's teacher which times tables they need to work on.
- ▶ Encourage your child to practise the full multiplication check. Don't worry about their score too much – just encourage them to beat their previous score, then they are making progress.
- ▶ Look out for the multiplication facts that your child struggles with and support them in learning them.
- ▶ Keep this going in a relaxed, fun way – short, regular practise is the best way.

# What can I use to help?



- ▶ Hit the button – fun game for speedy times table practise: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- ▶ Take a practice multiplication check (25 questions, times for 6 seconds each) <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>
- ▶ A range of fun games for learning timetables: <https://www.timestables.co.uk/>
- ▶ More fun times tables games: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>



# Where can I find out more?

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- ▶ Information for parents (text or PDF):  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>
- ▶ Watch a video all about the multiplication check :  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ct5cDctLVtI&ab\\_channel=DepartmentforEducation](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ct5cDctLVtI&ab_channel=DepartmentforEducation)



# We are in this together

- ▶ If you have any questions, please either approach me (Miss Donnelly) or your child's class teacher.
- ▶ Thanks for your support.