



9th January 2023

Department For Education Multiplication Check – Year 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

All children in year 4 nationally, are required to participate in the Department for Education multiplication tables check in June 2023.

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 multiplication tables check 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.

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). 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.

In order to prepare the children, we have been giving regular access to a timed online assessment tool which is very similar in format to the multiplication check. This is also available for children to use at home through Google classroom. <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/> From April, we will also have access to the government's 'try it out' area. We will ensure we provide plenty of opportunities for pupils to familiarise themselves with the check application and try out any access arrangements that may be required.

Parents and carers will not need to do anything additional to prepare their child for the check. As part of weekly homework, we ask you to continue to support your child in practising their multiplication tables using the resources posted on Google classroom and using TT Rockstars.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns regarding the multiplication check.

Thank you,

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