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Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

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Dear Parent/Carers,

From 2022 the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) will become statutory nationally. The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help us as a school to identify pupils who may need additional support.

What is the Multiplication Check?

The MTC is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times tables questions. Your child will answer 3 practice questions before moving on to the official check and will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

For children with additional needs which mean that accessing the test in this format may be difficult, there are some access arrangements that we can put in place.

When it comes to carrying out the assessment, children will have the option of using either a laptop or ipad so they are able to use the keyboard that they are most familiar with. Children will work 1:1 with their teacher or another familiar adult who will be able to fully explain the process and offer encouragement to each child. We are committed to ensuring that children do not feel under pressure in the lead up or during this assessment.

Do I need to do anything at home?

Other than supporting your child in continuing to learn their multiplication tables, there isn't anything else you need to be doing at home. Learning multiplication facts requires regular practice so it is incredibly important that this is encouraged at home in addition to the work we do in school. We would strongly encourage children to be using Timestables Rockstars (TTRS) and would suggest that they spend some time in the 'Soundcheck' game as this is in a similar format to the MTC.

If you have any further questions please speak with your child's teacher or email the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Bethan Scriven
Head of School