



February 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

You may be aware that from June 2020 the Government announced a new test for Year 4 children called the “Multiplication Tables Check”. Due to the pandemic, this test was postponed. However, this year the check now forms part of the statutory assessment for Y4 children and as such, the check will go ahead. Here’s what you need to know:

Under the national curriculum primary school children are expected to know their 12 times tables by the end of Year 4. As a result we’ve been preparing the children to know their times tables by the end of Year 4 for quite some time now, and this will be a useful checkpoint.

The check itself:

- will take place in the summer term in June sometime over a one week period from Monday 7th June 2022
- is done online using a computer or tablet
- can be done one pupil at a time, in groups or as a class
- will take no longer than 5 minutes
- will feature 25 questions and children will have 6 seconds to answer each question.
- There’s no problem solving or division, just simple “ $3 \times 4 = ?$ ” type questions
- During the test there will be an emphasis on the 6, 7's, 8's, 9's and 12 times tables, which will form the majority of the questions.

The results are for the teachers. There is no pass or fail mark. The results of the tests are not published publically. They are for teachers to use so the appropriate support can be provided where necessary. Your child’s score will be given to you in a letter.

I am sure that along with you, we do not want our children worried or stressed about the check. The Government has called it a “check” rather than a “test” or “exam” for a reason.

Practice at Home: Because maths is such a big subject, and we will of course continue to teach the full curriculum, we will need your continued support to help practice the times tables with your children. Some easy ways to do this include:

- asking questions such as “What’s 7×8 ?”
- reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc)
- using apps and games (see below about a resource your pupil has access to)
- singing times tables songs (there are loads online)

Why do we learn the times tables? In primary school, times tables knowledge is vital for quick mental maths calculations and problem solving, as well as for many of the topics children learn in Years 5 and 6 (division, fractions, percentages).

Please also remember to make use of **TT Rockstars and Doodle Tables** to further support your child. On our class webpage, you will also find a variety of games that you can download, print and play. Can we take this opportunity to remind you that Doodle maths has replaced our previous homework and all children are expected to log in **regularly each week** to earn their stars. The teacher dashboard is checked by your child's teacher weekly.

Please also find a link [here](#) to the Inspire maths presentation that Mr Godwin led last year which gives some further information about the check.

Mrs Nethercott and Mr Jenkins will be hosting an online meeting via Teams on **Thursday 17th February at 6pm** to give you further information. This will also be an opportunity for us to talk to you about the ways in which you can support your child next term in readiness for their transition into Year 5 and for you to ask any questions about the check.

Here are the details to access the meeting:

Topic: Year 4 multiplication check meeting
Time: Feb 17, 2022 06:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79967239167?pwd=1v-Dsla3GeLXY2dDIDYCcGiwrmVJGj.1>

Meeting ID: 799 6723 9167
Passcode: K6eP7m

If you require any support with practicing these calculations at home, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Mrs P Nethercott



Mr R Jenkins