

## **Year Four Multiplication Check.**

### **Why are times tables important?**

Times tables are fundamental to support children and underpin everything within Maths. It is vital that all children know their multiplication facts up to  $12 \times 12$ .

Knowing the multiplication facts up to  $12 \times 12$ , will give them the essential knowledge needed to be proficient with Years 5 and 6 Curriculum.

### **Purpose**

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. It will also help to identify if your child may need additional support.

### **When is it?**

The national times table check is a test for all year four pupils that takes place between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.

### **Access for all children.**

There are several access arrangements available for the check, these 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. 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). However, there may be some circumstances in which it will not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check, even when using suitable access arrangements. If you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, you should discuss this with your child's headteacher.

### **Will I find out my child's score?**

Yes. 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 does the multiplication check involve?

It 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.

### **Example- this is very similar to the NTC.**

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

### **What can I do to support my child?**

We practise our timetables daily at school; we would love for your children to practise with you at home so that they feel confident when completing the test.

The easiest way is to quiz your child.  $8 \times 6$  is?

Encourage children to play Times table Rockstars as often as possible. Small 5 minute daily sessions will help children to learn times tables more than one long session a week. The soundcheck is very similar to the multiplication check.

Quiz your child at home regularly. This could be when making dinner or on the journey to school.

Any times tables practise that the children can do at home will really support them to become proficient in their times tables and help them with their everyday maths learning.

We value your support. Thank you for supporting us.

Year 4 Staff.