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Year 4 Multiplication Check

Dear Parents and Carers,

In June 2022, all children within Year 4 will take part in a statutory Multiplication Tables Check. Each child will take a short online test to make sure their times tables knowledge is at the expected level. Due to the impact of school closures last year, we understand that children may have gaps in their times table knowledge. In Year 4, we have put an emphasis on times table practice; we are not only covering them as part of our Maths lessons, but also in the afternoons. We would greatly appreciate it if you could continue to support your child with their times tables learning at home also.

What is the purpose of the multiplication tables check?

The Department for Education (DfE) state that the motivation behind the Multiplication Tables Check is to allow teachers a chance to identify children who may need some more help with their times tables. In doing so, this will stop them from falling further behind their peers as they move up to Year 5 (and then Year 6). It is important to note that it is not a judgement on what your child can do, but a way for the school to know how their teaching is going and to adjust their focus if needed. Schools have a three-week window in the month of June to have their Year 4 children sit the test, but will be free to choose which day within that three-week period they sit it. All state schools in England, including maintained schools, special schools, academies and free schools will be required to enter their children for the Multiplication Tables Check.

What is the Year 4 multiplication tables check?

The Multiplication Tables Check is an **online test** for pupils in Year 4. Pupils are asked to answer **25 questions** on times tables from their **2 times tables to their 12 times tables**. They are given **six seconds per question**, with three seconds rest between each question, so the test should last less than five minutes. Questions about the **six, seven, eight, nine, and twelve times tables** are likely to come up most often, as these are the hardest for most children to learn. It is a good idea to focus on these tricky times tables with your child.



What can you do to help your child with their times tables?

At Wodensfield, we recommend a number of strategies to support your child before and after the times tables test, including:

- Times tables chanting: "6, 12, 18, 24..."
- Times tables chanting in reverse order: "60, 55, 50, 45..."
- Times tables websites (timestables.co.uk and TTRockstars)
- Using times tables songs (BBC Supermovers)
- Using apps, like the one by [Times Tables Rock Stars](#) or [Hit the Button](#)
- Using free online games, like those on timestables.co.uk
- Asking your child multiplication calculations out of order, like: "What is 4 x 7? What is 9 x 5? What is 6 x 11?"

Useful Websites:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/times-table-collection/z4vv6v4>

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Thank you for your continued support. If you have questions, please email them to y4teacher@wodensfield.org

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