



The Firs

Lower School

Date 7/5/24

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 4 Multiplication Check June 2024

You may be aware that from June 2020 the Government announced a new test for Year 4 children called the “Multiplication Tables Check”.

Under the National Curriculum, primary school children are expected to know their times tables by the end of Year 4, up to 12 x 12. 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 we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support at home with this.

The check itself:

- will take place at The Firs the week beginning **10th June**
- will be done online using a computer or chrome book
- 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
- will **not** feature problem solving or division, just simple “3 x 4 = ?” type questions
- will have **no pass mark** and the results of the test are **not** published publicly. They are for us to use, so that we can provide the appropriate support where necessary.

- Your child’s score will be given to you as part of the end of term report this year.

We are 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.

How you can support your child?

As maths is such a big subject, and we will of course continue to teach the full curriculum, we will continue to need your support at home. Some easy ways to do this include:

- asking questions such as “what’s 7 x 8?”
- reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc)
- continuing to encourage your child to use ‘TT RockStars’

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- using the TT RockStars 'Heat Maps' which we are sending home with this letter, to guide you in which times tables questions to focus on
- singing times tables songs and watching videos (there are many online!)

For further information about these tests please visit: [Multiplication Check Parent Information](#)

If you should have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

The Year 4 Team