

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### **Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)**

Dear Parents,

You may have already seen in the press that as of next academic year there will be a new statutory duty for schools to carry out the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). The check assesses a child's fluency on the end of Year 4 expectation to be able to recall all multiplication facts up to 12 x 12. School can pilot the check this year, which is what we have decided to do.

Children will carry out the check online: there are 3 practise questions followed by a further 25 questions. There are 6 seconds in which to answer each question, with a 3 second pause between questions. In school we already routinely check children's fluency in multiplication through the '144 grids' and the children have also been accessing online multiplication fluency activities, such as: <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

The children will take the check between 10<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June, in small groups. Although the difficulty of each check is the same, every check is different so the children do not need to check at the same time. We plan for the children to complete the check in a small group setting. Once the check window has closed, school will be notified of each child's score out of 25 (there is no set pass threshold for the check). We will share the score verbally with your child and with you via the end of year report.

If you have any questions about the practicalities of the check, please speak with Mrs Parker, and any other questions with regards to the MTC, please get in touch with me.

Thank you for your on-going support,

Yours sincerely,

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