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## Year 4 Multiplication Check June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Within the 2- week period from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024, all year 4 children will take part in the statutory multiplication tables check (MTC).

### Here's what you need to know:

Under the National Curriculum, primary school children are expected to know all their times tables by the end of Year 4, up to 12x12.

### The check itself:

- will take place over a 2-week period from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.
- 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 - children will have 6 seconds to answer each question.
- there's no problem solving or division, just simple "3 x 4 = ?" type questions.

### Why is times tables knowledge important?

Knowing times tables facts is crucially important to your child's progress in their mathematics education as well as being useful in everyday life. Without a thorough understanding of multiplication and division facts, children's future learning is hindered when it comes to doing anything with fractions as well as areas such as decimals, percentages and ratio and any multiplication or division with larger numbers. In secondary school, secure tables knowledge will help in various areas of maths as well as in subjects like chemistry, physics, biology and ICT. We have seen at Frimley just how much a secure times tables knowledge positively impacts on successful progress in maths and beyond.

### The results

The results will be used by the teachers to inform future provision and support - there is no pass or fail mark. The results of the test are not published publicly however your child's score will be shared with you in a letter as part of their end of year report.



## Times Tables in School:

In school, we are continuously working on our times tables knowledge and practice forms part of our daily maths teaching: teaching activities include counting in multiples of the focus times table, exploring patterns with other tables and work on recalling related multiplication and division facts. Each week, the classes also participate in a TTRockstars battle which is a fun way to support their times tables learning.

## How you can support your child at home:

There are various ways that you can support your child's developing times tables knowledge:

- regularly 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)
- using apps and games (see the links on the next page)
- singing times tables songs (there are loads online)

Crucially, we ask that you encourage your child to use their online TTRockstars account as regularly as possible – it has an excellent track record for improving times table recall and there are various fun formats for children to engage in.

One of the excellent features of TTRockstars is the 'Sound Check'. This is an online game set up in the same way as the MTC in June. Practising via 'Sound Check' will help children to prepare for the MTC.

Equally, MathsFrame have also created an online check that is very similar to the MTC – the link for this along with various other games and resources is on the next page.

For further information about these checks please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/multiplication-tables-check>

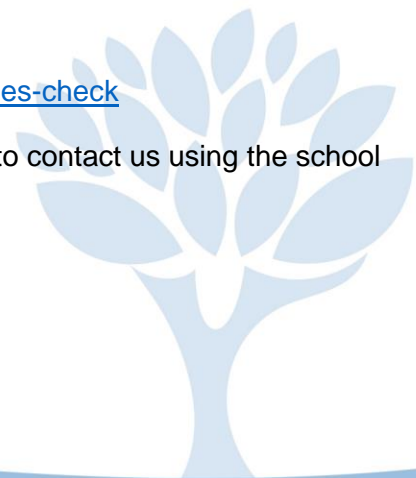
If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us using the school office email address.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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## Online Resources

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



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



<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/maths/primary-multiplication-division/help-with-times-tables/>



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



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



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



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