Monday 23rd May 2022

Dear Families,

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) Information

The Government have set up a national statutory test for Yr.4 children called the ‘Multiplication Tables Check’ (MTC). The check will judge how well each child knows their multiplication tables up to 12 x 12, which is the expected standard by the end of Year 4 and essential for future success in Maths.

Your child(ren) will complete the check between Monday 6th June and Friday 24th June. Children will complete the check independently as part of a small group. A different sequence of questions is asked each time so there is no need for all children to sit the check at the same time.

The check will be completed online for all pupils and takes each child less than 5 minutes to complete. It will only assess multiplication facts up to 12 x 12. Children will have six seconds to input the answers then a three second pause before the next question. There is no pass mark and no child will ’fail’ the check. We will pass the results to your child’s Yr.5 teacher who will use them to put next step learning in place for your child. You will receive your child’s score from the check in their end of year report.

Specific arrangements for MTC:

Arrangements can be made for children who need them. A specific reason must be given if arrangements are being made and parents will be informed.

* Audio version where questions are read aloud to the child.
* Colour contrasts using different colours of backgrounds and text.
* Font size: increase or decrease the size of text and number pad.
* Next button. Instead of a pause between each question, the child can press ‘next’ when ready.
* Remove on screen number pad if using a keyboard.
* Input assistance for pupils with physical impairment.
* Children cannot have additional time as the purpose is to determine fluency of their times tables.

We are really lucky in that we have lots of activities in school to support our children to develop their understanding of multiplication facts. You can support your child at home with the following activities:

* Continuing to help them practise for their Times Table awards.
* Completing tasks set on TT Rockstars and encouraging them to compete against themselves to improve their recall speed of multiplication facts.
* Using <https://urbrainy.com/mtc> This is set out similar to the MTC so your child is familiar with the check. We have also been using this in school.

The Government have also provided a leaflet for families that has more information about the statutory MTC. Please use the link to find out more. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>

Please don’t hesitate to ask your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Mrs. K. Gorrell

Maths Lead