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Dear parent/carers, 11th May 2022

In June, all Year 4 children in England will sit the multiplication tables check (MTC). This is a statutory for primary schools with the purpose of determining whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

**Why are we doing the MTC?**

Times tables knowledge is vital for quick mental maths calculations and problem solving, as well as for many of the topics children learn in more depth during years 5, 6 and beyond. Under the National Curriculum, primary school children are expected to know their 12 times tables by the end of Year 4, so we’ve been preparing students to know their times tables for quite some time now. The check will provide us with valuable information as to how our pupils are progressing with their times table knowledge.

It is really important that we stress that there is no pass or fail mark.

**How will the MTC be administered?**

The checks will be taking place here at TMA with a 3-week period from Monday 6 June 2022.They are completed online (on a laptop) and will take no longer than 5 minutes. Each pupil will have 25 questions to complete, with 6 seconds per question.

All questions will be simple multiplication type questions e.g. 3 x 4 = 12.

The checks will be completed either individually, in small groups or as a whole class during the 3 week window.

**What can you do to support your child?**

There is no extra preparation needed prior to the checks. What we do ask is that you continue to encourage your child to practice their times tables regularly. All pupils have access to Times Table Rock Stars which we use often in school and most children already use this frequently at home, which is fantastic. Another favorite at TMA is singing our rolling numbers, videos of which can be watched on the school website: <https://www.tmaschool.com/rolling-numbers/>

There are many online multiplication resources, some of the favourites of our Year 4 pupils include:

* + - * Hit the button <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
      * Super Maths Bowling <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/504>
      * Tommy Trek <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/318>
      * BBC super movers <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/times-table-collection/z4vv6v4>

Please also view the information PPT on our website in the Year 4 section.

The Government website also includes a Guidance for Parents Document which you may find helpful.

[Information for parents: 2021 multiplication tables check (publishing.service.gov.uk)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/971837/2021_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check_WEBHO.pdf)

If you have any queries or would like to discuss the checks further then please to not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher.

Kind regards,

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