



Thursday 9th May 2024

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to thank you again for your support as we recognise all the hard work that has been going into the children's times tables learning this year. The recent increase in Times Table Rock Stars engagement is having a great impact on their fluency and confidence, which is wonderful to see.

This is just a reminder that under the National Curriculum, primary school children are expected to know their 12 times tables by the end of Year 4 and will have these assessed via the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) taking place after half term. We have been preparing students to learn their times tables for quite some time now and we are sure that along with you, we do not want our pupils worried or concerned about the check.

Below is some information about the check:

- **It will take place in June between Monday 3rd June and Friday 14th June** so do please let us know if you think your child may be absent during this period.
- It is completed online using a computer.
- It will be undertaken by your child either individually or in a small group.
- It will take no longer than 5 minutes. For each of the 25 questions there is 6 seconds to answer and in between each question there is a 3 second rest.
- There are no problem solving or division questions and children will answer simple multiplication questions such as "3 x 4 = ?"
- There is no pass or fail mark. The results are for us to use so we can provide your child with an even better education.

We're really looking forward to seeing how well they all do and will let you know your child's result in their end of year report.

Meeting for parents after school on Thursday 17th May 2024 – 3.20pm – 3.45, Y4 Dolphins Class

On Thursday 17th May, we invite you to a meeting after school to share **additional information** about the multiplication check and how best to support your child with times tables learning.

Your continued support to help your child to practise the times tables will be enormously beneficial to them. Times tables knowledge is vital for quick mental maths calculations and problem solving, as well as for many of the topics children learn in years 5 and 6, such as division, fractions and percentages.

Thank you for continued support,

Mrs Low, Miss Bridgeman and the Year 4 team.