



30th November 2022

Dear Year 4 Parents and Carers,

As you may already be aware, each pupil in Year 4 will be required to undertake a mental times tables arithmetic check in June 2023. The school will have 2 weeks to complete the assessments for all pupils.

How will the check be carried out?

The children will each have an individual I-pad and login for them to carry out their check. Each child will be taken out with the class teacher in small groups and taken to a quiet environment for them to undertake the check.

How does the check work?

The assessment contains some practise questions which do not have a time limit. When the children are ready, they will then press the 'next button', which will take them to their 25 mental arithmetic questions, where they will have a 5 second time limit. The children will then be required to write in their answer before the limit ends otherwise they will be automatically moved onto the next question.

What will the check be used for?

The results from the times tables check will not be published nationally. The class teachers and the school will have access to the results. The results will be used for the Year 5 teacher as a method to see who is secure in their mental arithmetic and who may need some further support. The results from the test will also be published to yourselves with your child's end of year report.

How can I get my child ready?

The children will be conducting lots of practise and work within school to prepare them for their times table check. The children will be using the I-pads, and nearer the time, the children will have access to the site for them to get used to the format of the times tables check.

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In the meantime, please encourage your child to continue to practise their times tables, whether that is on time tables Rockstars, a game or reciting them.

Some possible websites that may be useful;

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

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to approach us, where we will be more than happy to help.

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