



'Respectful and resilient; being the best that we can be.'

Timothy Hackworth Primary School



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Year 4 – National Multiplication Tables Check

CRC Article 28 – All children have the right to be the best that they can be.

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware that from June 2020, the Government announced a test for Year 4 children called the 'Multiplication Tables Check'. All Year 4 children in schools across the country continue to be expected to take this test, this summer, in June 2024.

The attached leaflet will also give you more detailed information about the Y4 Multiplication Times Tables Check.

Here's what you need to know:

- As part of the National Curriculum, children are expected to know all of their times tables, up to and including the 12 times table, by the end of Year 4.
- We have been supporting the children to learn their times tables by the end of Year 4 for quite some time now; this test will be a useful checkpoint.
- The check itself will take place in the Summer Term, in June 2024.
- The check is completed online using a computer or ipad.
- The check will take no longer than 5 minutes.
- The check will feature 25 questions and children will have 6 seconds to answer each question.
- There are no problem-solving elements or division, just simple "3 x 4 = ?" type questions.
- During the test, there will be an emphasis on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables, which will form the majority of the questions.
- The results are reported to schools. There is no pass or fail mark. Your child's results will be analysed and used by us, so that we can provide appropriate further support for your child.
- Your child's score will be given to you, in the form of a letter, following the test.

I am sure that, alongside you, we do not want your child to worry about the check. We will continue to support your child with the learning of their times tables in school, to help them to continue to build their confidence, recall and speed.

It would really be of great benefit to your child if you could spend some time continuing to help your child to practise their times tables at home. We will continue to support your child with the learning of their times tables in school.

Some easy ways to help your child practise their times tables at home, include:

- Asking questions such as "What's 7 x 8?" throughout the day.
- Reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8), etc.

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- Using apps and games, such as Times Tables Rockstars. The 'Soundcheck' area of Times Tables Rock Stars gives children the opportunity to practise in a Year 4 Tables Check context.
- Singing times tables songs - there are lots of these online.
- **Good attendance at school is incredibly important! Please ensure that your child is in school every single day so that they don't miss out on all of the extra practice that we do!**

If you require any support to help your child to practise their times tables at home, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

For further information about the Multiplication Tables Check, please visit:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/multiplication-tables-check>

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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