



Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Information for Parents
Monday 24th April 2023

Curriculum Expectations

- **Under the National Curriculum, it is expected that children know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4**
- **Expectation that children will be fluent**
- **Essential for future success in maths: Year 5 and Year 6 curriculum builds on this knowledge e.g. division, fractions, percentages, ratio, algebra**

Important information about multiplication tables check (MTC)

- The MTC determines if Year 4 children can **fluently** recall their multiplication tables.
- They are designed to help schools identify which children require more support to learn their times tables.
- There is no 'pass' rate or threshold which means that, unlike the Phonics Screening Check, children will not be expected to re-sit the check.
- The Department for Education (DfE) will create a report about the overall results across all schools in England, not individual schools.

The Check

- **The check is an online assessment (very similar to ‘Soundcheck’ option on TTRS)**
- **Your child will use an iPad to complete the check**
- **The check window opens on Monday 5th June for a 3-week period**
- **We aim for all children to complete the check within the first two weeks –you will be informed as to when we will complete it**

The Check

- **Three practice questions followed by 25 questions**

5.2.1 Table 1 – Multiplication table limits in the MTC

Multiplication Table	Minimum number of items in each form	Maximum number of items in each form
1	Not applicable	Not applicable
2	0	2
3	1	3
4	1	3
5	1	3
6	2	4
7	2	4
8	2	4
9	2	4
10	0	2
11	1	3
12	2	4

- **Randomly generated questions with particular focus on 6, 7, 8, 9, 12 times tables**
- **There will most likely be fewer questions based on ‘easier’ times tables such as 2 and 10 times tables**

The Check

- Every check will be different
- There will be no repetition within the test, including no reversing of numbers e.g. if it asks your child to answer $3 \times 4 = \underline{\quad}$, it won't ask them to answer $4 \times 3 = \underline{\quad}$
- 6 seconds to answer each question, with a 3-second break in between each
- There is no 'pass mark'

What we are doing to prepare your children

- **Daily times tables recall**
- **Games in class**
- **X Factor Maths**
- **Times Tables Rock Stars –games and national challenges**
- **Opportunities to use the ‘try it out’ check so that they are familiar with the format beforehand**

What you can do to prepare your children

- **Times Tables Rock Stars, particularly ‘Garage’, ‘Studio’ and ‘Soundcheck’ game options.**
- **Soundcheck is designed to most closely mirror the multiplication check**
- **Games/Strategies at home**

Our attitude towards the check at Dunton Bassett

- **Important but not worth becoming anxious over**
- **Encourage children to do well for themselves and for the school**
- **Non-threatening**
- **Give children opportunities throughout the year to become fluent with times tables**
- **No overabundance of revision or extra work at home**
- **Continued school ethos of expecting children to take pride in their work and do their best**