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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

What is the Year 4 Times Tables Test?

The Year 4 Times Tables Test, known by the government and schools as the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC), is an annual check to see if Year 4 pupils in England and Wales have a good level of times tables knowledge. Primary-school children are expected to know all their times tables up to 12x12. Under the current National Curriculum, children are supposed to know their times tables by the end of Year 4.

Why has the test been put in place?

The DfE says that the check is part of a new focus on mastering numeracy, giving children the skills and knowledge, they need for secondary school and beyond. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether Y4 pupils can recall their multiplication tables fluently (being able to answer times tables questions accurately and quickly, without having to work out the answers).

What is the Year 4 times tables test's format?

The Multiplication Tables Check is [an online, on-screen digital assessment](#) meaning the children will take the test on a desktop computer, laptop or tablet (such as an iPad) at school. The times tables test will be timed, with the entire assessment lasting approximately 5 minutes in total. The children will be set a handful of practice questions to begin with. Following the practice questions, the test itself will comprise of 25 questions; children must answer each question within 6 seconds so the whole test will take less than 5 minutes.

How can you help your child?

Times tables are learnt best when learnt regularly and in short bursts. At Grange, we use 'Times Tables Rock Stars' to help learn multiplication and division tables. This interactive tool is a fun way of learning times tables facts as well as being highly addictive! The children are able to play against their friends. The 'Sound Check' area of the website has been designed specifically in order to support the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check. Please click the 'Times Tables Rock Stars' link below to take you to the pupil login area. All pupils have logins and usage at home will be monitored and followed up closely by staff.



Some other useful websites for practising times tables are included below.

[Hit the button!](#) Hit the Button is an interactive maths game with quick fire questions

[Times Table Mountain](#) Select the table you wish to practise and then begin your ascent. If you manage to reach the top you can print out a certificate and view a report of your mistakes.

If you have any questions, please see your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Benjamins - Headteacher