

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am writing to you to give you information about the Multiplication Tables Check that Year 4 pupils will undertake.

The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is a statutory assessment in schools, for children in Year 4, administered in June. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables (up to 12 x 12) fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help the school to identify pupils who may need additional support. More information can be found using this link;

<http://www.akps.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Multiplication-Tables-Check-information-for-parents.pdf>

What does the check involve?

The MTC is an on-screen, online check consisting of 25 times tables questions. Your child will answer 3 practice questions before moving on to the official check and will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

How have the children been prepared?

At Woodston, we have taught your child times tables in Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4. Children have many opportunities to learn and practice their times tables. The children are familiar with the on-screen nature of the MTC and have completed lots of quizzes in this format.

What can you do?

Times tables, according to research, are best learnt in short, regular bursts. There are many online games children can access including Times Tables Rockstars and Hit the Button. Opportunities for children to recall their knowledge verbally, listening to times tables songs and short quizzes will support their development.

What feedback will parents receive?

Children will achieve a score out of 25. This score will be reported in the children's reports given at the end of the academic year.

If you have any questions about the MTC, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours Sincerely,
Miss E. Hobday
Maths Leader