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## Times tables in Year 4

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Recalling times tables improves memory skills, which is a transferrable skill that will help children throughout school and into adult life. Children will find it easier to solve maths problems and to do mental arithmetic if they have already memorised their times tables.

As you may be aware, year 4 children will now undertake a multiplication check. The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is a key stage 2 assessment to be taken by pupils at the end of year 4. The purpose of the MTC is to make sure the times tables knowledge is at the expected level.

The MTC is an online test where the pupils are asked 25 questions on times tables 2 to 12. For every question you have 6 seconds to answer and in between the questions there is a 3 second rest. Questions about the 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12 times table come up more often. The questions are generated randomly based on the rules of the MTC.

We have attached an information leaflet about the multiplication tables check, which will hopefully explain what it is in a bit more detail and answer any questions you may have.

Regular times table practice helps to develop rapid recall and there are lots of games and activities that you can do at home to help support your child.

Some ideas can be found at: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/maths/primary-multiplication-division/help-with-times-tables/>

We thank you for your continued support,

Year 3/4 team

