

Dear Parents

We have enclosed a copy of the Government documentation issued last week to provide you with guidance about the compulsory multiplication check for all Year 4 pupils in June.

Whilst this check is a new government requirement, since the introduction of the New National Curriculum in 2014 it has been expected that all children should know their tables up to 12×12 by the end Year 4.

As the guide states the check will begin this academic year.

We have already been busy practising the children's times tables knowledge and will continue to do so. At home please feel free for your child to practise using the website timestables.co.uk which has a sample multiplication check and other challenges for the children to have a go at. There are also games available on the My Maths website (some of these do unfortunately require a flash player in order to work) In addition to the online support available we have also attached a set of multiplication loop cards for the children to practice their times tables with at home. All you need to do is cut out the cards (each card has an answer and the next question on) and then muddle them up. The children then work through finding the next card in the sequence with the correct answer on and then the question on the card is the next answer they look for.

We would also like to make you aware that during the pilot last year the Government set the pass rate at 25 out of 25. The children are aware that this is what they are aiming for as we didn't want any to be disappointed if they didn't pass and had expected too with a high but not full marks.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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