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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Following on from last week's parents evening, I am writing to provide you with additional information on the Times Table Check.

What is the Times Table Check (MTC)?

The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is a Key Stage 2 assessment to be taken by pupils at the end of Year 4 (in June). The purpose of the MTC is to make sure the times tables knowledge is at the expected level.

In the 2021/2022 academic year, the multiplication tables check (MTC) became statutory for all primary schools.

The MTC is an online test where the pupils are asked 25 questions on times tables from 2 to 12. For every question, children will have 6 seconds to answer and in between the questions there is a 3-second rest.

What is the purpose of the MTC?

The purpose of the MTC is **to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently**, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

How will the MTC take place?

In June, pupils will log onto a secure government platform and will complete the MTC online.

What is the pass mark?

Although the government have not released a pass mark, at South Bersted Church of England Primary School, we are aiming for all children to achieve the mark of 25. Achieving 100% will ensure that all children are able to use their times tables to solve more challenging problems. Knowing all facts enables pupils to free up working memory.



What will the check look like?

Children will be given 6 seconds to answer the question and then have 3 seconds before the next calculation appears.



How can you help your child?

There are a number of ways that you can support your child:

- It is important that children complete their home learning. We expect children to be logging in to Times Table Rockstars 10 minutes per day (Monday to Friday) to improve their recall of times table facts. Playing for 10 minutes per day, will have a greater impact than playing for 1 solid hour.
- Ask quick fire questions e.g. What is 8×7 ? If 8×7 is 56, what is 7×8 ? $56 \div 7$?
- Count in multiples of 6, 7 and 8, these are often the most challenging times tables to learn.
- Create flash cards on key times tables.

What challenges will we set on Times Table Rockstars?

To improve motivation, every other week, we have whole school battles. The current battle is class based and Year 4 are playing against Year 3. Updates from these battles can be found in our newsletters, including details of the Most Valuable Player (MVP) for each group.

In addition to this, we have a whole school leader board which is celebrated during our Friday Collective Worship.

Which times tables does my child need to work on?

To support you and your child in targeting key facts, by Friday I will attach your child's current heat map to Class Dojo. This will allow you to see their current times for each times table fact.

- *The darker the green, the quicker your child is answering a question.*
- *Orange is a time between 5 and 9 seconds.*
- *Red is a times greater than 9 seconds.*

If you have any questions regards the MTC, please speak to Mr Wilson or myself on the gate.

Kind regards

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