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Year 4 Multiplication Check



Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may already be aware, there is a new statutory check for Year 4 children called the 'Multiplication Tables Check'. Under the National Curriculum, primary school children are expected to know their 12 times tables by the end of Year 4. We have been preparing children to know their times tables by the end of Year 4 throughout their time at Vernon.

The check itself:

- Takes place in the summer term in June.
- Is carried out online using a computer or tablet.
- Can be done one pupil at a time, in groups or as a class.
- Will take no longer than 5 minutes.
- Will feature 25 questions and children will have 6 seconds to answer each question.
- There is no problem-solving or division, just simple '3 x 4 = ?' type questions

The results are for the teachers. There is **no** pass or fail mark. The results of the test are **not** published publicly, will **not** be part of a league table and it is nothing to be concerned about. The results are for the teachers to use so we can provide an even better education as your child moves into Years 5 and 6.

In primary school, times tables knowledge is vital for quick mental maths calculations and problem solving, as well as for many of the maths topics children learn in years 5 and 6, such as division, fractions, percentages.

The Government has called this process a 'check' rather than a 'test' or 'exam' to reassure parents, children and schools that it is nothing to worry about, but is purely an assessment procedure that forms part of ongoing education.



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We will continue to practise our times tables in school, as part of the Maths curriculum. If you wish to further support your child at home with their times tables, there are a number of ways you can do this:

- Playing games on 'Times Table Rockstars' - if you need a reminder of your password, please just let us know and we will send it home again.
- Reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc) - this repetition aids memory and recall.
- Using apps and games, such as [Hit the Button](#)
- Singing times tables songs - there are lots of these online and the children enjoy singing along to them!
- Asking times table questions as part of your daily routine.
- Playing family times table challenges and games.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to send us an email. We have also attached the official handy guide to the multiplication check issued by the standards agency.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs McNeil, Mrs Walmsley & Miss Swan
Year 4 Teachers



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