



“Together We Achieve”

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Dear Year 4 Parents/Carers,

You may be aware that in June 2020 the Government announced a new, compulsory test for Year 4 children called the ‘Multiplication Tables Check’ (MTC). If you have a child in Year 4, your child will be participating in the MTC in June, 2024.

The National Curriculum for Mathematics states that primary school children are expected to know their 12 times tables by the end of Year 4. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables, which is essential for future success in Mathematics.

The check itself:

- will take place during school hours, week commencing Monday 10th June
- is done online using a computer or tablet and the online programme will automatically score the MTC
- 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’s no problem solving or division, just simple “3 x 4 =?” multiplication questions
- during the test there will be an emphasis on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables, which will form the majority of the questions.

The results of the test are not published and there is no pass or fail mark. Your child’s score will be given to you in a letter once they are released. The results are mainly for the teachers; it will help class teachers to identify if your child may need additional support as they move through upper Key Stage 2.

We do not want your child to worry about the check, hence why the Government has called it a “check” rather than a “test” or “exam”. Myself and the Year 4 team will be doing lots of preparation in school for the MTC alongside teaching the broad Mathematics curriculum, but we will need your continued support to help practise the times tables with your children at home.

Headteacher: Mr B Wray
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs J Jilavu

Swanwick Primary School
South Street
Swanwick
Alfreton
DE55 1BZ

Tel: 01773 602268
Email:

info@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk





“Together We Achieve”

The following websites are great for your child to practise at home:

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

<https://trockstars.com/>



The above websites are free and can be accessed on any device that has access to the internet. Swanwick Primary has a subscription to TTRS, which is a great resource for practising times tables. Your child should have a log in, but if there are any issues please speak to your child's class teacher or myself.

I will be hosting optional meetings on **Wednesday 7th February at 2:45pm (face to face) and 7pm (via Teams)** to give you further information. The sessions will last approximately 30 minutes; there will be an opportunity for us to talk to you about the ways in which you can support your child in readiness for the MTC and for you to ask any questions. If you cannot attend either meeting, but would still like information, this can be shared via email. Please fill out the Microsoft Form to confirm your attendance: <https://forms.office.com/e/y7kLq9pKqB>

More information will be shared closer to the MTC date. Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs C Staley
Mathematics Lead

Headteacher: Mr B Wray
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs J Jilavu

Swanwick Primary School
South Street
Swanwick
Alfreton
DE55 1BZ

Tel: 01773 602268

Email:

info@swanwick.derbyshire.sch.uk

