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Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Dear year 4 parents/ guardians,

For the second year running, all year 4 students across the country will be taking part in a government multiplication table test. With this test being carried out in the summer, I have compiled the information below for your information:

National Curriculum Multiplication Table Expectations by Year:

Year Group	Expectation
Year 1	Count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 . Recall and use all doubles to 10 and corresponding halves.
Year 2	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables including recognising odd and even numbers .
Year 3	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.
Year 4	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for tables up to 12 x 12
Year 5	Revision of all times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12
Year 6	Revision of all times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12

What is the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)?

- The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) will be administered to children in Year 4 yearly, this year it is taking place in June 2021. Schools will have a 3 week window to administer the check.
- The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether Year 4 pupils can recall their multiplication tables up to 12x12 fluently as outlined in the National Curriculum.
- Children will be tested using a computer, where they will have to answer multiplication questions against a clock. The test will last no longer than 5 minutes; children will have 6 seconds to answer each question in a series of 25.
- Each question will only appear once in any 25-question series, and children won't be asked to answer reversals of a question as part of the check (so if they've already answered 3 x 4 they won't be asked about 4 x 3).

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- Once a pupil has inputted their answer on the computer / device they are using, there will be a three-second pause before the next question appears. Children will be given the opportunity to practise answering questions in this format before the official check begins.
- The six-second time limit per question has been decided on by the DfE because it should allow children enough time to demonstrate their recall of times tables without giving them the time to work out the answers to each question.
- Here is the government guidance for parents: [Government Guidance for Parents](#)

How will the multiplication tables check results be used?

- The purpose of the check is to help teachers identify which children are falling behind and target areas where they're not being given a chance to succeed.
- Results will be made available to the school.
- The Department for Education will report national results to track how they change over time.
- School-level results won't be made publicly available or be used in performance tables.

How will we support your child?

- Regular multiplication table practise as a whole class.
- Implementation of multiplication tables in mental maths session.
- Provide them with strategies and regular opportunities to practise their multiplication table focus in school and at home.
- Regular promotion and monitoring of times table rockstars, rewarding children for consistent use at home, targeting questions of TTR (Times Tables Rockstars) to the child's multiplication table focus.
- Weekly targeted testing to the multiplication table they are working on. These are timed similarly to the government test.
- Weekly certificates and rewards for each class based on speed and usage of TTR.
- As of the beginning of April, we will have access to practise tests online to enable the children to feel comfortable with the format and get a feel for the timings and how it will be conducted.

How can you support your child?

- Practise times tables regularly with your child.
- Make sure children are used to speed limitation.
- Asking your child multiplication questions out of order – such as 'What's 11x12? What's 5x6?'
- Using apps and games like TT Rockstars.

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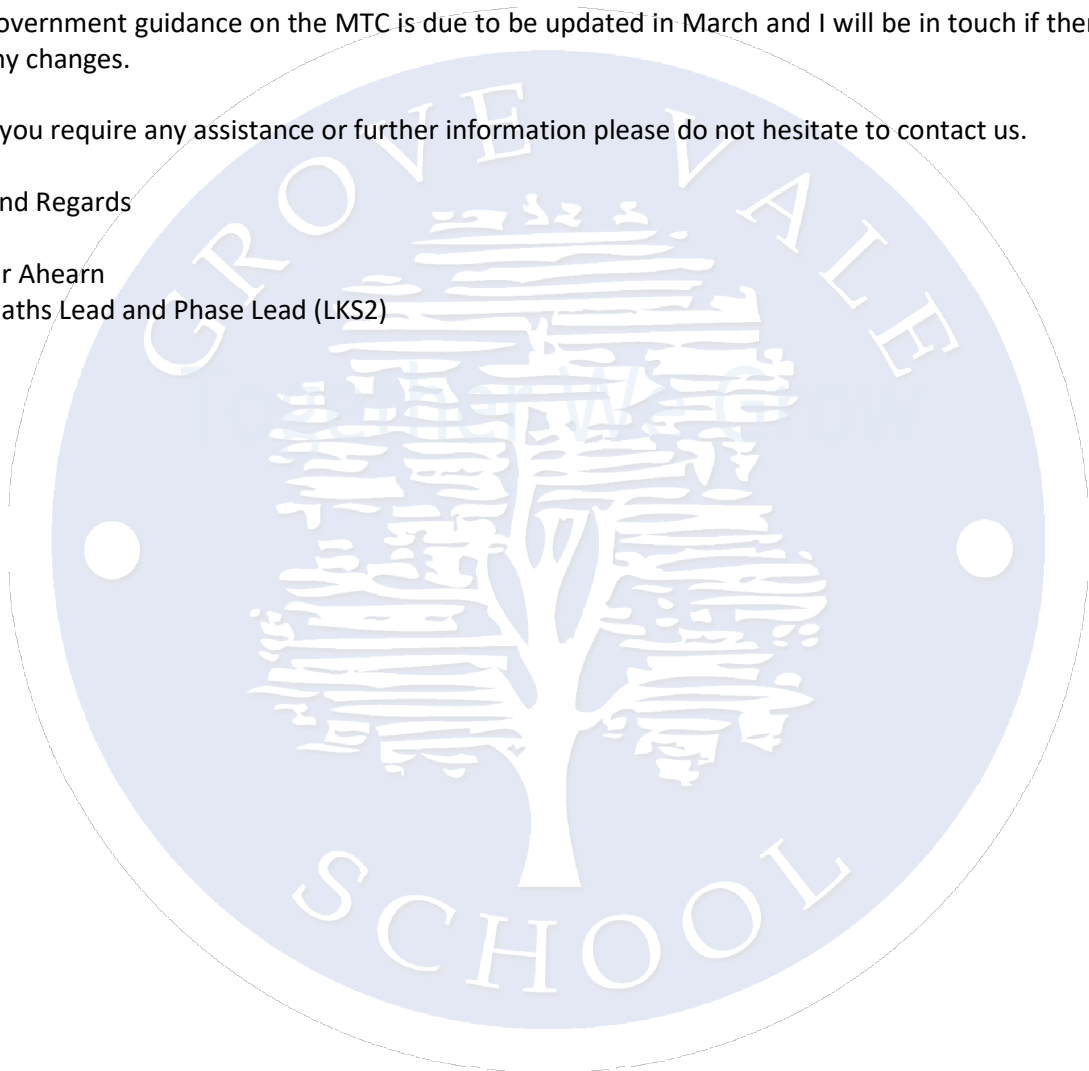
- There are clever tricks for remembering several of the times tables. For instance, on Youtube watch Andrew Jeffrey's method for tackling the seven times table.
- There are many resources online that provide engaging games like topmarks.co.uk
- Wall charts show all the answers for a particular times table. You could download Oxford Owl free times table wall charts and stick them up somewhere they'll be seen often. For instance, you could put them over the sink so that your child will see them when they're brushing their teeth. You'll be amazed how quickly they learn when they see these number facts every day!

Government guidance on the MTC is due to be updated in March and I will be in touch if there are any changes.

If you require any assistance or further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

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