



Westlands Primary School

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Dear parents/carers,

In June, all children in Year 4 undertake a Multiplication Tables Check which is a statutory requirement. The purpose of this assessment is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently - an essential skill for future success in mathematics. It will also help schools identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.

Schools must administer the MTC to all eligible year 4 pupils. The check is on-screen and is 25 questions in total, with 6 seconds to answer each question. The check lasts no longer than 5 minutes. There are some access arrangements made possible for children with additional needs which your child's teacher may arrange. There is no pass mark for the check however it gives a picture of your child's current level of understanding. Your child's score will be reported to you as part of their End of Year Report. Please be assured that we approach the check in a calm and relaxed way and the children's scores inform us as to how we can focus our teaching to best support your child's learning.

We know that learning the times tables takes time and practice and your child has already been preparing for the MTC through their daily maths lessons and through our Times Tables Time system designed so that children can learn all the multiplication facts up to 12 X 12 as efficiently as possible. They may say that the most 'fun' way to practise is by using Times Tables RockStars (in school and as part of homework). On TTRockstars, children play a range of 'rockstar games' to practise their tables.

We will be holding a meeting on Thursday 3rd October at 8.45-9.15 where you can find out how we learn times tables in school and give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. If you would like to attend this meeting please complete the form by following this link: [Year 4 MTC Meeting Form](#)

If you have any questions about your child's current level of times tables knowledge or would like to learn how to support your child, please contact their teacher.

Many thanks,

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