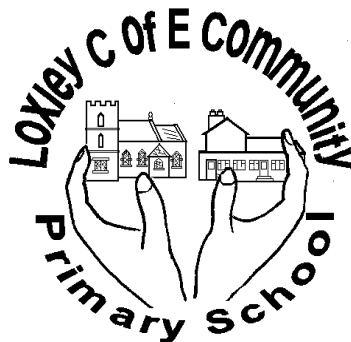


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Dear Parents,

### Year 4 Multiplication Check June 2023

You may be aware that from June 2020 the Government announced a new test for Year 4 children called the "Multiplication Tables Check".

Here's what you need to know:

Under the National Curriculum, primary school children are expected to know all their times tables by the end of Year 4, up to 12x12. As a result, we've been preparing the children to know their times tables by the end of Year 4 for quite some time now and this will be a useful checkpoint.

The check itself:

- will take place in the summer term in June sometime over a one-week period from Monday 21st June 2021. However, we will be undertaking practise checks between the following dates; 16 January – 3 February and 24 April and 12 May.
- is done 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's no problem solving or division, just simple "3 x 4 = ?" type 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 are for the teachers. There is no pass or fail mark. The results of the test are not published publicly. They are for us to use so that we can provide the appropriate support where necessary. Your child's score will be given to you in a letter. I am sure that along with you, we do not want our children worried or stressed about the check. The Government has called it a "check" rather than a "test" or "exam" for a reason.

The children will be carrying out the check on a laptop, which requires the children to input their answers using the number keypad. Please can you aid your child to become familiar with this. If your child feels more confident using an iPad, please inform Miss Geldard or Mrs Woolley so the appropriate arrangements can be made.

## How you can support you child:

Your child will benefit from your continued support to help practice the times tables. Some easy ways to do this include:

- asking questions such as “what’s 7 x 8?”
- reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc)
- using apps and games (see below about a resource your pupil has access to)
- singing times tables songs (there are loads online)
- Use this website for your child to practise: <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Why do we learn the times tables? In primary school, times tables knowledge is vital for quick mental maths calculations and problem solving, as well as for many of the topics children learn in Years 5 and 6 (division, fractions, percentages).

Please also remember to make use of TT Rockstars to further support your child.

For further information about these tests please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/multiplication-tables-check>

If you should have any queries or questions please do not hesitate us using the school office email address.

Thank you for your continued support.

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