



Baldon Church of England Primary School
and Nursery

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Dear Parent/Guardian

New Multiplication Tables Check

All year 4 children in our school and schools throughout England will have their multiplication skills tested through completing an online multiplication tables check (MTC), between Monday 8 June and Friday 26 June 2020, where they will have to answer 25 multiplication questions.

Pupils will have 6 seconds to enter a response to the question. The 6 seconds start as soon as the question appears. Pupils will be able to input their response using the computer keyboard, a mouse, or the on-screen pad. Once the question is answered, there will be a 3 second pause before the next question appears.

At the end of the assessment window, a total score out of 25 will be reported to us for all of the pupils who took the check. There will be no expected standard threshold for the MTC. Your child's results will be communicated with you in your child's end of year report.

Children will be doing work in school on a regular basis to ensure that they are as prepared as they possibly can be for the MTC. However, please reassure your child that the MTC is an opportunity for them to demonstrate what they know and emphasise to them that they cannot fail the test.

How can you help your child practise their times tables?

Some of the techniques you can use include:

- Practising times tables on Times Table Rockstars
- Practising times tables by rote.
- Asking your child multiplication questions out of order – such as 'What's 11x12? What's 5x6?'
- Asking your child the related division facts: 'What's 64 ÷ 8? What's 27 ÷ 3?'
- Using arrays to help your child memorise times tables – you can use fun objects like Smarties or Lego bricks to make it more entertaining.
- Giving your child word problems to test their skills, like 'If Peter has 800ml of orange juice and needs to share it between four friends, how much can they each have?'
- Singing times tables using songs.

If your child is feeling particularly anxious or worried about the test or you have any questions regarding the test, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Headteacher

In our school, we celebrate being part of God's family where all respect themselves, others and the world around them. Our vision is to develop a safe, caring community of inspired, resilient lifelong learners with a spirit of curiosity, enabling them to flourish in an ever changing world.

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