## Y4 Multiplication Check

## Presentation for Parents \& Carers



## What is the MTC (Multiplication Tables Check)?

- Set by the government, the MTC is an on-screen assessment designed to determine whether pupils are able to fluently recall their multiplication tables up to 12, through a set of timed questions.
- There is a 2-week check window starting 3rd June 2024 during which schools will complete the MTC with pupils in Year 4.
- Pupils will have 3 practice questions before the check begins.
- The MTC will ask the pupil 25 random multiplication questions- they will not be asked division questions.
- Pupils will have 6 seconds to read the question, understand it, and enter a response. They will then receive a 3 second pause before the next question is shown.


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- Schools can decide whether the pupils take the test on a tablet or a computer, but there is no option to complete the test on paper.
- Teachers will have the flexibility to administer the check to individual pupils, small groups or a whole class at the same time.
- There is no pass mark for the MTC.
- After the MTC window closes, schools will be able to compare their school average, with their Local Authority and National average.


## How can you help at home?

- Download the free TTRS app onto a device
- Allow children to practise times tables - Soundcheck mode is most similar to the test so this gives you and us a good idea of the score they will get.
- Songs / chants / CDs in the car
- Spot check times tables
- Regular daily practise - it doesn't have to be much!




## Y6 SATS 2024

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## What are the SATS tests?

- The end of KS2 assessments are sometimes informally referred to as 'SATS'.
- SATS week across the country begins on Mon $13^{\text {th }}$ May
- Pupils will complete test papers in some of the areas that have to be assessed. Other areas, like writing, are assessed using evidence collected by the teacher over a longer period of time.
- Pupils will complete SATS test papers in:
- Reading
- Grammar, Punctuation \& Vocabulary
- Spelling
- Arithmetic
- Mathematical Reasoning - 2 papers


## How do the tests take place?

- The tests all take place in normal school time, under test conditions.
- Pupils will not be allowed to talk to each other during the tests.
- The completed papers are sent away to be marked externally.
- Results are returned to school in July.
- The tests vary in length but last no longer than 60 minutes:
- Reading: 60 minutes
- Grammar, Punctuation \& Vocabulary: 45 minutes
- Spelling: 15 minutes
- Arithmetic: 30 minutes
- Mathematical Reasoning: 2 papers of 40 minutes each.


## How are the tests graded?

- The marked tests will provide the following information:
- A raw score (i.e. number of marks)
- A scaled score (see below)
- An indication of whether the national standard has been met.
- In scaled scores, a score of 100 represents the national standard. The lowest is 80 and the highest is 120 .
- After each test is marked, it will be converted into a scaled score and that will show whether a pupil is working at the national standard, or above or below it.
- A pupil will need to achieve a scaled score of $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ to show that they have met the national standard on the test.
- There are no longer separate tests for higher attaining pupils, but they might expect a scaled score of over 110 which would indicate the pupil is working above the expected standard.


## The Reading Test

- The test assesses whether pupils' comprehension of age appropriate texts meets the national standard. There will be numerous questions on inference, vocabulary and authorial choice.
- Pupils will have 60 minutes to complete the test, including reading the texts and writing the answers.
- The test will have three different texts to read, drawing on fiction, non-fiction or poetry.
- Questions are focused around the following areas (called 'content domains'):
- givelexplain the meaning of words in context
- retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction
- summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph
- make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text
- predict what might happen from details stated and implied
- identifylexplain how information/narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole
- identify/explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases
- make comparisons within the text
- There are a range of answer types, including multiple choice, short one-word answers and longer answers that require a written paragraph.


## The Reading Test <br> Example questions

(9) Look at Anousher's blog entry for September 27th.

Explain how Anousheh felt about being in space that day
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11 Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each Using information from the text, tick
statement is a fact or an opinion.

8 Gentle, and small, and frail
How do these words make the reader feel about the snail?

|  | Fact | Opinion |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Anousheh Ansari kept an online diary. |  |  |
| Brushing your teeth in space is a joy. |  |  |
| Being weightless is endlessly entertaining. |  |  |
| Tourists can stay on the International <br> Space Station. |  |  |

25 Circle the correct option to complete each sentence below.
(a) The story is told from the perspective of...

| Professor <br> Summerlee.$\quad$ Lord John. | Malone. | Professor <br> Challenger. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |${ }_{1 \text { maxk }}$

## The GPS Tests

- There are two tests: a short spelling test and a longer paper testing grammar, punctuation and vocabulary.
- The spelling test lasts approximately 15 minutes and pupils will need to spell words in context by filling in the gaps in sentences.
- The grammar, punctuation and vocabulary test lasts for 45 minutes.
- Pupils need a good working knowledge of technical vocabulary used to describe grammatical terms and punctuation marks.
- Questions in the grammar test are focused around the following areas (called 'content domains'):
- Grammatical terms/word classes
- Functions of sentences
- Combining words, phrases and clauses
- Verb forms, tenses and consistency
- Punctuation
- Vocabulary
- Standard English and formality
- There are a range of answer types in the grammar test, including multiple choice and short one-word answers, but there will not be any long written answers required


## The GPS Tests <br> Example questions



## The Maths Tests

- There are three tests: one arithmetic paper and two reasoning papers.
- Paper 1 (arithmetic) lasts 30 minutes and assesses pupils' confidence using methods of calculation as well as fractions, decimals and percentages. It covers curriculum content from all of KS2.
- Papers 2 \& 3 (reasoning) last 40 minutes each and focus on problem solving, fluency and applying mathematical reasoning.
- Questions cover the following areas (called 'content domains'):
- Number and place value
- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division (calculations)
- Geometry - properties of shapes
- Geometry - position and direction
- Statistics
- Measurement
- Algebra
- Ratio and proportion
- Fractions, decimals and percentages.
- Questions will increase in difficulty as the paper progresses and not all children will complete the papers.


## The Maths Tests <br> Example questions



15
A shaded isosceles triangle is drawn inside a rectangle.
 Calculate the size of angle $\boldsymbol{a}$ :


## Other Assessments

- There is no writing SATS test.
- Writing assessments will be formed from judgements made by the teacher, looking at evidence from writing collected over the course of the year.
- The teacher will moderate their assessments with other professionals to make sure there is a consistent standard across the country.
- Final judgements will be reported to parents at the same time as the other assessment results.
- A teacher assessment judgement (informed by class work and summative tests and observations) will be made for science.


## How can I help my child?

- Help children not to feel worried or pressured about SATS. All that is asked is that they try their best, but please reassure children that the SATS should not be causing anxiety. Do give lots of praise and encouragement!
- Help children with organising their homework and support their reading for pleasure activities.
- Help them to have early nights and a healthy diet.
- Help your child to have the best possible attendance at school.
- Please speak to a member of staff if you have questions or concerns.


## You've heard of a little SATs test

That makes people feel rather stressed
But you're worth So much more
Than your total test score
sorelax now and just

## do your best!

## Time for Questions



## Helpful Downloadable Resources



## Y6 SPAG Question Generator

https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/ks2-sats-y6-spag-revision-gps-11835425

## Y6 Reading Question Generator

https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/y6-reading-ks2-sats-revision-11818839

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