



# MULTIPLICATION TIMES TABLE CHECK (MTC)

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING



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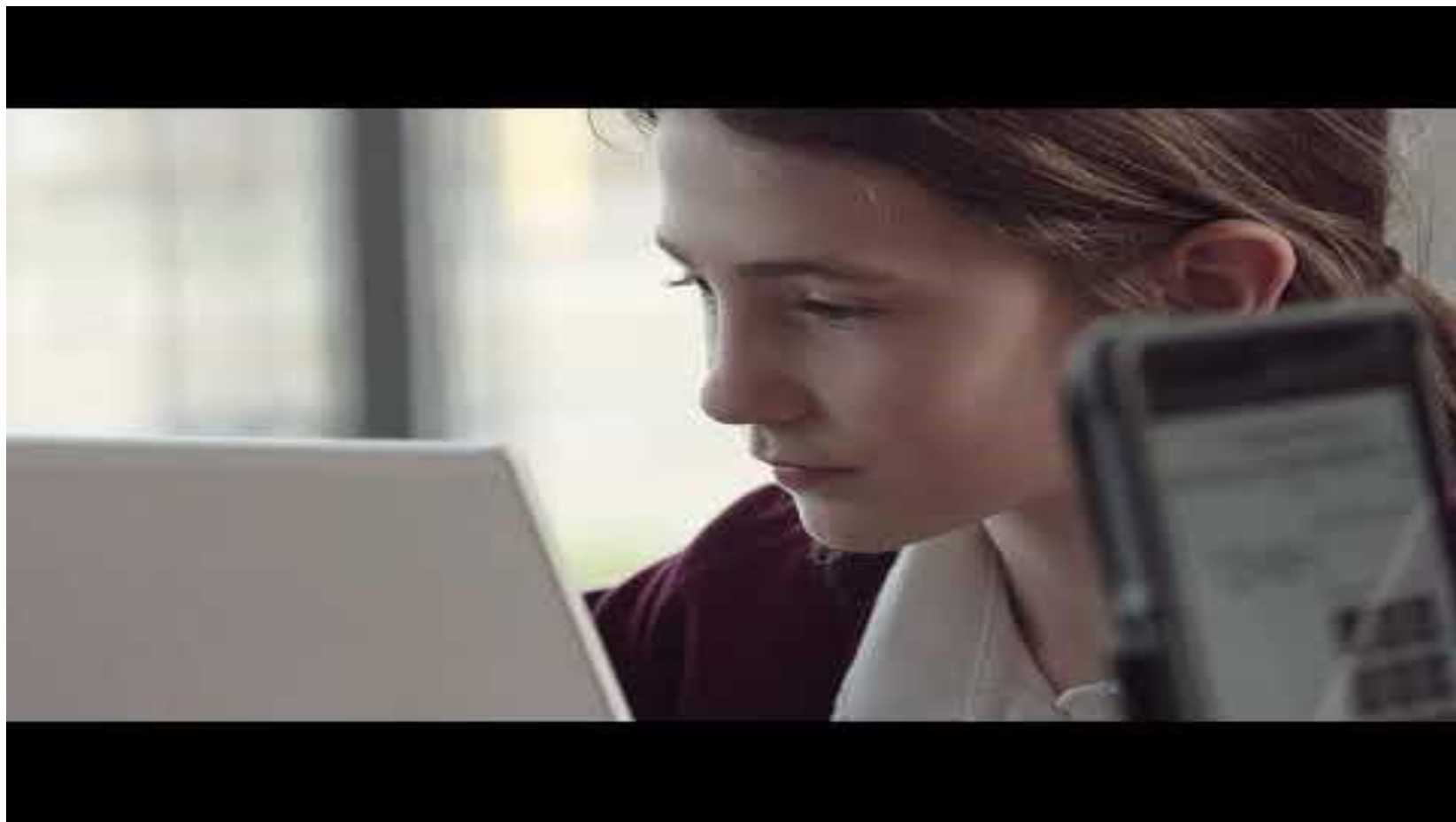
## WHAT IS THE MTC?

The MTC is an online test where the pupils are asked 25 questions on times tables 2 to 12. For every question you have 6 seconds to answer and in between the questions there is a 3 second rest.

- Questions about the 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12 times table come up more often.
- No reversals (e.g. if  $4 \times 3$  is on the test, then  $3 \times 4$  will not be).
- No questions from the 1 times table (e.g. not  $1 \times 7$  or  $7 \times 1$ ).
- Up to 2 questions from each of the 2 and 10 times tables.
- Between 1 and 3 questions from each of the 3, 4, 5 and 11 times tables.
- Between 2 and 4 questions from each of the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables.

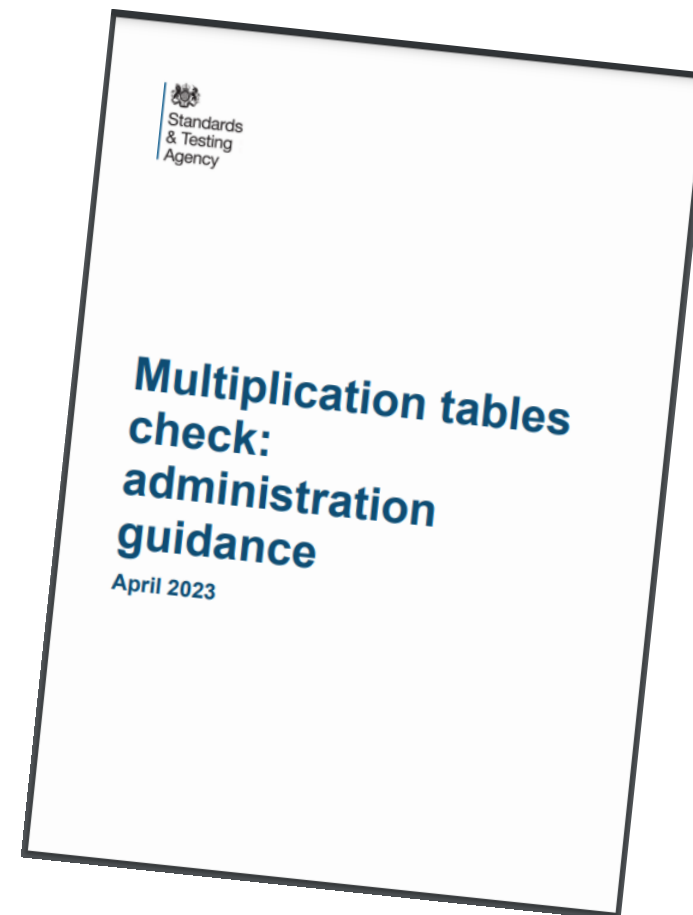
# WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE MTC?

- The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics.
- It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.



# WHEN IS MTC HAPPENING?

- Schools will have a **3-week check window in June** to administer the MTC.
- Teachers will have the flexibility to administer the check to individual pupils, small groups or a whole class at the same time.



# HOW WILL MTC BE ADMINISTERED?

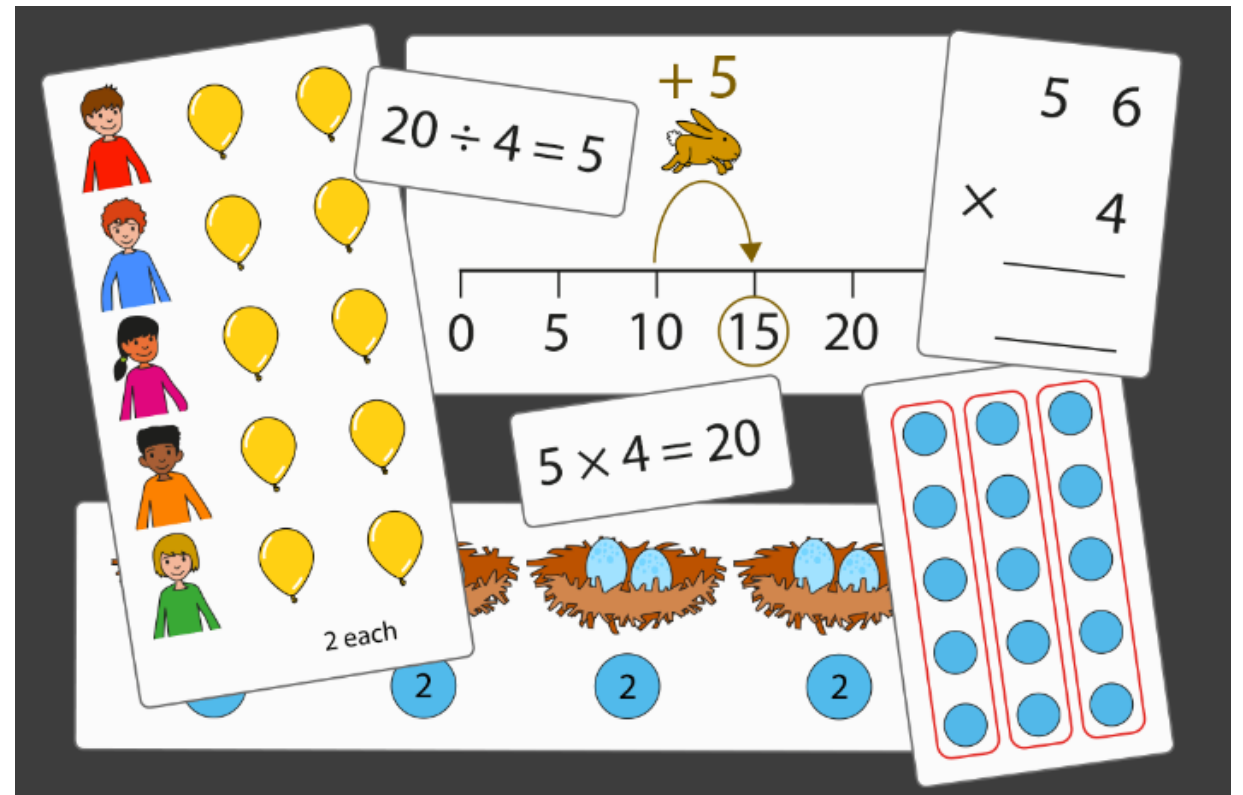
- We will be using the Chromebooks to administer the check.
- Pupils can use the numbers at the top of the keypad or use the touch screen. There is no number pad at the side of our Chromebooks.
- Small groups/1:1



# WHAT DO WE DO IN SCHOOL TO HELP?

We teach times tables explicitly in main class teaching:

- Year 1 – Count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10
- Year 2 – Learn their x2, x5 and x 10, Count in multiples of 3
- Year 3 – Learn their x3, x4 and x 8
- Year 4 – x6, x7, x9, x11, x12



## WHAT DO WE DO IN SCHOOL TO HELP?

Year 4 Fluency sessions focus heavily on Times Tables. These Fluency sessions can involve:

Counting aloud in multiples, catchy songs, flash cards, pattern spotting, testing each other, playing games, TimesTable Rockstars etc

***‘Fluency demands more of students than memorisation of a ...collection of facts. It encompasses a mixture of efficiency, accuracy and flexibility.’ NCETM***

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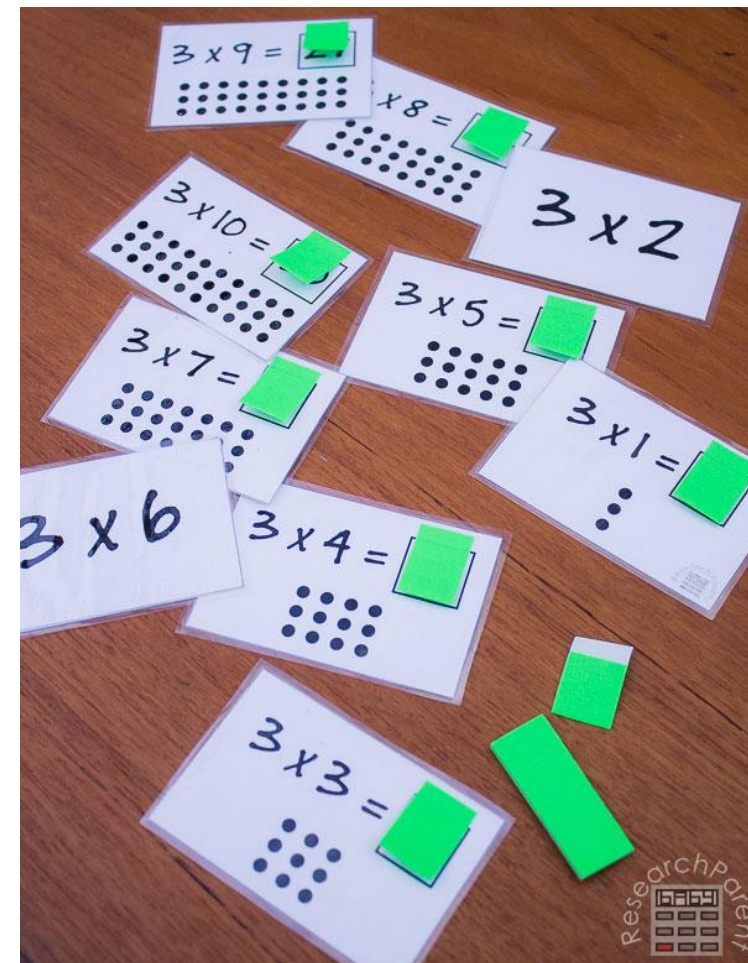
# WHAT CAN YOU DO AT HOME TO HELP?

- Practice little and often, start small
- Make flashcards, Post-It notes around the house, one fact at a time
- Times Table songs on Youtube EG. NumberRock
- Online games are great for practice:

[Hit the Button](#), [TTRockstars](#) , [TimesTables.com](#) (free, no account needed)

Getting used to testing under timed conditions:

[TalkingTimesTables](#) , [URBrainy](#)



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND TIPS

- We will report the scores to you
- There is no 'pass mark'
- We will be using the 'Try it Out' area first to expose the children to the test before the official assessment
- Government guidance for parents
- *TOP TIPS: -Do not press 'ENTER' as it gives the children time to check their answer before they submit it -The 'Soundcheck' on TT Rockstars is very similar in layout to the MTC*

