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Introduction of on-screen multiplication tables check

An on-screen multiplication tables check is going to be introduced in 2017. Year 6 pupils can expect to be asked to give timed responses to a series of multiplication questions from the twelve times tables.

The new check will be trialled with approximately 3,000 pupils from 80 primary schools in June 2016, before it is rolled out nationally in 2017.

Schools selected for the trial will be contacted by the end of April.

Opportunities to mark 2016 key stage 2 science tests

If you are interested in marking the key stage 2 science tests, recruitment has now opened.

NFER is working on our behalf to deliver the live and trial national curriculum tests for key stage 2 science in 2016. You must have qualified teacher status and current teaching experience at key stage 2 or above to apply for a role.

For more information, including training dates and marking periods, please contact NFER by email KS2STAC@nfer.ac.uk or call 01753 637162.

Updates to key stages 1 and 2 assessment and reporting arrangements (ARA)

We have updated the KS1 and KS2 ARAs with details about this year's moderation arrangements. The KS1 and KS2 online wall charts have also been updated with the revised information.

The revised dates for submission of teacher assessment data are:

- Key stage 1: Monday 13 June
- Key stage 2: Friday 27 May

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