Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga
Ministry of Education

Year 2 Maths Check

Information for parents and whānau

Kia ora

From Term 4 2026, schools will be using the Year 2 Maths Check. It helps them to understand how students are doing in maths by the end of Year 2.

What is the Year 2 Maths Check?

The Check is a short assessment which takes place at the end of Year 2. It focuses on key number concepts and skills.

Your child will work with numbers up to 120, and do tasks with simple addition, subtraction, and fractions.

These skills are important for your child's future success in maths.

Video of the Check

Watch a video about the Maths Check:

What will my child do?

Your child will:

- work one-to-one with a teacher
- use hands on materials and visual supports
- do some number-focused tasks
- complete the Maths Check in a calm and supportive environment.

The Check typically takes around 15 minutes.

This isn't about passing or failing. It is about supporting your child's learning and preparing them to transition to Year 3.

Why is it important?

The Maths Check helps teachers:

- understand your child's strengths in maths
- identify areas where extra support may be helpful
- plan teaching that responds to the learning needs of your child.

The Check will also help us understand how well the education system is doing at teaching children maths.

How will I find out the results?

Your child's teacher will let you know how your child is progressing and discuss any next learning steps.

Your child's teacher will use the results, alongside other information, to identify your child's progress in maths.

How do you protect my child's information?

All information collected is kept safe and managed under the Privacy Act 2020.

The information collected helps ensure the Check works well for all students. Your child will never be identified.

How can I support maths learning at home?

There is no need to do anything special to prepare for the Check. The Check is all about the maths your child already does at school.

However, you can support everyday maths learning by doing things like:

- counting together
- talking about the numbers around you
- playing board and card games
- comparing amounts and sizes.

Visit this link for more ideas on how to support learning at home.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with your child's teacher.