

# Year Four Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Information for parents and carers



# What is it?

Your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check in June.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.



# When is it?

The national times table check is a test for all year four pupils that takes place between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.



# Why are times tables important?

Times tables are fundamental to support children and underpin everything within Maths. It is vital that all children know their multiplication facts up to  $12 \times 12$ .

Knowing the multiplication facts up to  $12 \times 12$  will give them the essential knowledge needed to be proficient with the curriculum in Years 5 and 6.



# What is the multiplication tables check?



It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions.

Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check.

They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question.

On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

# Access for all children

There are several access arrangements available for the check, these can be used to support pupils with specific needs. Your child's teacher will ensure that the access arrangements are appropriate for your child before they take the check in June.

The check has been designed so that it is inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL). However, there may be some circumstances in which it will not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check, even when using suitable access arrangements. If you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, you should discuss this with your child's teacher.



# Will I find out my child's score?

Yes.

Your child's teacher will share your child's score with you, as they would with all national curriculum assessments. **There is no pass mark for the check.**



**Example- this is very similar to the  
Multiplication Tables Check.**

[https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/  
resources/resource/477/Multi  
plication-Tables-Check](https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check)





# What can I do to support my child?



Practise with your child at home so that they feel confident when completing the test. Quiz your child at home regularly. This could be when making dinner or on the journey to school.

All children have a TTRockstars login, where they can practise their times tables.

All children have an EdShed login where they can play times tables games.

Other helpful websites:

<https://completemaths.com/teaching-tools/digital-manipulatives/timestables>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

<https://www.maths-games.org/times-tables-games.html>

# What can I do to support my child?



Display a poster with all of the times tables facts on at home.

Create flash cards with your children and let them play with friends, siblings, grandparents... They could write the answer on the back and test themselves.

You can also use songs to learn times tables. You can find these on YouTube by typing in for example, "4 times table song". Let them sing along with these at home. Children could also make their own times tables songs.

Chanting times tables is an excellent way to learn them. They could do this each time they walk up the stairs.

Any times tables practise that the children can do at home will really support them to become proficient in their times tables and help them with their everyday maths learning.

**We value your support.**

**Thank you for supporting us.**

