



Timestables

Year 4 Parent Meeting February 2024



At Deepdale, we believe that learning our times tables is fundamental – they are the key facilitator to the Maths that sits on top.

If we are fluent in our recall of our times tables, our future Maths learning becomes easier and makes more sense.

The times tables are the basics of Maths. If you know the basics, you'll find the rest much much easier.



National Multiplication Check

Purpose: a check (not a test) which we will use to reflect on our provision for learning the times tables

- **Multiplication Tables Check for all Year 4 children (similar in process to the phonic screening in Year 1)**
- **The Government made the check compulsory in 2022.**
- **All Year 4 children will sit the 'Times Table Check'**
- **Window for children to take part - 2 weeks in June (3rd - 14th June 2024)**
- **There is no pass or fail, indicating no re-sits if a child does not achieve a particular score**

What will the 'check' look like?

- Around 25 random questions
- Only multiplication questions up to 12×12
- Straightforward e.g. 4×5 ; 6×7 ; 9×3 etc.
- Completed on an iPad/laptop - individually
- Children have a maximum of 6 seconds a question
- One question appears a time on a screen and can be seen for only 6 seconds before the next question appears. Children type in the answers

We are not worried about the checks...

- **The questions are relatively simple**
- **They are age appropriate and in line with National expectations (to know your timestables by the end of Year 4).**
- **It is under 5 minutes long.**
- **We are already in a good place with learning the tables.**
- **In fact, we are looking forward to seeing how well our children do.**
- **We will not be continually discussing the up and coming Multiplication checks with children, but learning our times tables as usual in a fun and engaging way.**

Tests in themselves do not cause anxiety. It is the perceived cost of not doing well. For that reason, we will actively downplay the checks with our children. The only thing that will stress the children is if we repeatedly refer to the checks in class or at home.

What we are going to do, and the purpose of this meeting, is to take even more initiative when it comes to learning the tables, with more options for home learning.

If you are practising with your child, remember you're practising for the benefit of their wider maths education, not just to get a high score on a test

- Year groups 2, 3 and 4 are the key year groups in school where the children are learning new times tables for the first time
- During the autumn and spring terms all of your children have been exploring, learning and understanding their times tables at school

The expectations are:

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
10X	3X	6X
2X	4X	9X
5X	8X	7X
		11X
		12X

Your children have now been taught these timestables with understanding and are now ready to *practise practise practise* and increase their speed of recall

Supporting at home with...



**All of your children have a login and password at the back
of their school planner**

Logging in to Times Table Rock Stars

1. Type **play.ttrockstars.com** into your browsers address bar (or download the free app)
2. Click Login! > School > Student
3. Enter School Name: **Deepdale Community Primary School**
4. Enter your child's username and password (back of their school planners)
5. Click **Login**

Game Modes – single player

Garage – the questions will only come from the times table the teacher has set for the week. It will include multiplication and division questions

As your child plays, TT Rock Stars works out which facts they take longer on and will give them more of these questions to answer.

The garage is better for getting quicker at a few facts.

Players get 10 coins per question

Game Modes – single player

Studio – the questions in the studio can be anything from 1 X 1 to 12 X 12.

TT Rock Stars calculates the mean response time from their last 10 games in the studio and translates them into a Rock Status

If you don't play in the studio you don't get a Rock Status

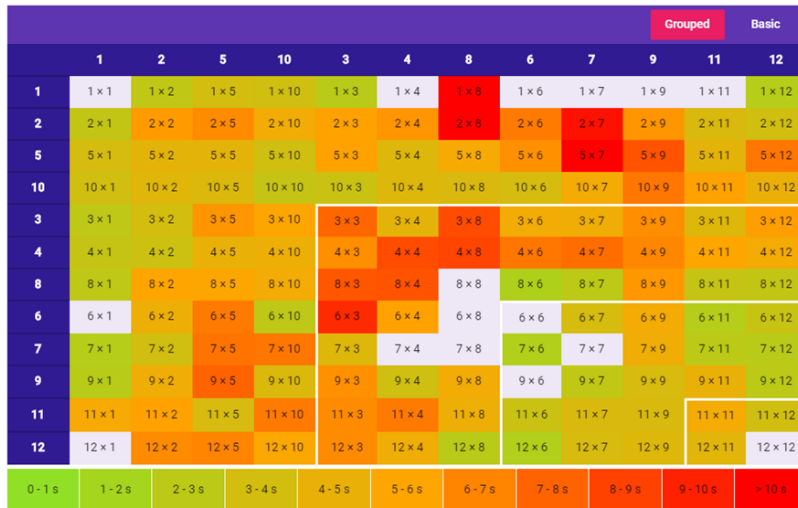
Players earn 1 coin per question and the studio is the place for them to set their best time across the tables

Heat Map – how is your child performing

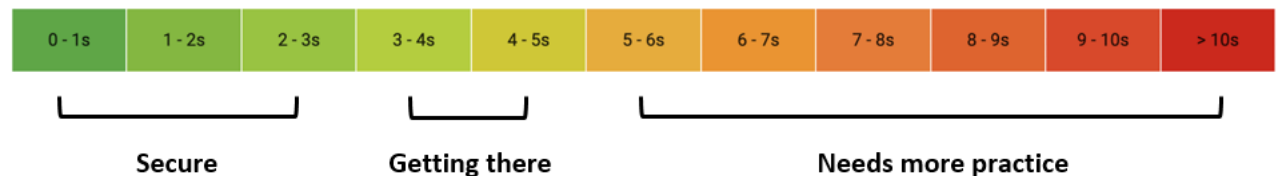
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Spend some time with your child identifying which tables they need to practise, and celebrating the ones they already know.



Times Tables Rock Stars : the plan...

- 30 minutes every week in each class to practise their times tables on the iPads using TTRockstars – to get as fast as they can.
- Login at home and keep practising earning those coins.
- Certificates and stickers to be given as rewards.

Supporting at home:

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Make sure they play daily in **Garage mode** on Times Tables Rocks Stars - The Garage game mode is very clever and will adjust the questions your child is asked, ensuring they are always working on the facts they need to improve.

Sing times tables songs. There are hundreds available! Put them on in the car, bath time or any 'free' time where you have a few spare minutes.

Chanting the old-fashioned way- rehearse the tables forwards and backwards, gradually increasing in speed.

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Plenty of praise- When encouraging children to pursue something important, like timetables, there's no harm in heightening their enthusiasm with plenty of praise. 'You got this!' 'Look at your heatmap now!'

Write out the tables – This can be in the form of a simple list or you could also be a bit more fun. Being creative will make writing and learning the tables more enjoyable.

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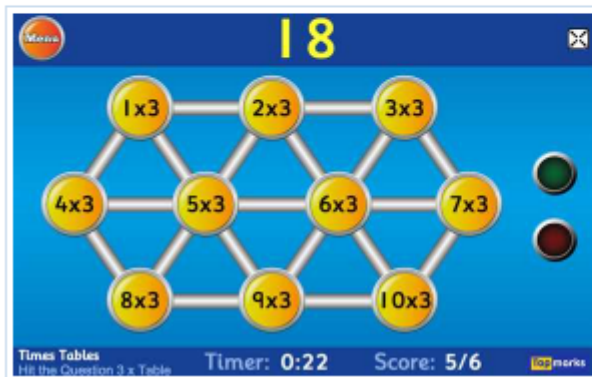
- Write the facts as the petals of a flower;
- Treasure Hunt: Hide the facts around the house and give them the answers.
- Take a pot of water and a paintbrush outside to 'paint' the facts on a wall.
- Use chalks to write the facts outside in giant numbers.
- Get them to test you on the facts and get them wrong on purpose and see if they correct you!

Supporting at home:

Topmarks

Times Tables Games

Learning the Times Tables need not a tedious chore! Learning them can be fun if you build up your knowledge gradually through using these fun multiplication games. It is a good idea to begin with the 2 times, 5 times and 10 times tables and secure these times table facts before moving on to the others.



Hit the Button

Quick fire questions on number bonds, times tables, division facts, doubling and halving numbers against the clock.

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Learn Your Tables

www.learnyourtables.co.uk

8×4	2×4	Drag the boxes on the left to match the ones on the right.	$= 28$	$= 24$
7×4	10×4		$= 40$	$= 8$
6×4	9×4		$= 36$	$= 32$

Learn Your Tables

Practise your times tables by either selecting which table you want to learn or try the mixed tables activities.

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**If you have any questions
during the term your class
teachers are always available
before and after school each
day**

**Thank you for attending today
and for your continued support**