

Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check

Information for parents

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Introduction

- In 2019, a new multiplication tables check was trialled across some schools in the UK. In June 2021, a practice multiplication times table check took place, which all schools across the UK took part in.
- In June 2022, your child will take a short online test to determine whether they can fluently recall their multiplication tables. The National Curriculum states, '*by the end of Year 4, pupils should have memorised their multiplication tables up to and including the 12-multiplication table and show precision and fluency in their work.*'
- All state-funded maintained schools and academies (including free schools) in England will be required to administer the check to Year 4 pupils. Children absent on the day of the test, will be given an opportunity to take the test at a later date, so long as they return within the 3-week test window.



What is the Multiplication Tables Check?

- The multiplication tables check is an online (computer or tablet) test for pupils in Year 4. Pupils are asked to answer 25 questions on times tables from two to twelve. They are given six seconds per question, with three seconds rest between each question, so **the test should last less than five minutes**.
- Each question is worth 1 mark and will be presented to the child in this format:
 $_ \times _ = _$
- The test will automatically move on to the next question after 6 seconds and the computer will accept whatever answer is recorded in the box at the time.
- Questions about the **6-, 7-, 8-, 9- and 12-times** tables are likely to come up most often, as these are the hardest for most children to learn. It's a good idea to focus on these tricky times tables with your child.
- Each question will only appear once in any 25-question series.
- Fluency with times tables becomes even more vital as children move through school, with much of the KS2, 3 and 4 Maths Curriculum relying heavily on times table recall.
- We intend to support children at school with this but providing lots of opportunity to practise at home will add to the support we give.



What about the results?

- At the end of the assessment window in June, a total score out of 25 will be reported to each school for all pupils that took the check. At present, the DfE have not used an official "pass mark".
- We will report the score to parents in the child's school report at the end of the academic year.
- The Government released guidance with specific information for the tables check in 2022, which can be found here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1031901/2022_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check.pdf

- A general information video can be found here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ct5cDctLVTI>



How can we prepare children for the test in school and at home?



- Children continue to have home-access to TT Rockstars. We practise regularly at school using this format as it allows children to practise their speed of recall and their typing skills.
- At home, practise little and often preferably by using Times Tables Rockstars: <https://trockstars.com/login>
- This online test can also be used to check your child's progress:
<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>



Other useful websites:

- 'Oxford Owl' website offers useful information and tips.
<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/at-school/primary-school-assessmenttests/year-4-multiplication-tables-check/>
- Maths Games. <HTTP://WWW.MATHS-GAMES.ORG/TIMES-TABLES-GAMES.HTML>
- <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>
- www.ttrockstars.com (Soundcheck)
- <https://urbrainy.com/mtc>

Thank for taking the time to read this information.

We thank you for your support, and continuing to practice times tables little and often will really help to support your child in school.

