

## Year 4 Multiplication check



### Key Information:

The national times table check (MTC) is an online test for all year four pupils that takes place between **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 with a three second rest** between each one. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

Questions about the **six, seven, eight, nine, 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.

When we receive the results, we will share them with you and the children. This information will be used to inform our teaching and help provide support for pupils.

### 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 x 12. Knowing the multiplication facts up to 12x 12, will give them the essential knowledge needed to be proficient with Years 5 and 6 Curriculum.

### How can you support your child at home?

- Download and read through the free times table booklet from Oxford Owl that I have uploaded to Dojo.
- Encourage children to play Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) as often as possible. Small 5 minute daily sessions will help children to learn times tables more than one long session a week. The 'soundcheck' is very similar to the multiplication check.
- Children can also practice for the MTC on <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>
- Quiz your child at home regularly. This could be when making dinner or on the journey to school.

- Display a poster with all of the times tables facts on at home.
- We teach the children fun tricks at school such as the 9 times table finger trick. If you know this, you can practise it with them at home. There are lots of useful videos on Oxford Owl and on You-tube to show these tricks to children.
- 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.
- Chanting their times table is an excellent way to learn them. They could do this each time they walk up the stairs.
- The children will use an iPad for the MTC. It is very important to let the children get used to this device. Whilst the check is testing their knowledge of times tables, it is also testing the children's ability to quickly type in their answers. When practising, where possible, try to use an iPad or tablet for TTRS at home. Children will have regular access to iPads to practice in class.

**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.**

If you require any resources please let us know.  
Thank you for your support.

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