Year 4 Multiplication Check Meeting

2026

Purpose

- Check children's fluent recall of times tables up to 12 which is essential for future success in mathematics.
- Helps the school to identify and plan for additional support.
- Results are used to support teaching and learning, not to label children.

What is the multiplication tables check?

- A statutory assessment for all Year 4 pupils.
- An on-screen check – on tablets or chrome books
- 25 times table questions which are randomly generated
- 3 practice questions
- 6 seconds to answer each question.
- No longer than 5 minutes to complete unless access arrangements are being used

What if my child cannot access the check?

- Access arrangements available for the check
- Inclusive and accessible –SEND / EAL
- Some circumstances not appropriate for a pupil to take the check
- Discuss any concerns with the class teacher

But why are times tables so important?

- Having rapid recall of times tables makes other areas of maths much easier.
- Fractions is the most obvious area where learning times tables well is essential.
- Every multiplication, division, long multiplication method and short division and long division method require speed and instant recall of times tables while at primary school.
- At secondary school the needs become even greater.
- Having the tables secure frees up their working memory for newer, more challenging tasks at hand.
- Learning them now, in Year 4, sets children up for a more successful maths career later in their school life.

Preparing for the check in school

- Regular practise in school, targeted support where needed.
- TT Rockstars – including weekly sheets.
- Online government 'Try it check'
- Online Maths websites such as Top Marks
  - Hit the button
- Timetable songs – found on YouTube (links can be added to Class Dojo).

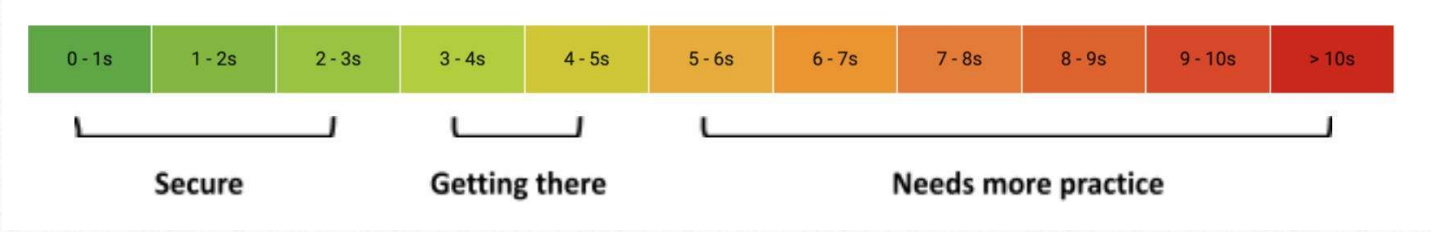
Preparing for the check at home?

- **TTRockstars –** no more than 30 mins set as homework in garage mode each week
- **Online Maths websites** such as Top Marks
  - hit the button
  - https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/
- **Sing times tables songs.** There are hundreds available online! 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.
- **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 heat map 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.
- Get them to **test you** on the facts and get them wrong on purpose and see if they correct you!

Times tables are important, but it should be an enjoyable experience learning them!

More about TT Rockstars

- Access your child's heat map online by logging in to your child's account > Stats > Fluency.
- It shows their current recall time for each of the times tables facts.
- The greener the fact, the quicker the response time.
- Any facts shown in red or orange are slower than 5 seconds, and should be practised.
- Spend some time with your child identifying which tables they need to practise, and celebrating the ones they already know.
- Make sure they play daily in **Garage mode** on Times Tables Rocks Stars for up to 30 minutes each week - 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. Also, give them a times tables square to use whilst they play – we have provided you with one today. This way they can double-check facts they are not sure about



Results

- Schools will have access to results
- We can use it to identify pupils requiring additional support
- The MTC is not a pass or fail test.

Feedback

- Scores will be shared with parents
- No pass mark for the check, although the government report the percentage of pupils on average achieving 25/25 in November along with other trends

Date:

These will take place on any day from:

Monday 2 June - Friday 13 June

Thank you for supporting your child's learning.

Any questions?