



Dear parents/carers

We are writing to remind you that your child will be participating in the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) 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. It is a statutory assessment that all Year 4 pupils will undertake nationally.

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.

How has my child been prepared for the check?

Times tables and the associated division facts are taught explicitly during maths lessons and then regularly rehearsed in our fluency practice sessions. As well as this, children have been doing online practice that mirrors what they will see in the MTC.

What is my child currently scoring in practice?

What can I do to help at home?

We encourage you to give your child lots of opportunities to practise their times tables using activities and resources such as the ones below.

- Flashcards are an effective revision method! Allow your children some time to design their own multiplication flashcards with the question on one side and answer on the other. You could then use these as a game with your child seeing who can answer the most correctly.
- Practising using Times Tables Rockstars on the 'Garage' setting is a particularly useful way of learning tables as it is customised to your child and will gradually introduce them to any facts that they do not know and focus on facts that they take the longest time to answer. The 'Soundcheck' mode mirrors the MTC with 25 questions and 6 seconds per question.

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- You may also like to get your child to practise on the following website – Maths Frame - that mirrors the format of the MTC. This QR code will take you directly to the website.



<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

- Listening to and singing times tables songs may help children to remember the key facts. Searching for 'times table songs to pop music' on YouTube will bring up many famous tunes by artists such as Taylor Swift and Bruno Mars, but with re-written lyrics.
- BBC Bitesize has lesson videos and quizzes that may be helpful:
 - 2 times table <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h/articles/zc7ygdml>
 - 3 times table <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z36tyrd/articles/zk6vn9q>
 - 4 times table <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z36tyrd/year/z63tt39>
 - 5 times table <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h/articles/zw8qxfr>
 - 6 times table <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z36tyrd/articles/zwf43j6>
 - 7 times table <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z36tyrd/articles/zdwj96f>
 - 8 times table <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z36tyrd/articles/zrrbsk7>
 - 9 times table <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z36tyrd/articles/zx9kg7h>
 - 10 times table <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h/articles/zq3rk2p>
 - 11 & 12 times table <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z36tyrd/articles/z8w7dp3>

There are live links to these resources and additional times tables practice ideas on our class page on the school website.

Will I receive feedback on my child's check?

Yes. We will share your child's score with you, as we would with all national curriculum assessments. There is no official pass mark for the check but, of course, the children are aiming to score as highly as possible. The national average last year was **21 out of 25**.

We thank you for your continued support. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Mrs Rowson