



TIMES TABLES

AND THE MTC
(Multiplication Tables Check)



Aims

- What the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is and what the expectations are
- How, when and why the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) will be administered
- How times tables is taught in school
- Strategies and websites you can use with your child at home

MTC

- All Year 4 children will have their multiplication skills formally tested in the Summer Term of this academic year 2025/26
- Schools will administer the MTC in June
- The check and the preparation are completed in school

Administration of the MTC

- Children will be tested using an on-screen check, where they will have to answer 25 multiplication (6 seconds per questions)
- The test should last no longer than 5 minutes and will be very similar to practises completed over the coming year
- It is scored online automatically
- There is no pass mark for the test

Administration of the MTC cont.

Questions will be selected from the 121 number facts that make up the multiplication tables from 2 to 12, with a particular focus on the **6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables** as they are considered to be the most challenging.

Each question will only appear once in any 25-question series, and children won't be asked to answer reversals of a question as part of the check

What we are doing in school

- Focus on a different times table each fortnight: 10, 5, 2, 4, 8, 3, 6, 9, 11, 12, 7
- Weekly sessions dedicated to **learning and understanding** timestables as well as quick recall
- Practise rounds
- Timestable Rockstars

Introducing times tables

5 10 15 20 25 30

- What time table could we be doing this week?
- Do you notice any patterns?
- What number does your mind go to from this number? Are there any links?
- If we chant up to 20x what number will we get to?
- Chant multiples - instead of saying this number, wave
- How many ___ are there in the number I am pointing to?

■The 17 times tables!!

--> Move on to consolidation activities- colouring grids, quick fire, tables challenges

What parents can do

- Make it matter!
- Help learning them...chat, rehearse, notice
- Then test them - encode success
- Make it fun – games
- Poster up
- Songs in car
- Masses of interactive resources
- Rockstars!

Useful websites

- Times Tables Rock Stars <https://trockstars.com/>
- Maths Games <http://www.maths-games.org/times-tables-games.html>
- BBC learning zone <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/superheroes/times-table-collection/z4vv6v4>
- Topmarks <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

Questions?

Thank you for coming!