



Multiplication check

Year 4

Wombridge Primary School

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- Primary-school children are expected to know all their times tables up to 12×12 . Under the current National Curriculum, children are supposed to know their times tables by the end of Year 4, but they are not formally tested on them other than through multiplication questions in the Year 6 maths SATs.
- As your child is in Year 4 they will be participating in the multiplication tables check 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.

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. The six-second time limit per question has been decided on by the DfE because it should allow children enough time to demonstrate their recall of times tables without giving them the time to work out the answers to each question.

What is the multiplication tables check?



- The DfE says that the check is part of a new focus on mastering numeracy, giving children the skills and knowledge they need for secondary school and beyond. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether Y4 pupils can recall their multiplication tables fluently (being able to answer times tables questions accurately and quickly, without having to work out the answers).

Preparation for the multiplication check



- In school, we will regularly be recapping and utilising our times table knowledge. We will offer further support to those who need further time to practice or become familiar with the various times tables. Your child will also have access to Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) in school, which we have set up regular battles and rewards. Your child will also be encouraged to access TTRS at home.
- We will be able to familiarise the children with the format of this multiplication check from the 22nd March.

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- We use TTRS to help pupils with the fast multiplication recall. They love having their own rockstar avatar and competing against other classes in rockstar battles.

Next: $20 \div 10$

45 10×2 40

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
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How will my child's results be used?



- We will share your child's results with you once the multiplication has been completed. This will help us as staff to identify any pupils who require further support, if required.
- If you have any questions about your child's results and what support they might need, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.