
Year 4 Multiplication Check June 2024

You may be aware that from June 2020 the Government announced a new test for Year 4 children called the "Multiplication Tables Check".

Here's what you need to know: Under the National Curriculum primary school children are expected to know all up their times tables by the end of Year 4, up to 12x12. As a result, we've introduced a variety of different strategies/methods for children to learn their multiplication facts.

From April, we will have access to a 'try it out' area, where all children will have opportunities to familiarise themselves with the check.

The check itself:

- will take place in the summer term in June within the 3-week period from Monday 3rd June 2024.
- is done online using a computer or tablet
- can be done one pupil at a time, in groups or as a class
- will take no longer than 5 minutes
- will feature 25 questions and children will have 6 seconds to answer each question
- there's no problem solving or division, just simple "3 x 4 = ?" type questions
- during the test, there will be an emphasis on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables, which will form the majority of the questions.

The results are for the teachers. There is no pass or fail mark. The results of the test are not published publicly. They are for us to use so that we can provide the appropriate support where necessary. Your child's score will be given to you in a letter.

I am sure that along with you, we do not want our children worried or stressed about the check. The Government has called it a "check" rather than a "test" or "exam" for a reason.

How you can support your child:

As maths is such a big subject, and we will of course continue to teach the full curriculum, we will need your continued support to help practice the times tables with your children.

Some easy ways to do this include:

- asking questions such as "what's 7 x 8?"



- reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc)
- use TT Rockstars

For further information about these tests please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/multiplication-tables-check>

If you should have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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