

Dear Parents/Carers

In 2024, Year 4 will be administering the government multiplication tables check (MTC) to pupils between Monday 3rd June and Friday 14th June 2024. The MTC is an on-screen assessment designed to determine whether pupils are able to fluently recall their multiplication tables up to 12, through a set of timed questions. The assessment consists of 25 times tables questions. Your child will answer 3 practice questions before moving on to the official check and will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. Below, we have provided a link to the 'Information for Parents'.

As part of each child's mathematical 'toolbox', multiplication (and its associated division facts) is a fundamental skill which will enable your child to support mathematical learning and understanding.

In preparation for the MTC, please practise times tables regularly with your child, as they would usually do with their spellings. The format of the test will be familiar to the children, particularly those who practice the 'Soundcheck' on TT Rockstars. Using TT Rockstars will be beneficial to the children before the test as it will enable them to become more confident with the times tables and become comfortable with the online MTC format.

Next Term, we will also be sending out heatmaps every 2 weeks. This will enable you to see your children's individual times tables (in red and orange) that are over a 6 second recall speed. Please practice these specific times tables regularly with your children so that their recall speed is under 6 seconds and moves comfortably into the green areas. This will enable them to have time to recall the times table and then type the answer.

The colours on this page relate to the speed shown in this table:

0 - 1s	1 - 2s	2 - 3s	3 - 4s	4 - 5s	5 - 6s	6 - 7s	7 - 8s	8 - 9s	9 - 10s	> 10s
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Information for Parents link

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6543c1ef9e05fd0014be7c64/2024_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check_PDFA_v1.1.pdf

Below is a list of some free times table websites (You may need to disable advertising pop-ups on these websites). These can be used alongside TT Rockstars to help your child practise and learn times tables.

<https://www.maths-games.org/times-tables-games.html>

<https://www.multiplication.com/games/all-games>

<https://timestables-app.completmaths.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

Kind regards

Year 4 Team