

MULTIPLICATION TABLES

CHECK - INTRODUCTION



The purpose of the check is to ensure that Year 4 pupils can fluently recall their times tables knowledge.

It is an online, computer-based assessment aimed specifically at Year 4.

A pilot was done in 2019 year by some schools, but this year will be the first for our children.

WHAT IS IT?

The test will be somewhere around June 2021 and will be completed within a 3 week window during school time.

WHEN WILL THE TEST BE?

- ▶ The test will only last around 5 minutes but within this time the children will have to answer 25 times table questions between 2x2 and 12x12.
- ▶ It will be done online, using computers or tablets.
- ▶ Children will have 6 seconds to answer a question, then there will be a 3 second pause between each question.
- ▶ There will be several practice questions before the test, and practice sessions will be available before the test window for children to become familiar with the format.

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

- ▶ <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

- ▶ The test will only be on multiplication questions, there will be no divisions!
- ▶ There will be more questions from the 6,7,8,9 and 12 times tables than any other times table.
- ▶ 6×6 , 6×7 , 6×8 , 6×9 , 6×12 , 7×8 , 7×9 , 7×12 , 8×9 , 8×12 and 12×12 are the most likely questions to pop up.
- ▶ Children will need to recall these fact **quickly** and **won't have time to count on!**

WHAT WILL THEY HAVE TO DO?

Multiplication Table	Minimum number of items in each form	Maximum number of items in each form
1	Not applicable	Not applicable
2	0	2
3	1	3
4	1	3
5	1	3
6	2	4
7	2	4
8	2	4
9	2	4
10	0	2
11	1	3
12	2	4

- ▶ The school will receive individual results after the assessment window, however it is not yet known whether the result will be shared with children and/or parents.
- ▶ National figures will be published by the Government, but school figures will not.
- ▶ There is not currently an official pass mark. In the pilots, students were required to answer every question correctly in order to “pass”. This may change, we will keep you updated!

RESULTS?

- ▶ Weekly times tables tests.
- ▶ Written and verbal practice times in school.
- ▶ Times Tables Olympics Awards are given weekly.
- ▶ ICT games based on times tables.
- ▶ Occasional lessons on more tricky times tables.

WHAT DO WE DO IN SCHOOL?

- ▶ ICT Games such as – Maths Chase, Hit the Button, Purple Mash, timestables.co.uk, theschoolrun.com (information and games).
- ▶ Apps: Hit the Button, ks2timestables.co.uk, Times Tables Rockstars (may require payment)
- ▶ Encouraging them to practice and complete their times tables homework.
- ▶ Asking random, out of order questions, as this will be the format of the test.
- ▶ Times Tables Songs can be found online all over the place. In school, we use the BBC Supermovers times tables songs.

WHAT CAN BE DONE AT HOME?