

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK (MTC)

- The MTC determines if Year 4 children can fluently recall their multiplication tables.
- They are designed to help schools identify which children require more support to learn their times tables.
- There is no 'pass' rate or threshold which means that, unlike the Phonics Screening Check, children will not be expected to re-sit the check.
- The Department for Education (DfE) will create a report about the overall results across all schools in England, not individual schools.



WHEN THE CHECK WILL TAKE PLACE

- There will be a 2 week window from Monday 3th June 2024 for schools to administer the check.
- There is no set day to administer the check and children are not expected to take the check at the same time.
- All eligible Year 4 children in England will be required to take the check.
- It is up to individual schools to decide how the check is administered.



HOW THE CHECK IS CARRIED OUT

- The check will be fully digital.
- Answers will be entered using a keyboard, by pressing digits using a mouse or using an on-screen number pad.
- Usually, the check will take less than 5 minutes for each child.
- Children will complete the test in groups of 10 in a quiet space in the school.
- The children will have 6 seconds from the time the question appears to input their answer.
- There will be a total of 25 questions with a 3 second pause in-between questions.
- There will be 3 practice questions before the check begins.
- Children are allowed to practise before taking the check.



https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check is an excellent online website which offers a game similar to the multiplication check.

THE CHECK QUESTIONS

- Each child will be randomly assigned a set of questions
- There will only be multiplication questions in the check, not division facts.
- The 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables are more likely to be asked.
- Reversal of questions (e.g. 8×6 and 6×8) will not be asked in the same check.
- Children will not see their individual results when they complete the check.
- There won't be questions from the I times tables (although they might be included in the 3 practice questions at the beginning of the test).
 - There will be a maximum of 7 questions from the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

HOW BEST TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR THE CHECK

- Remind them that the check should last no more than 5 minutes.
- If you want to go over times tables, make them fun and play games such as climbing the stairs counting in multiples, playing time tables games verbally, listen and sing along to times tables songs, take it in turns to say times tables in funny voices or play times tables games online.
- If you have any concerns, talk to your child's teacher.
- If your child has any concerns, encourage them to talk to a trusted adult (for example, yourself, their teacher).



TTROCKSTARS

Playing TTRockstars regularly on an online device will help to prepare your child for completing the multiplication check. If your child plays **soundcheck** on TTRockstars, this is a similar format to the multiplication check.



