

Multiplication Tables Check: Year 4

In June 2020, the Government announced a new, national statutory test for all Year 4 pupils called the “Multiplication Tables Check” (MTC). The test’s aim is to determine how well children can recall their multiplication tables up to 12 x 12, which is the expected standard by the end of Year 4.

Information about the test

- The MTC features 25 multiplication questions.
- It is completed online and is administered using either a computer, laptop or tablet.
- Pupils have 6 seconds to answer each question.
- It should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.
- There is an emphasis on the 6x, 7x, 8x, 9x and 12x tables. These form the majority of the questions.
- The MTC is administered during Term 6 within the check window.

Key information for the MTC can also be found here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1031901/2022_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check.pdf

How can I help my child?

Our aim at RAPS is to enable every pupil to rapidly recall all of their times tables as we know that knowledge and confidence gives all children an excellent foundation on which to build their mathematical skills. Multiplication tables practice, therefore, happens all year round in the classroom as a part of the curriculum. However, we also know that additional time and repetition can help children to make progress with remembering their times tables too. Your child’s class teacher, therefore, will ask you to regularly practise with your child at home too.

Here are some fun and engaging ways to support your child with learning their times tables:

- Regularly quiz your child with rapid-fire style questions such as “9 x 7 is...?”
- Use online apps, games and puzzles
 - *Times Tables Rock Stars: One useful feature of TTRockstars is the ‘Sound Check’. Practising through this online game will help children to prepare for the MTC as it is set up in the same format as the MTC*
 - *MathsFrame: MathsFrame have created an online check that is very similar to the MTC: <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>*
- Practise reciting times tables by rote (6 times 1 is 6, 6 times 2 is 12, etc.)

Results

There is no pass mark for the test, and pupils are not required to retake the test if they do not get a high enough score. RAPS will have access to individual pupil results following the test. These results will be used by staff to support pupils with making further progress with their times tables in Year 5. Your child’s class teacher will share their score with you, as they would with all national curriculum assessments.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.