

## Multiplication Tables Check (MTC): a parents' guide

Primary-school children are expected to know all their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4 and will be formally tested in June.

### **How will the test work?**

Children will answer 25 multiplication questions against the clock on a computer or tablet, with 6 seconds to answer each question. The test will last no longer than 5 minutes.

Questions will be selected from the 1-12 times table with a particular focus on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables.

### **How we practise**

We will continue to practise the test format before the official check begins to give our children the best chance possible. We practise our times tables as much as we possibly can including chanting, TTRS, playing games and practising an MTC test.

### **Why do we learn times tables?**

Times tables knowledge is vital for quick mental maths calculations and problem solving, as well as for many of the topics children learn in Key stage 2. Good multiplication skills are a great help when starting to learn algebra, as well as chemistry, physics, biology and computing, all of which depend heavily on maths knowledge.

#### Help your child with times tables practice

- TTRS
- Chanting each multiplication table
- Asking questions out of order, such as 'What's 11x12? What's 5x6?'
- Using arrays to help memorise times tables. You can use fun objects like Smarties or Lego bricks
- Using apps and games (such as TTRS, White Rose Maths)
- Singing times tables songs



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