

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check 2023

What is it?

It is an **online test** for pupils in Year 4, which will be done in school in June. Pupils are asked to answer **25 questions** on times tables from **two to 12**. They are given **six seconds per question**, with three seconds rest between each question, so the test should last less than five minutes.

It is not a judgement on what your child can do, but a way for the school to know how their teaching is going and to adjust their focus if needed.

When is it?

This will take place between Monday 5 June and Friday 16 June 2023.

How can I help my child at home?

- In school we teach and practice multiplication tables regularly, in Year 3 this is often through memorable songs. In addition, we use things like counting sticks, recital and recall and online games to support.
- The best way to keep the test stress-free is to work some times tables practice into your daily routine well in advance. With regular practice, your child will get used to tackling these kind of questions with confidence.
- Questions about the **six, seven, eight, nine, and 12 times tables** are likely to come up most often, as these are the hardest for most children to learn. It's a good idea to focus on these tricky times tables with your child.
- We have lots of resource links available on the school website ('Head/Maths/Year 4 Multiplication Check').

There is also an information video from 2022 from Mrs Roberts on our school website which re-explains this information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher, Miss Wilson or Miss Baird-Murray (Math's Leads at St Peters).

5 Top Tips!

1. Use times table wall charts

Wall charts show all the answers for a particular times table. We have saved some of our website under 'Head/Maths/Year 4 Multiplication Check'.

You could put them over the sink so that your child will see them when they're brushing their teeth. You'll be amazed how quickly they learn when they see these number facts every day!

2. Learn the tricks for difficult times tables

There are clever tricks for remembering several of the times tables, these are also available on our website ('Head/Maths/Year 4 Multiplication Check').

3. Play times tables games

Games and challenges are a great way to support learning, and a few minutes a day will make all the difference. Why not play snap with some flashcards (**Bond SATs Skills: The complete set of Times Tables Flashcards**) available on Amazon.

Or you could surprise your child by asking times tables questions at random times during the day and seeing how quickly they can respond (this works particularly well as a competition between siblings or friends).

4. Make it real

If your child can't see any point in learning their times tables, try showing them how this knowledge is useful in everyday life. Instead of just rote learning their times tables, try to create opportunities for your child to use multiplication in problem solving.

For example, ask them to scale up a recipe or calculate whether they have enough money to buy more of their favourite things (such as sweets or football cards). This will help your child see the value of their learning.

5. Practise on the computer

Help your child become comfortable reading and answering questions on a screen, especially against a clock or timer.

Use TT Rockstars to support or 'Hit the Button'. Other useful game links can be found on our school website ('Head/Maths/Year 4 Multiplication Check').