

20th January 2022

Dear Year 4 Parents,

Year 4 - Times Tables Spring Term 2022

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child to practise their times tables at home. It really does make a huge difference and we are really pleased to see the progress they are making week by week. Recalling multiplication facts is a skill that requires regular, repeated practice to improve and maintain both speed and accuracy. This in turn plays a vital role in developing children's mathematical fluency skills.

You may be aware that in June 2022, all year 4 children will take part in a statutory assessment called the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). The National Curriculum states that by the end of year 4, *pupils should have memorised their multiplication tables up to and including 12 x 12 and show precision and fluency in their work.*

For your information, the Multiplication Tables Check will:

- take place in the Summer Term, in June.
- be completed online using a computer or tablet.
- take no longer than 5 minutes.
- feature 25 questions and the children will have up to 6 seconds to answer each question.
- include only multiplication facts (e.g. 7 x 6). Division facts will NOT be tested.


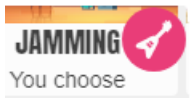

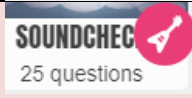
Please find below a list of the times tables that have been set for the rest of this term. The dates written in bold are when the children will have their quiz. It would also be very helpful if the children could try regular 'Soundcheck' games at home (up to 3 x a week). These mimic the MTC test mentioned above. I have included a check list on the chart below to help record this.

Initially the children may find it tricky but little and often is definitely the best way.

Additionally, I will be able to see online how the children are doing and where they may need support.

YEAR 4 TIMES TABLES												
Fri 14 Jan	Fri 21 Jan	Fri 28 Jan	Fri 4 Feb	Fri 11 Feb	Fri 18 Feb	25 Feb – half term	Fri 4 Mar	Fri 11 Mar	Fri 18 Mar	Fri 25 Mar	Fri 1 April	8 April
7x	9x	4x	8x	4x 8x	6x	6x	6x 7x 8x	6x 7x 8x	11x 12 x	End of term baseline	STEM fortnight	
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Please remember that your child has access to Times Table Rock Stars <https://trockstars.com/> Once logged in, the following areas are the most useful.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 minute games set up weekly by the teacher to practise the tables from the above homework list.• Both multiplication and division facts tested
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No time limit• Choose the tables you need to practise.• You can choose either multiplication or division (or both)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 minute games covering tables up to 12 x 12 (both multiplication and division)• Children try to get at least one right answer in every Studio game.• They will be given their first status when they have scored in 10 Studio games
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25 questions up to 12 x 12 (multiplication only)• 6 seconds per question• When you have finished, you will see a list of the questions, your answers and your score.

The programme can be accessed on a mobile, tablet or PC. It's a free download and available from the Amazon, Android and Apple apps stores by searching for "Times Tables Rock Stars". You just need to login with your child's username and password.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you once again for all your help and support.

Class 2 Team