

22nd September 2021

Dear Year 4 parents & children,

Year 4 Autumn Term Times Tables



Please find below a list of the tables that have been set for homework for the rest of this term. The Friday dates given below are when the children will have a quick 6 minute quiz to see how they are getting on. Saturday is the changeover day on Times Tables Rockstars so this is when the children can begin practising for the following week. To start with, we will begin by revisiting tables they are already familiar with. This is so that they can get used to the format once again. They can be practised in many different ways including: online games/apps (eg Times Tables Rockstars), chanting/singing, paper and pencil, grouping objects, applying them to practical everyday situations etc. The challenge for those children who are already confident is speed.

Our aim is for the children to be able to recall fluently all multiplication facts up to 12×12 before moving on to Middle School, in line with the requirements of the National Curriculum. As an end of year focus, the Year 4s will also take part in a Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in mid/late June next year.

The MTC will take no more than 5 minutes per child and will be carried out online using school computers/iPads. It is made up of a randomised set of **25 multiplication questions**. The children will have 6 seconds from the time the question appears to input their answer.

We will present this to the children in a relaxed and fun way and they will have the opportunity to practise many times both in and out of school (see below for details). There is no expected pass rate or threshold. Individual pupil scores are for us to be able to target support and intervention where needed.

YEAR 4 TIMES TABLES											
Friday 24 Sept	Friday 1 Oct	Friday 8 Oct	Friday 15 Oct	Thursday 21 Oct	Friday 29 Oct half term	Friday 5 Nov	Friday 12 Nov	Friday 19 Nov	Friday 26 Nov	Friday 3 Dec	Friday 10 Dec
3x	6x	6x	3x/6x	4x	8x	8x	4x/8x	7x	9x	12x	11x

The children are continuing to access to Times Table Rock Stars in school (see attached login details in case you don't have a copy) and we encourage children to practise this at home also. Once logged in, the following areas are the most useful.

Garage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3 minute games set up weekly by us for the children to practise the tables from the above homework list.Both multiplication and division facts tested
Jamming	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No time limit. Simply choose the times table you need to practise from the list above. You decide whether you would like to practise multiplication only or with division. You can even choose how many questions you would like to try.
Studio	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 minute games covering tables up to 12×12 (both multiplication and division)Children try to get at least one right answer in every Studio game.They will be given their first 'Rock Status' when they have scored in 10 Studio games
Sound Check	<ul style="list-style-type: none">25 questions up to 12×126 seconds per question (this mimics the Multiplication Tables Check mentioned above)

The programme can be accessed on a PC and you can also use the Times Table Rock Stars app on your mobile or tablet. 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 come and speak to contact me.

Thank you for your continued help and support.

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