

Class 4 Curriculum Update

Tuesday 3rd June 2025

Monthly values – 'Compassion' and 'Determination'

Please see our class website page for more learning guidance and photos.

Multiplication Times Tables Check

Over the next 2 weeks, all children in Year 4 across the country will be undertaking the multiplication tables check (mtc). The purpose of this check is to establish which pupils know their times tables fluently, in order to develop their mathematical understanding in the future.

Whilst this is a statutory check by the government, please do not be worried. It is simply a check to highlight which pupils need further support in order to know their multiplication facts fluently. Some children can work out their times tables given time but this check aims to see who can recall these facts fluently without the need for working it out.

Some details about the check:

- It is online but can be done on either a computer or a laptop, whilst at school.
- There are 25 questions in total, ranging up to 12×12 .
- There are 6 seconds to answer each question before it automatically moves on to the next question. There is then a 3 second pause before the next question starts.
- The check is almost identical in style to this one which we have been using to practise in class: <https://www.mathshed.com/en-us/mtc> (search for 'mathshed mtc')
- The average score across the country last year was 21 out of 25.
- I am not permitted to share their scores with you immediately afterwards I'm afraid. However, I will be able to share it with you at their end of year parent meeting.
- There is no designated 'pass mark'. Instead, it is just a score out of 25. We ask that the children simply try to do the best that they can, working towards the ultimate target of knowing all the times tables.
- Most children will not be aware they are doing the check as it is similar to how we practise in school anyway, so don't be surprised if your child can't give you any details after!
- Statistically, the most incorrect times tables are the following so pay extra focus on learning these! $7 \times 8 = 56$ $8 \times 9 = 72$ $7 \times 9 = 63$

Guidance and ideas to help practise

There is no set way to learn and practise times tables. Different methods work for different people. This is a collection of ideas from previous curriculum updates and from what we practise in class if you would like to use them:

- Use your child's flashcards to focus on the times tables that they need to practise, which should be kept separate in their envelope. (Please bring into school every day so we can continue to practise - thanks!)
- Turn practising into a game instead of testing your child. Versions of snakes and ladders and splat games should be in your child's flashcard pouch.
- Ask your child to teach you and learn your times tables with them.
- Use songs and actions to help learning. These are some that we use in class:
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/topics/cnep90jwjj7t> (BBC supermovers)
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5VDjOsMpQQ&list=PL7XsYGYKW-_Ui3KBF2_zY6p7FRCC74TJN (Youtube times tables movement breaks)
- (Youtube 3 times table Uptown Funk)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XzfQUXqiYY>
- (Youtube 4 times table I'm Still Standing)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QU_E0u-tP4
- (Youtube 6 times table Taylor Swift)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7rYbk9PNuM>
- (Youtube 7 times table song cups) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VEnQbnxWtqM>
- (Youtube 8 times table song All about that bass)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OX620IeUkYE>
- (Youtube 9 times table song One Direction)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HH171nowcJk>
- (Youtube 11 times table song Black Eyed Peas)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iR5MTjuuziU>
- (Youtube 12 times table song Tarzan)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yknU_qWLvLM
- Practise online with TTRockstars , mathshed and 'Hit the Button'
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- Play a game with hands behind your back. Similar to 'Rock, paper, scissors' except that each player shows a number of fingers. The winner is the first person to correctly say what the times table is of the 2 numbers each has made, e.g. Player 1 shows '7' and player 2 shows '8' so the first person to say '56' wins a point!