

Times Tables - Year 4

Children's knowledge of the times tables has been developing from Year 1 to date. The aim is that by the end of Year 3 most children will be fluent in their 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 times table. This year, because of the school closures, we know that this may well not yet have been reached. Our target by the summer term of Year 4 is for children to be fluent in all of the times tables from 2 through to 12.

The government has introduced a 'Multiplication Tables Check' (MTC) for Year 4 children. We are awaiting confirmation, but this will most likely place in June 2021. The MTC is completed on a computer or tablet and consists of 25 questions across the range of times tables - there will be more questions on the 6,7,8,9,12 tables. Children have 6 seconds to enter their answer to each question. The MTC will only take about 5 minutes for each child to complete and we will make the experience as enjoyable as we can. For more details of the MTC see the government's information booklet below.

During Year 4, we will focus on the times tables in school and it will also be part of each week's homework to practise their tables. We will have a test each week and the time given to write down an answer will be reduced to 6 seconds to replicate the MTC.

It is possible to practise the MTC on the [Sumdog site](#) that we use in school and this will be set as homework as we progress through the year.

In the times table section of the Year 4 classpage I will include some resources to help practise the tables at home. Regular practice throughout the year will really help your child's times table knowledge to develop. If you would like to speak with me about any of the above please do let me know.