

Year 4 Times tables

Dear Parents/carers,

All children in Year 4 are required to take a government set times table test, known as the MTC (multiplication test check). We were lucky enough at ESPS to have taken part in the pilot last year so we are fully aware of what is required and how the test process works. Children will be asked 25 questions (on a screen) in a random order. They will have 6 seconds per question. Therefore speed and accuracy is vital! This test is a mirror image of the real one so is a good tool for helping your child prepare: <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

I know the children have worked really hard in Year 3 on learning their times tables and we hope to continue building on their successes.

Being fluent and having quick recall of all times tables is vital. Times tables and their related division facts help with so many areas of maths including fractions and measurements.

Please help your child to learn them as best they can this year. A few quick fire questions everyday will make the world of difference.

Children all learn in different ways and some prefer to learn songs or chants to begin with. Please remember that children need to be able to recall the answers when asked questions out of order. This is a much harder skill than simply learning the order eg $8 \times 1 = 8$, $8 \times 2 = 16$.

We will begin the year by recapping the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables which children are expected to already know. We will then learn the 6, 9, 7, 11 and 12's. It is also important that children learn the related division facts.

Each week we will play games with the children and teach them new facts. Children will be tested weekly on the focus table or group of tables. They will also have a speed table test when they will be encouraged to answer as many questions out of 144 in a given time, this will start of at 10 minutes and then the time will be reduced.

There are many websites available to help children with speed and accuracy. These are just a few that proved popular and effective with last year's cohort.

www.mathsframe.co.uk Lots of fun games

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check> Mirror image of the Year 4 government test

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> Interactive games

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/> Games and quick speed tests

Please remember that TT rock stars is a brilliant resource that should be utilised at home. If you have a problem logging in then please speak to your class teacher. The sound check section is very similar to the Year 4 government test.

<https://trockstars.com>

Thank you for all of your support,

The Year 4 team