

What is the Multiplication check?

The year 4 multiplication tables check is now statutory for all maintained schools, SEN schools, academies and free schools in England, and should take place over a 3-week window (between 6th and 24th) in June each year.

What does the check cover?

The check tests knowledge of times tables between 2 and 12. The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

What does the test look like?

Each pupil has to answer 25 questions. The test is on-screen.

Pupils have 6 seconds to answer each question. An on-screen timer will count down the time available for each question.

There'll be multiple versions of the test. The version each pupil gets is selected at random.

The check should take no longer than 5 minutes for each pupil to complete.

How will the results be presented and used?

Provisional results will be made available and reported as a score out of 25. There's no 'expected standard' threshold for this check.

School-level and pupil-level results will be available for schools. We can use this data to provide extra support to pupils who need it.

National and local authority results will be published by the DfE to allow schools to benchmark performance

School-level results won't be published in performance tables. This is set out on **page 46** of the assessment and reporting arrangements. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2020-key-stage-2-assessment-and-reporting-arrangements-ara>

What can you do to help your child with their times tables?

Any times tables practise that the children can do at home will really support them to become skilful in their times tables and help them with their everyday maths learning.

- Encourage children to play Times table Rockstars as often as possible. Small 5-minute daily sessions will help children to learn times tables more than one long session a week. The soundcheck is very similar to the multiplication check.
- Display a poster with all of the times tables facts on at home, somewhere visible to your child.
- Create flash cards with your children and let them play with friends, siblings, grandparents. They could write the answer on the back and test themselves.
- Occasionally we use songs to teach our times tables in school. You may find some suitable songs on Youtube. Let them sing along with those at home. Children could also make their own times tables songs
- Chanting their times table is another excellent way to learn them. They could do this each time they walk up the stairs (12 or 13 steps).