



Year 4 Multiplication Check June 2023

You may be aware that from June 2020, the Government announced a new test for Year 4 children called the "Multiplication Tables Check".

Here is what you need to know:

Under the National Curriculum, primary school children are expected to know all times tables by the end of Year 4, up to 12 X 12. As a result, we have been preparing the children to know their times tables for quite some time now and this will be a useful checkpoint.

Why do we learn the times tables?

In primary school, times tables knowledge is vital for quick mental maths calculations and problem solving. It forms the basis of many mathematical concepts covered in Year 5 and 6 and beyond.

The check itself:

- Will take place in June sometime over a one-week period from Monday 25th June 2023.
- It is done online using a computer or tablet.
- Can be done by one pupil at a time, in groups or as a class.
- Will take no longer than 5 minutes.
- Will feature 25 questions and children will have 6 seconds to answer each question.
- Has no problem solving or division, just simple "3 X 4 = ?" type questions
- During the test, there will be an emphasis on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables, which will form the majority of the questions.

There is no pass or fail mark. I am sure that along with you, we do not want our children worried or stressed about the check. The Government has called it a "check" rather than a "test" or "exam" for a reason.

For further information about the Multiplication Tables Check, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/multiplication-tables-check>

How you can support your child:

Maths is a very broad subject and we will, of course, continue to teach the full curriculum. We would really value and appreciate any support you can give your child at home.

Some easy ways to do this include:

- Use the link on the class information page to access the multiplication check practice on Twinkl Go [Multiplication Times Tables Check - MTC - Times Table Tests \(twinkl.co.uk\)](https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/maths/primary/maths-ks2/multiplication-tables-check)
- Asking questions such as "what's 7 X 8?"
- Reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc.)
- Using apps and games for example 'Hit the Button' and 'Times Table Rock stars'.
- Singing times tables songs (there are lots of great examples online).

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us using the School address: admin@crowmoorschool.co.uk

Kind Regards,

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