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Year 4

Multiplication
tables check

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The Multiplication check



- First announced by the Department for Education (DfE) in Sept 2017.
- Trial Multiplication check was rolled out across some schools in June 2019.
- All primary school aged children are expected to know their times tables up to 12×12

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- Until now, there has been no formal measure to judge whether children in England had learnt their times tables or not - with a formal judgement only somewhat made from a child's Year 6 SATs performance.
- Therefore, the idea is for the Multiplication tables check to be taken towards the end of Year 4 to make sure children are meeting the standards before moving up to Upper KS2.

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- Children will sit the new times table test in June 2020
- Schools have a 3 week window in the month of June and are free to choose which day within that 3 week period. All state schools in England will be required to enter their children for the Multiplication tables check.

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What is the test format?

- The test has been described as an online on-screen digital assessment – take place on a laptop or iPad.
- The test will be timed, with the entire assessment lasting approximately 5 minutes in total.
- Children will be given a series of practice questions to begin with.
- Following this the test itself will comprise of 25 questions, ($2 \times 5 =$) with the child required to input the product or result (10)

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- Children will be given 6 seconds to answer each question, with a 3 second blank gap between each question.
- Questions are randomly selected by the testing programme, ranging from 2×2 up to 12×12 .
- It is likely the test will cover more questions from the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables, as these are trickier and are focused on more in Years 3 and 4.

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- The results are not published or used in any league tables.
- No child will fail the test
- It is an assessment tool for each individual school to use and then use to plan.
- The DfE state the motivation behind these times table checks is to allow the teachers a chance to identify children who need further support and prevent them from falling behind in Years 5/6.

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How can you help at home?

- Support your child to learn their times tables
- apps online
- Education city
- Asking calculations out of order
- Try to ask division sums

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

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