



Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Skylark Class



The Test



- ▶ The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently
- ▶ Testing window is Monday 1st June – Friday 18th June 2026
- ▶ 2-week window of opportunity to sit the test
- ▶ Skylark Class are going to start the testing on the w.c. 1st June
- ▶ There are 25 questions to answer
- ▶ Your child has 6 seconds to answer each question with a 3 second pause between each question
- ▶ The questions are taken from the 2 – 12 times tables
- ▶ There are no division questions
- ▶ The test will predominantly focus on the 6,7,8,9 and 12 times tables



Fluency aim of the National Curriculum

- ▶ To ensure pupils are able to carry out calculations, approximations, scale identification, derive new information etc...without becoming overwhelmed because of their inability to know and use basic key maths knowledge such as number bonds, division facts, relationships between measures including time etc...
- ▶ ***'By the end of year 4, pupils should have memorised their multiplication tables up to and including the 12 multiplication table and show precision and fluency in their work.'* NC**



The MTC

- ▶ The children will have 6 seconds from the question being displayed to type in an answer. At the end of the 6 seconds if the child has not pressed the enter/return key the last answer entered will be used.
- ▶ The children now have 3 seconds before the next question is displayed on screen.
- ▶ At any point within the 6 seconds, the children can alter their given answer or amend a mistake they have made.
- ▶ If at any time, there becomes a situation where the child cannot continue with the MTC, due to reasons outside of their control, they have the opportunity to restart the test and begin a new form.



How can we support your child?

- ▶ Morning task – sometimes the children come into class to find a multiplication sheet ready to answer. These will appear more frequently and focus on the tables the children find most challenging (x6,7,8,9).
- ▶ Guided Reading – once the children have read to an adult or answered their reading question, they can access more tables sheets to complete or, when the ICT suite is available, log onto their TTRS account to practise.
- ▶ Each week, sometimes daily, we go to the ICT suite to practice on MathsFrame Multiplication Check
- ▶ All TTRS accounts are opened up to ‘all of the tables’ so that they can practise the full range of questions – like they would see on the day.
- ▶ We will regularly give the children ‘mock MTCs’ so that we can ascertain any areas of weakness and as an aid to practise their typing skills.



What can you do at home?

- ▶ Allow your child the time and opportunity to practise their times tables.
- ▶ If they are struggling with TTRS, then they can practise on sheets.
- ▶ If they need help with you being a 'scribe' for them, then please do so until they have the confidence to do it themselves.
- ▶ Ask them quick fire tables questions when you are out and about.
- ▶ Log onto the following websites:
 - ▶ Mathsframe – MTC
- ▶ This is the closest replica there is to the actual test.