



Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check 2025

Parent information session

Thursday 27th February 2025

Important information about multiplication tables check (MTC)



- The MTC determines if Year 4 children can **fluently** recall their multiplication tables.
- They are designed to help schools identify which children require more support to learn their times tables.
- There is no 'pass' rate or threshold which means that, unlike the Phonics Screening Check, children will not be expected to re-sit the check.
- The Department for Education (DfE) will create a report about the overall results across all schools in England, not individual schools.

When the check will take place

- There will be a **2 week window** from **Monday 2nd June 2025** for schools to administer the check.
- There is **no set day** to administer the check and children are not expected to take the check at the same time.
- All eligible Year 4 children in England will be required to take the check.



How the check is carried out

- The check will be **fully digital**.
- Answers will be entered using an on-screen number pad (iPad).
- Usually, the check will take less than **5 minutes** for each child.
- The children will have **6 seconds** from the time the question appears to input their answer.
- There will be a total of **25 questions** with a **3 second pause** in-between questions.
- There will be **3 practice questions** before the check begins.

Specific arrangements for the check



Some children will be eligible for specific arrangements:

- Colour contrast;
- Font size adjustment;
- 'Next' button (alternative to 3-second pause);
- Removing on-screen number pad;
- An adult to input answers;
- Audio version;
- Audible time alert.

The check questions



- Each child will be **randomly assigned** a set of questions
- There will only be **multiplication** questions in the check, not division facts.
- The 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables are **more likely** to be asked.
- Reversal of questions (e.g. 8×6 and 6×8) will not be asked in the same check.
- Children will not see their individual results when they complete the check.

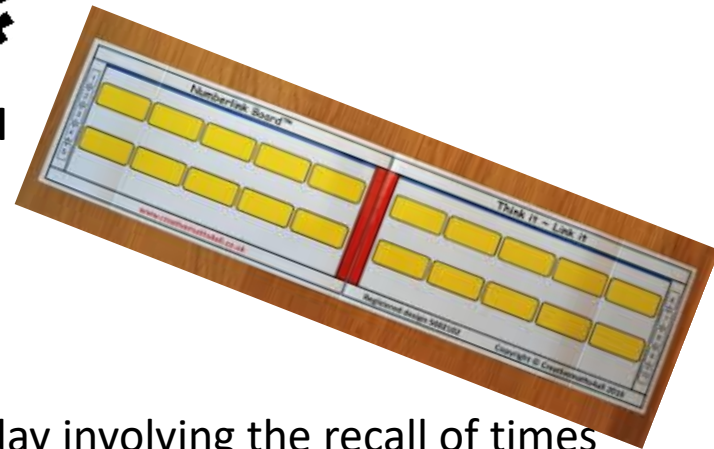
What are we doing at Grayshott to prepare your children?



- Regular of times table recall using



- Deriving times table facts using a **Numberlink Board** (parent workshop for this on 7th March at 2:00pm)



- Warm up tasks within lessons or at the start of the day involving the recall of times table facts.

Counting and looking for patterns



Example: Counting in 2s
2, 4, 6, 8, 10...

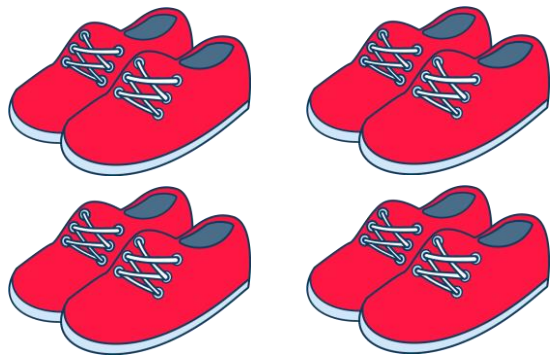
- Ensure children have a strong understanding of counting in groups first.
- When children are secure with counting, they can then look for patterns.



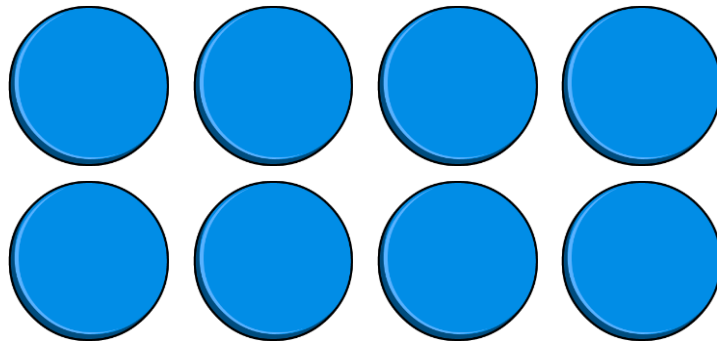
Repeated addition



Knowing that 2×4 is the same as $2 + 2 + 2 + 2$



$$2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = ?$$



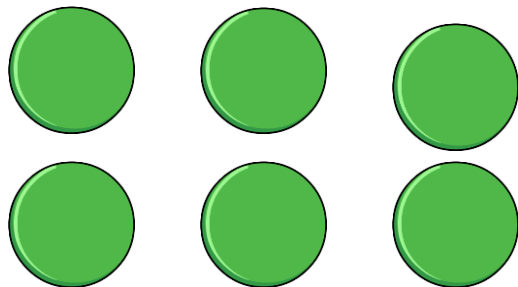
$$2 \times 4 = ?$$

Multiplication is commutative

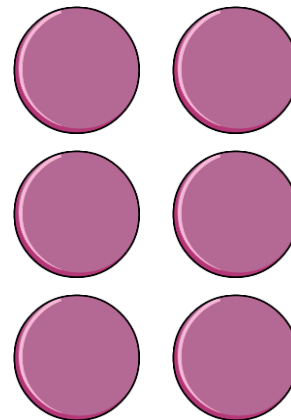


3×2 is the same as 2×3

Children need to understand that multiplication can be completed in any order to produce the same answer. Sometimes this link needs to be made explicit.



3 lots of 2 = 6



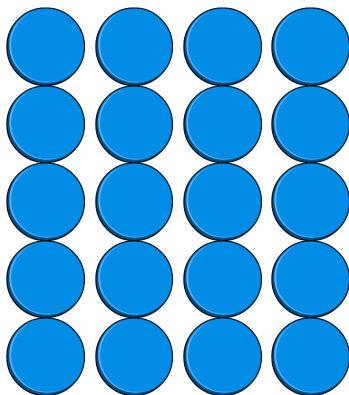
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Using known facts

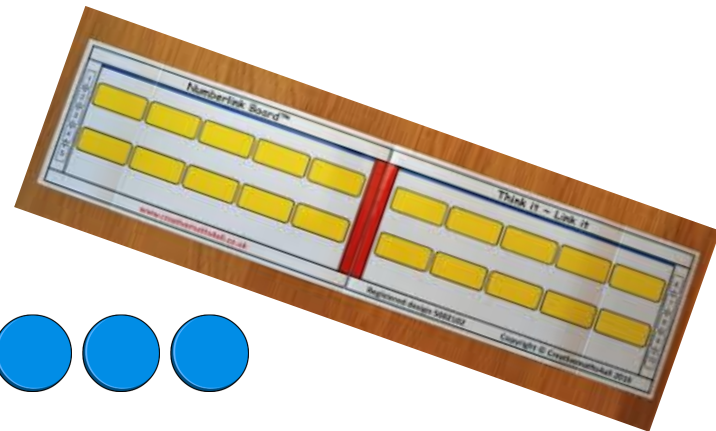
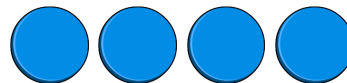


$4 \times 6 = ?$
I know $4 \times 5 = 20$
Therefore, $20 + 4 = 24$

By using known facts from 'easier' times tables, children should be able to find answers with increasing speed.



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How best to prepare your child for the check



- Quick-fire times tables on the go e.g. in the car, on way to school.
- Use TTRS.
- Games involving the Number Link boards.
- If you have any concerns, please come and talk to us.



For Year 4 parents- suggested schedule for TTRS



JANUARY & FEBRUARY **SOUNDHECK** (games per week) **3** **GARAGE** (mins per week) **18** **SPRING OUMTC*** 

MARCH **SOUNDHECK** (games per week) **5** **GARAGE** (mins per week) **16**

APRIL **SOUNDHECK** (games per week) **3** **STUDIO** (games per week) **3** **GARAGE** (mins per week) **15**

MAY **SOUNDHECK** (games per week) **6** **STUDIO** (games per week) **15** **SUMMER OUMTC*** 

JUNE **SOUNDHECK** (games per week) **21**

*The OUMTC is our own mini MTC and it is in semi test conditions. It will give you a good idea of how your students will perform on the real thing. Take part in three OUMTCs throughout the year to give you a baseline, benchmark and time to respond to the results

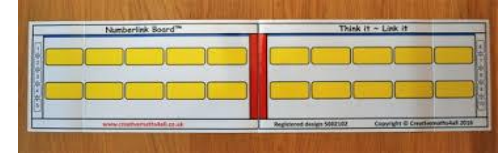
- Soundcheck replicates the MTC.



The certificate template features the 'TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS' logo at the top. Below it, the text 'YOU ROCK' is prominently displayed. A line for a date is provided, followed by the text 'Completing 18 minutes on Garage this week!'. There is a space for a signature, with a sample signature 'Mrs Falschau' shown. The certificate is decorated with icons of a guitar, drums, and a star.

Additional Parent Information Sessions/Workshops

- **Numberlink Board Parent Workshop** –
Friday 7th March 2025 at 2:00pm



- **Thursday 13th March 2025 at 4:30** –
MTC Parent Information Session

Any questions?

