

# Multiplication Tables and Your Child



# Why are multiplication tables so important?



- ★ They are the basis for many different areas of Maths - fractions, area, long multiplication
- ★ Children who know their multiplication tables find their Maths learning easier to access
- ★ Once they know them, they know them



# What should your child know?

- ★ By the end of Year 2: know the 2, 5 and 10 tables
- ★ By the end of Year 3: know the 3, 4 and 8 tables
- ★ By the end of Year 4: know all tables to  $12 \times 12$



# What does 'know them' mean?

- ★ Knowing times tables doesn't mean that they can count up in the number.
- ★ It means that they can instantly recall the answer.



# Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

- ★ A new National Test which all Year 4 children in the country will sit.
- ★ It is an online test of randomised questions.
- ★ There are 25 questions on the test.
- ★ Each question is timed - 6 seconds.

GOV.UK Multiplication Tables Check

11 × 2 =

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
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Remaining Time: 5



<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

The website above takes you to a 'mockup' of the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) so that you can see what it is like.

Times Table Rockstars also has a similar mode that can be used to get your child used to what the MTC is like.



# Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

- ★ The test will be taken in June - we have a 3 week window in which to test your child
- ★ The questions will come, in the majority, from the more challenging multiplication tables - 6, 7, 8, 9, 12

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# Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

- ★ There is no pass mark - your child cannot pass or fail the test
- ★ This means that they will not be re-tested
- ★ The government have introduced this test so that teachers can identify children who may be falling behind - HJS has always had systems in place to ensure this



# What do we do in school?

- ★ Morning Maths - time during the register when children have the opportunity to complete multiplication activities
- ★ Counting during the main maths lesson
- ★ Small group work to support children who are finding it more challenging
- ★ Weekly test





# What can you do at home?

- ★ Complete home learning that is sent home
- ★ Take an interest in their weekly times table score
- ★ Play games that support their multiplication knowledge
- ★ Encourage your child to use online games such as Times Table Rockstars





# Times Table Rockstars



- ★ Online platform that school has subscribed to for each of our learners
- ★ Your child will have created an avatar - their rockstar
- ★ They compete in different game styles to to earn coins that they can use to upgrade their avatar
- ★ The speed of their correct answer determines what their rock status is
- ★ We can compete class v class.
- ★ If they know a friend's rockstar name, they can battle them





# Questions...



We know that you may have questions. Please contact your child's class teacher on Class Dojo in the first instance and we will be happy to help!

