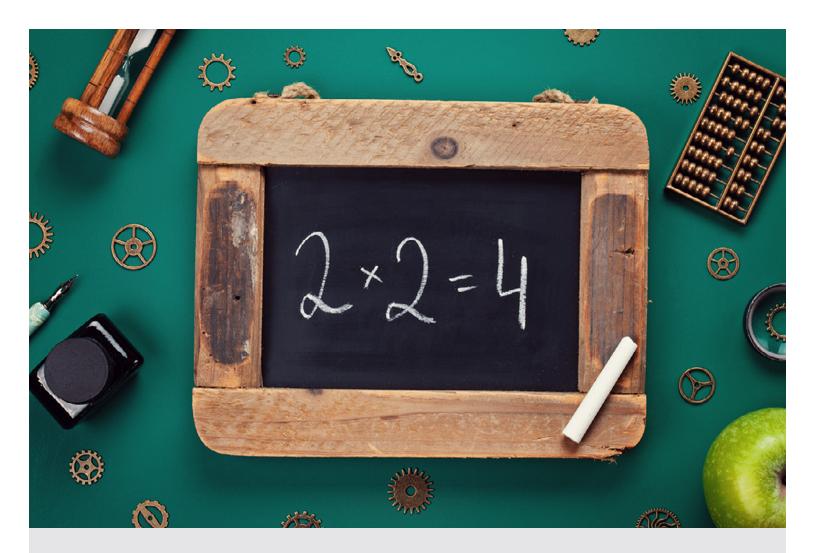
Times Tables Approach West Meadows Primary School

Why do we learn times tables?



In primary education, knowing times tables is essential for quick mental arithmetic and tackling problems, as well as for many KS2 topics such as division, fractions, and percentages. As pupils move into secondary school, strong multiplication skills provide valuable support when beginning algebra, and are equally important in subjects like chemistry, physics, biology, and computing, all of which rely heavily on mathematical understanding.

Is chanting enough?

Rote learning isn't enough to help children recall or apply their tables facts and a strategy-based approach is required to allow children to understand and make use of the properties of and connections within maths.

What are the expectations of each child?

EYFS focus on the development of number patterns and repeated addition.

Y1 pupils will explore 2, 5 and 10 times tables throughout the year.

Doubling

"Lots of' linked to doubling

Numicon & other objects to show doubles Show doubles in an array Hide half of an amount & predict what's hiding

Double the number on a dice

Count in 2's Count in 2's

Repeated addition

How many lots of or groups of Part, part whole model-give the whole and how many equal groups fit? Counting stick-2's - remove and guess

Real life problems involving concrete Use arrays to show counting in 2's and doubling

Group spots or crosses within an array to show double 5 Numberline-does it show 2 lot of 5 Or 5 lots of 2?

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Times tables

Count in 10's 10x table

Repeated addition

Lots of and x symbol used Place tens on 100 square to show relationship Bead string to show ones in ten Move onto counting stick Card with multiples of ten on - jumble up

& different multiplications

Draw arrays to show repeated additions & vice versa

5x table

Become confident with repeated addition Use ten frames to make links between 5's and 10's Use part, part whole model with groups of 5

Discuss the commutative property Counting stick jumping in 5's 100 square-show relationship risually between 5's & 10's

Doubling

Use facts to work out 7+7 (5+5 2+2)

Count in 2's

Revise doubling and use partitioning Reading and recording repeated addition to work out new facts up to 10 + 10 can be time consuming so push lots of Explore different ways to represent Continue with repeated addition & arrays multiplication - show 3 lots of 2 as a repeated addition, 100 square, number line or array Include examples of x1 and x0 Use the x symbol as the quickest way

Counting stick - missing numbers

Lx table

Link x2 to doubling Twice as much and two times

Match calculation to concrete resources Investigate 2 lots of 5=5 lots of 2 prove it

Write calculations that have the same value 6 lots of 2 and 2 lots of 6

Show this using bar model or part part whole

42 underlying 10x table 10x table

Explore repeated addition and then compare it to lots of 10+10+10+10=4 lots of 10 Show 10x10 peg board

How many 10's in 40,50 etc Explore relationships on counting stick

Part part whole what would we x10 by to get the whole?

Investigate ten times greater than Make arrays What happens when we make 1s ten x bigger?

Use visuals—what's the same/different? Explore multiples of 10

Times tables

Show jumps of 5 on a numberline Counting stick to show relationships Explore known facts what would 11x5 12x5?

Match calculations to arrays, rep add, ppw model Use and solve problems on an empty num line

5x table 5x table 3x tab

Exploit doubling linked to 5's & 10's <mark>Write repeated additions and represent with concrete</mark> Make arrays to show multiplication and division Explore the commutative property Explore bar model 5x4 then 4x5 What's the same & different? Make links 5x10=50 so what is 5x5?

Compare multiplication facts (>=

Explore 3x table using repeated addition & concrete Use counting stick to explore 3's pattern and known facts

How can 10×3 help you answer 5×3 ? Ensure the 9th and 10th multiple is focused upon Discuss how this strategy can help with other multiples Look at tripling a number – triple 4 = 4x3

Show 6 lots of 3 predict 12 lots of 3 etc

Doubling

Revise doubles up to 12+12 Double multiples of 10 Double multiples that end in 5

Bring doubles/near doubles when working with money, measures etc When doubling make links to x2 (mental strat) What is double 56? Strategies?

Distributive & associative law

Explore the distributive (4x5+4x5=8x5)Explore the associative (2x4x5)

Draw arrays and number lines to represent calculations based around the distributive law Explore the effect of multiplying by 10 using part whole and har models 10x20 so predict 10x40 etc

Make links between known facts. I know 3x4=12 so I know 3x40 4x30 etc

Explore cuisine rods/number pieces. If each

Piece is worth one whole how many quarters in 123? How many quarters in 5 whole ones-notice? Make links between quarters and dividing by 4 Quarter a whole by halving and halving again Give 1/4 on a par model to find the whole amount

underlying skills

4x relationships

Revise repeated addition until secure

Counting stick method to explore relationship between 4's Ensure discussion on 11x4 and 12x4

Focus upon x8 and x9
Explore numbers below 40 which are multiples of 4? Solving missing num questions making links

Ensure doubling is secure Explore arrays and decide what calculation they show Link 4x table to 2x table - what would the array look like? Explore if multiples of 2's are also multiples of 4's Explore & explain incorrect multiplication 9's Reasoning-5x4? _What could go there? What couldn't?

Times tables

8x table

Chd should know facts from 0x8 to 5x8 from previous x tables & quickly know x9.10.11 The only new facts are 6x8 7x8 8x8

Use counting stick starting with 4's and make links to 8's Explore different ways to find table facts 8x8 could be double 4x8 Always, sometimes, never. A multiple of 4 Is always a multiple of 8? Etc

8x tah

Discuss making an amount 8 times bigger Match repeated addition and multiplication calc to

Concrete and visual arrays Explore how many 4's would be in 98's etc-why? How many ways can you find 8x9 Make arrays with ones and apply to tens etc Make links between single digits and larger numbers

Link eighths to fractions.

How many eighths make 1 whole? How do quarters link to eighths? How many quarters would six eighths make? Y4 pupils should know all the times tables – they will need regular practise opportunities and should be able to mix times tables confidently.

Associative property

Investigate and talk about the associative property 8x6=2x4x6

Explore breaking down arrays into smaller groups Use multi link to make cuspids to show associative Use counting stick to make links to the 6x tables 6x2x3

Compare calculations and predict who will need to most cubes Investigate cuboids with a given amount of cubes

6x table

Ensure doubling halving and bridging are secure Most x6 tables are already known from related xtables Only 6x6 and 6x7 are new

Use partpartwhole models— given answer how many parts? Use and explore relationships—if 6x6 is 36 then what will 12x6 be? Make links to fractions. How many sixths in 123 wholes? Are there links between 3's and 6's? Explore Explore two digit numbers below 60-which are multiples?

6x table

Look at making something 6 times greater Look at an array for 3x4—predict what 6x4 would t fink tens to arrays - if we know 4x6 what would 40x60 be? Distributive property explored when using 2d num

17x6-10x6 and 7x6 Explore misconceptions within reasoning

44 underlying skills

Explore the facts already learnt through other \boldsymbol{x} tables Use the 10x table to help with the 9x Use counting stick method to link to known facts Circle multiples of 10 on 100grid How can this be used to identify the 9x table? (Add 10 and subtract 1)

9x table 11x table

Look at he pattern of the 11x table

Use the 11x table to link to all the other x tables

Times tables

12x table

Link back to the 6x table facts using counting stick Make links to the 6x and 12x through doubling Break down the 12x table 12x8= 10x8 and 2x8

Compare repeated addition & multiplication calcs Use counting stick method to explore relationships How can 3x7 help you find 6x7 How can x5 and x2 help to find x7? How can 6x7 help you find 6x70 etc?

Y5 and 6 pupils will continue to rehearse and develop their times table skills using larger numbers.

Larger numbers & decimals

Multiply and divide numbers mentally linking to known facts Explore ways to find 17x6 (17x2x3 or 34x2-explore)

What would 70x6 be? And 1.7x6?

Use visuals to show doubling one side and halving the other Count forwards and backwards in powers of 10 Multiply and divide by 10.100.1000 including decimals

Link table facts to new facts- counting stick 40, 80, 120... 0.4, 0.8, 1.2

Generate & describe linear sequences Explore fact families including decimals Is 7x0.4=4.2 what would 7x1.4 be? Convert between metric measurements Use 6x table linked with time 60.120.180 etc

45/6 underlying skills

Prime

Explore numbers 1-20 which can only make a rectangle from a single line of cubes Which carn't be prime? Why?

Cube

Get 16 multi link cubes how many diff cuboids can you make?
Investigate which numbers make a cube. why?
Can cha calculate the volume of the cube quickly?
Make links to multiplication here.
Mentally start to generate cube number answers

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Multiples, factors & square

Make links to multiplication by finding factor pairs

If ten is a factor of the number what else will be?

What amount of cubes would only make a square?

How are these square numbers?

Draw rectangles to show factor pairs then draw on factor rainbow Jink to other areas of maths. A rectangle has an area of 48cmsquared What could it's sides be? (Factor pairs/rainbow)

F.D.P

When looking at fifths discuss how many tenths are equiv
If yow know what a whole looks like what would a tinth look like?
Colour 1/10 of 100square is that is the whole
If 3/8 of a number is 21 what will 6/8 be?
Explore diff denominators when + & - fractions
Convert between decimals and % x10100

How do we teach Times Tables across school?

Our policy will share a number of ideas for the teaching of key strategies in KS1 and KS2 and provide ideas to support children in developing rapid recall of times tables through understanding the underlying structure of and relationships with multiplication.

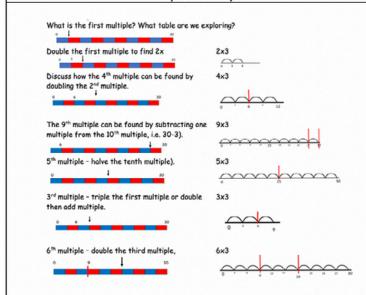
Counting etick

This is a wooden stick, one metre long, divided into ten equal parts. If you don't have one, a metre stick can easily be converted using tape to divide. An empty number line can also be used in the same way. This is a powerful way to represent number relationships and can also be used in Foundation Stage for counting in ones and finding missing numbers. Example below is for 3x table but can be adapted for any.

Multiplication Grids

With older children, multiplication grids can be rearranged to highlight the links between different tables, investigate patterns and help reduce memory load. Some examples are given below.

It is important to focus upon making links to known facts and stressing that often one fact can help find another.



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5	5	10		in for your 3x	2	_	20	-	by twenty or to
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7	7	14		you notice?	4	_	40		between x1 and x0.5
8	8	16			5	_	50		
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10	10	20		could be	7		70		other obvious doubling
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How do we keep it engaging?



Times table Activity Ideas



Card shuffle



Deck of cards shared with class. Children to turn over cards and they have to multiply the numbers together. Playing cards to be stuck around the room, children to go around and multiply the cards together against each other.

Relay race

Times tables on large piece of paper. Positioned for each tab to have a relay race based on specific times tables. Play musi as children race to answer the times table questions. Differentiate depending on focus times tables.



Music jingle

Use times table jingles off Youtube to encourage children to sing their times tables. Share them on your class blog and encourage children to watch them at home. Could children create their own music jingles and record for other classes in school?

Repetition. Repetition.



Encourage children to chant the times tables as a class or group. Could they chant as they line up at playtime? Think about specific times of the day that children can utilise for the repetition of times tables.

Rock, paper..

Children pair up and play rock, paper, scissors. When they say scissors, they show a certain amount of fingers each and they have to multiply them both together and say the answer as fast as they can.



Ball mix up

Plastic balls could have answers on to specific times tables. Question shared with class on IWB. Children have to find the answers in teams. Balls could have numbers on and children pick two and multiply them together.



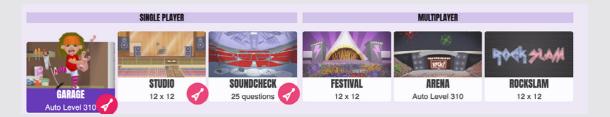


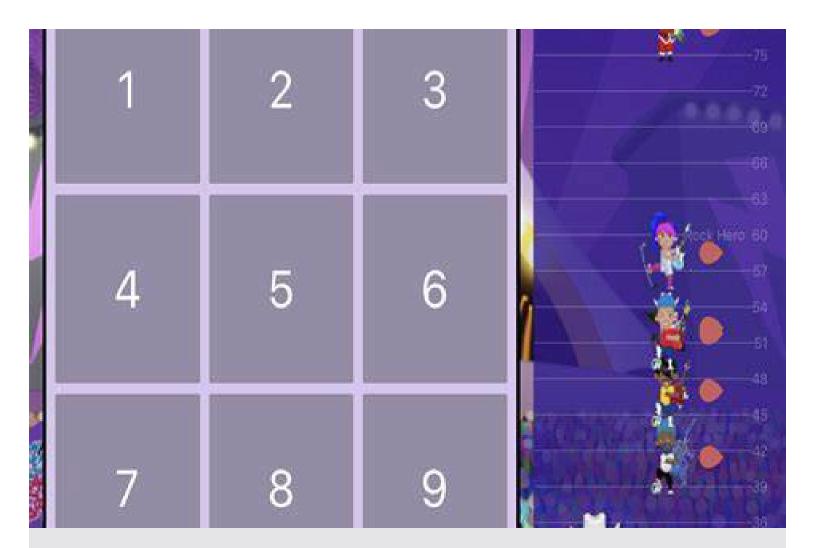
Times Table Rockstars: Tracking, improve and assess pupils times table knowledge

How do we baseline children?

Using TTRS, the baseline is needed to see and compare improvement. When using the iPad the baseline simply requires playing a 'Gig' game. This issues 100 multiplication questions on the 10s, followed by 10 questions on each of the 2s, 5s, 3s, 4s, 8s, 6s, 7s and 9s and then 5 questions on the 11s and the 12s. There is a 5 minute time limit and pupils will not necessarily get round to answering all 100 questions during that time which is fine.

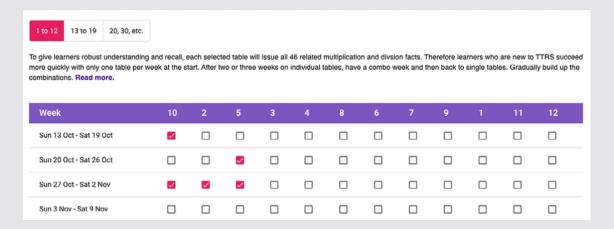
After the gig, pupils will be placed at the best starting point on the training course. IMPORTANT: Automatic training mode needs to be turned on for 'gig' game to appear! (Set tables>choose class>automatic training turn on)





How can we personalise Times Tables for every pupil?

Using TTRS, we select specific tables that we want the pupils to work on. We also use our maths 'Year on a page' and each pupil's 'personalised heatmap' for guidance on what times tables the children in our classes need to be focusing on. It is easy to ensure that all pupils are challenged through a wide variety of times tables.

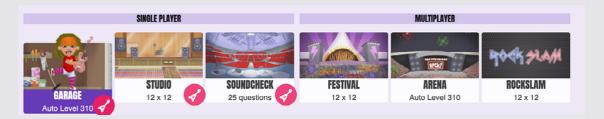


An example of how teachers can mould specific focus times tables to each child to create a tailored approach.

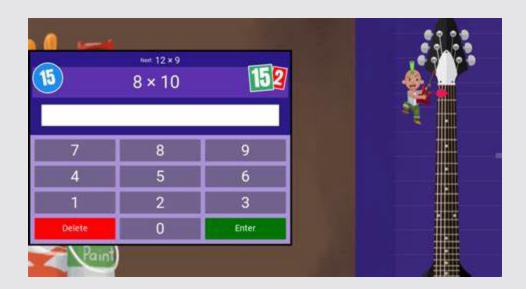


How do we ensure pupils are using the app correctly?

We provide time for pupils to practise their focus times tables and make sure they are set them on TTRS. When pupils have selected 'Garage' or 'Arena' they are purely tested on their focus tables set by teachers. If they choose 'Studio' or 'Festival' they are focusing on random tables up to 12 x 12.



Example of the types of games children can access on the app



Do we have a set time and structure to teach times tables?

Little and often is better than a long session once a week. Alongside the use of TTRS, we understand the importance that we teach strategies to build on conceptual understanding and progressive steps can be found on the calculation policy.

After pupils have completed their baseline, they will have their own personalised heatmap. These should be analysed by the class teacher to ensure personalised times tables are set for specific groups.

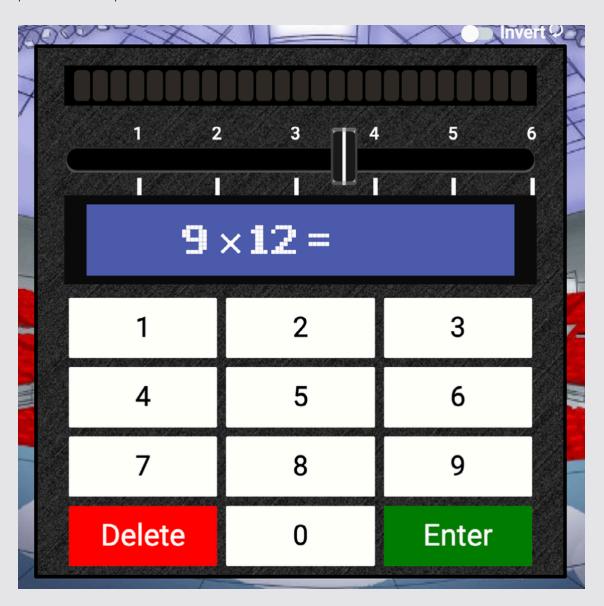
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This is an example of a tracker that we use at Birdwell to ensure we know which pupils require extra practice and support to be ready for the Multiplication Check.

Over the course of the term pupils should gain confidence in their set times tables when using the 'garage' feature.

On a weekly basis (especially with Y3 & Y4) pupils should take the 'soundcheck' assessment to evaluate their progress towards the expected standard. The 'soundcheck' replicates the test Y4 pupils will be taking nationally.

It is expected that children achieve a score of 20+ by the end of Y4 in order to pass the Multiplication Times Table Check



This is a snapshot taken from the 'soundcheck' mode which will help pupils to prepare for the Multiplication Tables Check in Year 4



How can I support my child as a parent?

At West Meadows, we involve parents and encourage them to support the use of the TTRS app, highlighting the importance of practising times tables at home. By sharing information about the Year 4 times tables check and sending home pupils' heat maps, parents can clearly see which times tables their children need more practice with.

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An example of a pupil's 'Heatmap' which highlights the times table children are finding difficult. They are RAG rated so red means they need to practice through to bright green which means they are secure. If a times table is grey, it means a pupil has not had the opportunity to practise this times table question yet.

We also celebrated TTRockstar day and other National TTRS competitions where we dressed up in our favourite rock outfits and celebrated those children who had been using TTRockstars at home regularly.



Hou	v do we	ensure	that	$child\iota$	ren	know	more	and	remem	ber	more	in	each
					ye	ar gro	up?						

It is important to ensure that children get a chance to revisit times tables they have previously been taught along with their focus tables that half term.

Questions can be generated through the TTRS website and teachers can select a range of tables they would like their children to answer. This enables children to revisit and make links to previous learning and further their understanding.

Year	Term	Sound Check (TTRS)	Expected Standard				
Group		12 22					
Y1	Autumn (Baseline if appropriate)	Focussed times tables	% of correct answers increasing				
	Spring	Focussed times tables	% of correct answers increasing				
	Summer	Focussed times tables	% of correct answers increasing				
Y2	Autumn (Baseline)	Complete 'Gig' (Turn ATM is on)	EXS = 10+				
	Spring	Sound Check	EXS = 10+				
	Summer	Sound Check	EXS = 10+				
Y3	Autumn (Baseline)	Complete 'Gig' (Turn ATM is on)	Add score weekly to excel sheet				
	Autumn 2	Sound Check	EXS= 15+ - Add score weekly to excel sheet				
	Autumn 2 (Repeat baseline)	Reset Gig and complete to generate new heatmap.	Add score weekly to excel sheet				
	Spring 1	Reset Gig and complete to generate new heatmap.	Add score weekly to excel sheet				
	Spring 1	Sound Check	EXS = 15+ Results added to Excel at the end of every week.				
	Spring 2	Sound Check					
	Summer 1	Reset Gig and complete to generate new heatmap.	Add score weekly to excel sheet				
	Summer 1	Sound Check	EXS = 20+				
	Summer 2	Sound Check	Results added to Excel at the end of every week.				
Y4	Autumn 1 (Baseline)	Complete 'Gig' (Turn ATM is on)	EXS = 20+				
	Autumn 1	Sound Check	EXS= 20+ Add score weekly to excel sheet.				
	Autumn 2	Reset Gig and complete to generate new heat map	Add score weekly to excel sheet				
	Spring 1	Reset gig and complete to generate new heat map.	Add score weekly to excel sheet.				
	Spring 1	Sound Check	EXS = 22+				
	Spring 2	Sound Check					

			Results added to Excel at the end of every week.
	Summer 1	Rest gig and complete to generate new heatmap	Add score weekly excel sheet.
	Summer 1	Sound Check	EXS = 23+
	Summer 2 (before the check)	Sound Check	Results added to Excel at the end of every week.
Y5	Autumn (Baseline)	Complete 'Gig' (Turn ATM is on)	EXS = 25
	Spring	Sound Check	EXS = 25
	Summer	Sound Check	EXS = 25

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