Belle Vue Primary School

THE MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK

(MTC)

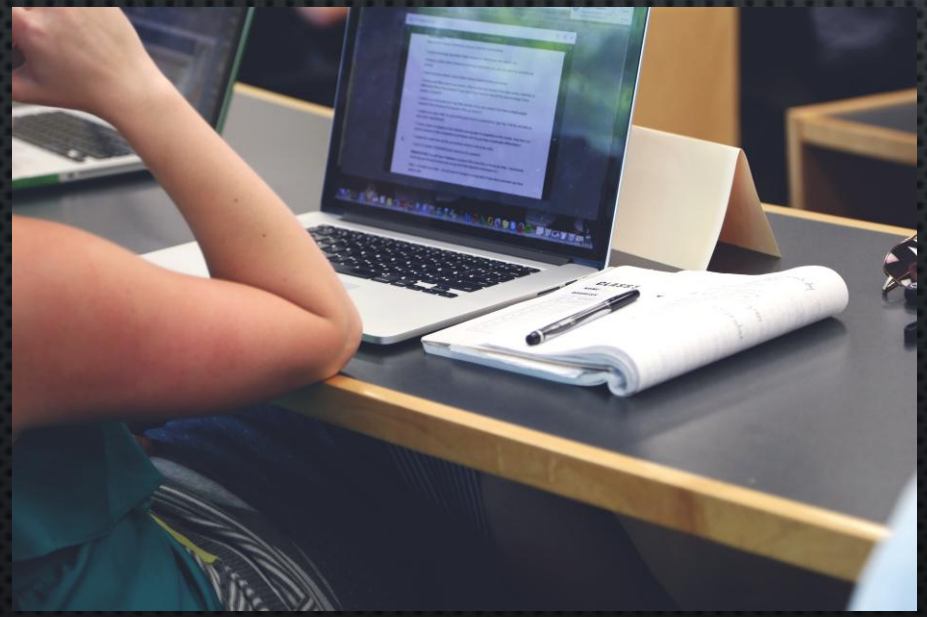




WHAT IS THE MTC?

- It's a national test for Year 4 students which began in June 2022.
- Under the national curriculum primary school children are expected to know their 12 times tables by the end of Year 4
- We've been preparing students to know their times tables by the end of Year 4 in maths lessons, in fluency lessons, using TTRockstars and sending out timestables homework sheets.





THE PRACTICALITIES

THE CHECK ITSELF

- Takes place in June 2027
- Is done on a tablet or computer (chromebook)
- Will take no longer than 5 minutes
- There are 25 questions
- Pupils have 6 seconds to answer each question
- There's no problem solving or division just simple "3 x 4 = ?" type questions
- The results are for **TEACHERS**
- There is **NO PASS OR FAIL MARK**

Why is learning times tables so important?

Knowing times tables quickly and confidently helps children to:

1. Develop confidence in Maths.
2. Tackle multiplication and division more easily.
3. Recognise number patterns.
4. Access more challenging mathematical concepts in Years 5 and 6.

- It is important that children understand that the MTC is not something to worry about.

There is **no pass mark**.

- The purpose is to see how confidently children can recall their times tables and to help teachers identify where additional support may be needed.
- Every child will receive a score out of 25, which will be shared with parents by school.

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Time left: 5

$6 \times 11 =$

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
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HOW YOU CAN HELP **YOUR** CHILD?



PRACTISE AT HOME

Some easy ways to do this include:

- **ASKING QUESTIONS** such as "What's 7 x 8?"
- reciting times tables by **ROTE** (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc)
- **SINGING** times tables songs (there are loads online)
- using **APPS AND GAMES** (like TTRockstars)

TTROCKSTARS

- Your child's username and password has been sent out (please contact myself or Mr Bowater if you do not have one).
- This app features not only the 'check' (Soundcheck) but a number of games and activities that will help your child learn and understand times tables.





GAME MODE GUIDE

		GAME FORMAT	QUESTION TYPE	COINS	HEATMAP
SINGLE	JAMMING	10, 20 or 30 questions	Select the tables and operations you want	8 coins for × ÷ mix 4 coins for × OR ÷	✕
	GARAGE	1, 2, or 3 minute games	× and ÷ questions chosen just for you	10 coins per correct answer	✓
	GIG	Up to 100 questions in 5 mins	× questions only up to 12×12	10 coins per correct answer	✓
	STUDIO	1 minute games	× and ÷ questions up to 12×12	1 coin per correct answer	✓
	SOUNDCHECK	25 questions, 6 seconds each	× questions only up to 12×12	5 coins per correct answer	✓
MULTI	FESTIVAL	1 minute games	× and ÷ questions up to 12×12	1 coin per correct answer	✓
	ARENA	1 minute games	× and ÷ questions chosen just for you	1 coin per correct answer	✓
	ROCK SLAM	1 minute games	× and ÷ questions up to 12×12	1 coin per correct answer	✓

STUDIO

GET A ROCK STATUS

SINGLE PLAYER



FROM WANNABE TO ROCK HERO YOU'LL RACE THE CLOCK!

- 1-MINUTE GAMES
- × AND ÷ QUESTIONS UP TO 12×12
- 1 COIN PER CORRECT ANSWER
- UPDATES YOUR HEATMAP

WHAT'S YOUR ROCK STATUS?



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

SOUNDCHECK

BEAT THE CLOCK



ANSWER EACH QUESTION BEFORE THE TIMER RUNS OUT

- 25 QUESTIONS, 6 SECONDS EACH
- × QUESTIONS ONLY UP TO 12×12
- 5 COINS PER CORRECT ANSWER
- UPDATES YOUR HEATMAP

TTRS

ROCK SLAM

CHALLENGE SOMEONE

MULTIPLAYER



SET A POINTS TARGET FOR SOMEONE AT YOUR SCHOOL!

- 1-MINUTE GAMES
- × AND ÷ QUESTIONS UP TO 12×12
- 1 COIN PER CORRECT ANSWER
- UPDATES YOUR HEATMAP

TTRS

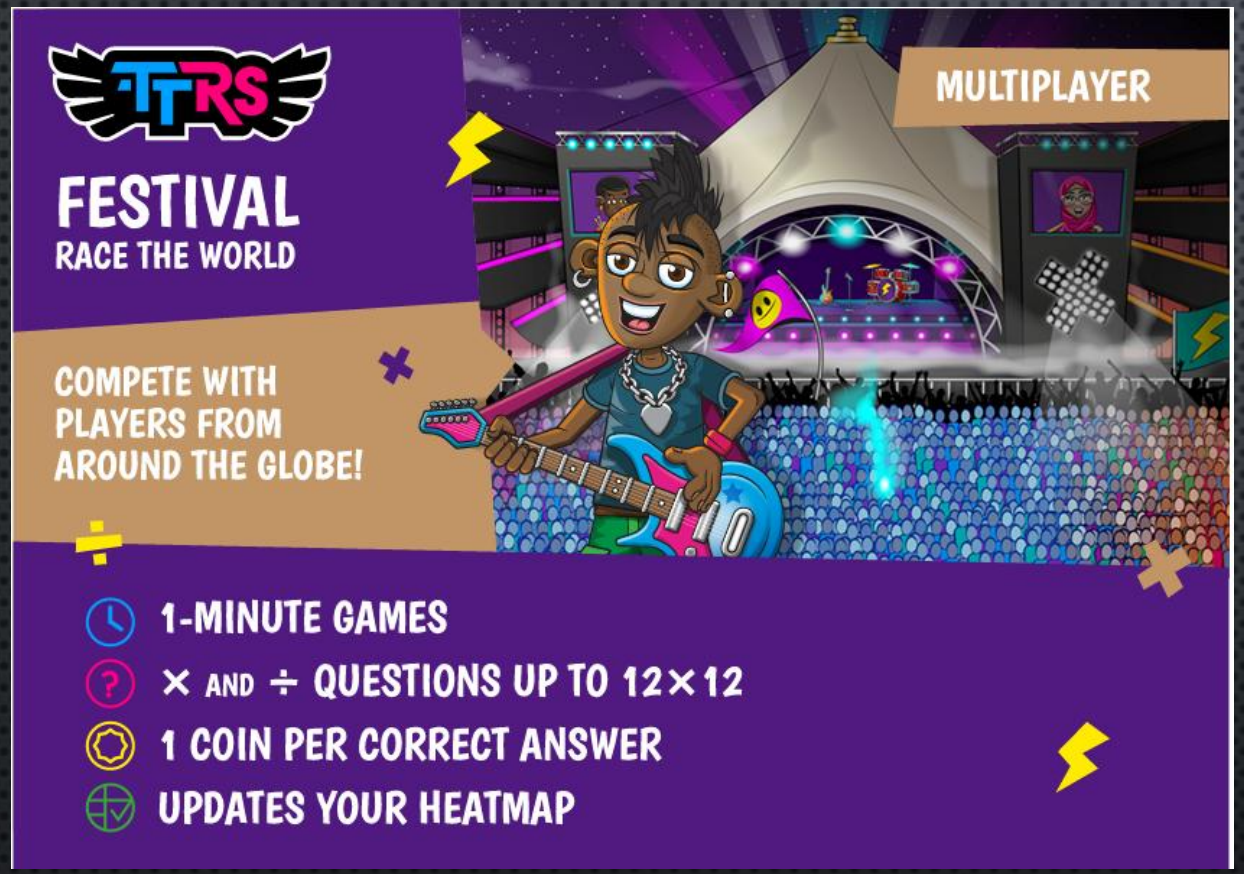
ARENA

RACE YOUR CLASS



COMPETE WITH
SCHOOLMATES, LIVE!

- 1-MINUTE GAMES
- × AND ÷ QUESTIONS CHOSEN BY OUR SMART ALGORITHM
- 1 COIN PER CORRECT ANSWER
- UPDATES YOUR HEATMAP



- **Children cannot talk or communicate with other players through the Times Tables Rock Stars Festival game.** It is designed to be safe for children.
- **No chat function** – children cannot send messages to other players.
- **Anonymous usernames** – children play using their chosen Rock Names rather than their real names.
- **No adverts or in-game purchases.**
- **Multiplayer competition** – children can compete live against other players from around the world, but they cannot communicate with them.

How can I hide the timer?	Start a game and press ⚙ > Hide Practice Clock. You could also play a game in Jamming.
How can I increase the length of Garage games?	Single player > Garage > press the little arrow below "play solo" > choose 1, 2 or 3 minutes.
The tables are too hard	Make sure your child is playing in Garage or Arena game modes. If this does not resolve the issue, please speak to your child's teacher. Remember that Jamming mode allows the child to choose the tables themselves.
My child gets anxious	Try the three above plus: setting mini goals (e.g. complete 2 minutes today, get 1 more point in the next game, pass 1 level); having a break from online play (come back in a couple of days); and reminding them of Baz's words: "A good rock star stays chillaxed by accepting they make mistakes."
My child has visual impairments; what settings are available?	Head to the Profile page where you can: change the colour scheme; reduce the visual stimuli with Declutter mode; increase the font size or switch to a dyslexia-friendly font called Lexie. play.ttrockstars.com is also screen reader compatible.
Can I turn off division?	Yes in Jamming mode but not in the other games. The reason for that is that practising multiplication and division at the same time supports the recall of both and is the most successful approach. If your child is finding division confusing, please speak to their teacher about starting with the 10s only and for advice on how to help at home.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents-text-version--2?utm_source=chatgpt.com


THANK
YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT