

Key Instant Recall Facts

Y4 – Summer 1



I can recall multiplication and division facts for times tables up to 12×12

All Y4 children in English schools were scheduled to take a statutory times table test in June 2020 but, due to Covid-19, this will no longer happen. However, it is very important that they keep practising because a sound knowledge of times tables is needed if they are to cope with the maths they will have to tackle in years 5 and 6. Consequently, the KIRF I would like them all to focus on this term is times tables.

By the end of year 4, pupils should be able to recall their multiplication tables accurately and quickly, without having to work out the answers. The statutory test consists of 25 randomly generated questions with six seconds to answer each one and an average pupil should score at least 20/25. The Sound Check activity on Times Table Rockstars is similar to the test and I ask that each child completes at least **one Sound Check a week** so that I can assess their progress.

Some children will already know their times tables facts, others will not yet have fluent recall. However, wherever they are on this journey, it is important that they keep practising.

Top Tips

The secret to successfully embedding knowledge is practising it **little** and **often**. Regularly return to the skills and incorporate into simple games and other activities. Ideas:

- Make question and answer cards to sort
- Challenge family members to a times table contest
- Play Times Table Rockstars every day
- Play <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- Play other games on <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

Take it further:

- Learn division facts eg $96 \div 8 = ?$
- Practise missing number calculations eg $? \times 6 = 48$
- Multiply and divide multiples of 10 and 100 eg $70 \times 40 = ?$