

Supporting Times Tables at Home

At Bunny C of E Primary and Nursery School, we recognise that developing secure times-table knowledge is an important part of children's mathematical fluency. We practise regularly in school and encourage children to build their confidence through short, regular practice at home.

Children in Years 3 and 4 have access to TT Rock Stars to support their times-table practice at home. The quick-fire format can be a fun way to develop speed and recall, and its competitive elements can help motivate some children. It also provides useful practice in a format similar to the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) that children complete in Year 4. Other useful online resources include Hit the Button and Mathsframe.co.uk, which offer a range of quick and engaging multiplication and division games.

If you prefer an offline approach, times-table flashcards are a simple and effective way to practise. They can be used in lots of different games — for example, taking turns to answer a card, racing to find the answer, or matching multiplication facts with their corresponding division facts.

Children will also receive maths homework to support the learning taking place in school. Regular practice, even for just a few minutes at a time, can make a real difference to children's confidence and fluency with their times tables.

Times Tables Expectations by Year Group	
Nursery	Explore counting, grouping and sharing through practical play and songs. Begin to notice when groups have the same number.
Reception	Explore equal groups, sharing and doubling using practical objects. Develop secure counting and number knowledge to 10.
Year 1	Count in 2s, 5s and 10s. Explore equal groups, doubling and sharing and begin to use these to solve simple multiplication and division problems.
Year 2	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2-, 5- and 10-times tables. Use these facts to solve simple problems involving grouping and sharing.
Year 3	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables.
Year 4	Recall multiplication and division facts for all times tables up to 12 × 12. Use known facts to solve calculations and problems efficiently.
Year 5	Develop fluent recall and application of multiplication and division facts up to 12 × 12. Use known facts to solve increasingly complex calculations and problems.
Year 6	Fluently recall and apply multiplication and division facts up to 12 × 12. Use these facts efficiently when solving a wide range of calculations and problems.