

HELPING YOUR CHILD LEARN THE 4 TIMES TABLE



SUPPORTING THE JOURNEY FROM OWL TO PARROT

At school, we help children learn their multiplication tables in two stages.

OWL – I UNDERSTAND HOW IT WORKS.

I can see the pattern.
I understand that the 4 times table is groups of four.

4	4	4

4 + 4 + 4 = 12

PARROT – I CAN RECALL THE ANSWER QUICKLY AND AUTOMATICALLY.

I know the facts instantly.
I am fluent and confident!

THE 4 TIMES TABLE

MULTIPLICATION FACT	READ IT AS...	ANSWER
1 × 4	One four	4
2 × 4	Two fours	8
3 × 4	Three fours	12
4 × 4	Four fours	16
5 × 4	Five fours	20
6 × 4	Six fours	24
7 × 4	Seven fours	28
8 × 4	Eight fours	32
9 × 4	Nine fours	36
10 × 4	Ten fours	40
11 × 4	Eleven fours	44
12 × 4	Twelve fours	48

A POWERFUL STRATEGY: DOUBLE THE 2 × TABLE

We know: 4 = 2 × 2
So we can find any × 4 fact by doing × 2 and doubling the answer!

EXAMPLE: 6 × 4

6 × 2 = 12 → × 2 → Double 12 = 24

12 → 24

So, 6 × 4 = 24

OTHER EXAMPLE

7 × 4

7 × 2 = 14 → × 2 → Double 14 = 28

14 → 28

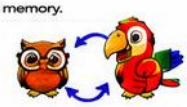
So, 7 × 4 = 28

This strategy helps your child find answers and builds confidence as they learn!

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP AT HOME

ENCOURAGE MATHEMATICAL LANGUAGE
Ask your child to say each fact aloud:
"Four fours are sixteen."
Use saying and saying to strengthen memory.

CELEBRATE PROGRESS
Celebrate their successes!
- quicker answers
- greater fluency
- higher scores
- better confidence



MAKE IT PRACTICAL & FUN
Look for groups of four in everyday life:
4 wheels | 4 legs | 4 petals | 4 sides



BUILDING QUICK RECALL (PARROT STAGE)

Short, regular practice is best!

3–4 times each week	5–10 minutes each session	Focus on the 4 times table

ONLINE LEARNING & INTERACTIVE PRACTICE

1 TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS (TTRS)

- Play 3–4 times each week
- 5–10 minutes each session
- Helps on the 4 times table
- Focus on the 4 times table

2 TIMESTABLES.CO.UK

A fantastic website with lots of fun ways to explore multiplication.
It helps strengthen understanding before increasing speed.

3 MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK (MTC) PRACTICE

Children can prepare for the national Multiplication Tables Check using:
- Mrs Thompson's MTC
- Maths Frame MTC

4 THE 6-SECOND RULE

When using MTC practice sites, set the timer to 6 seconds per question.
This builds the quick recall expected in school.

5 TOPMARKS – HIT THE BUTTON

A popular game for quick-fire mental maths practice.
(Not part of our official curriculum, but a great extra resource to build confidence and recall.)

TOP TIPS FOR LEARNING THE 4 TIMES TABLE

Practise little and often.	Say the facts aloud.	Look for groups of four everywhere! (e.g. wheels, legs, petals,	Use anchor facts (2s) to help you build confidence	Celebrate effort as well as correct answers.

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