

How We Teach Times Tables at Danesholme Academies

A Guide for Parents: Understanding Tackling Tables

Why Times Tables Matter

Quick recall of multiplication and division facts is essential for helping children succeed in all areas of maths - from problem solving to fractions and beyond. To support this, our school uses **Tackling Tables**, a structured programme designed to build speed, confidence and accuracy.

How Tackling Tables Works in School

Children in **Year 2 to Year 6** use Tackling Tables **at least twice a week**. Sessions include:

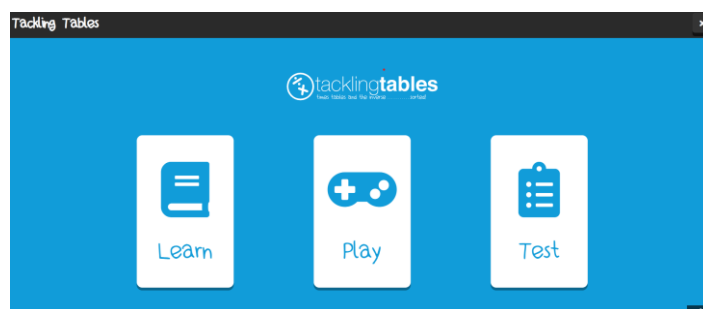
- **Tackling Tables cards**
- **Online learning, games and tests**



This mixture gives children lots of repetition, builds fluency, and makes learning fun.

Using Tackling Tables Online

 **Website:** <https://www.tacklingtables.co.uk/>



When children log in, they see three options:

1. Learn

- Works just like the physical cards
- Helps children practise facts at their own pace

2. Play

- One-player or two-player mode
- Against the clock

- A fun way to build speed and confidence

3. Test

- **Very important** part of the programme
- Tests track progress and record scores
- Teachers use these reports to monitor improvement

Choosing the Right Level



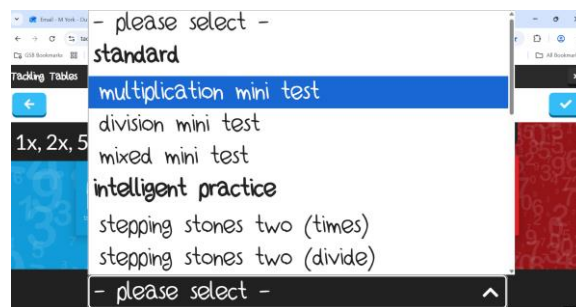
Children select their **colour phase** when taking a test:

Colour Phase	Year Group / Content
Blue	Year 2 national curriculum times tables
Green	Year 3 national curriculum times tables
Red	Year 4 times tables up to 12×12

All children start on Blue, then progress through Green and Red as they become secure in each set of facts.

For children in Year 2 still building number confidence, there are **Purple addition and subtraction tests**.

Mini Tests Explained



From the drop-down menu, children select:

Standard Multiplication Mini Test

Used for Blue, Green and Red phases.

For children secure in Red Phase (12×12):

- **Division mini test**
- **Mixed mini test**

These help ensure children stay fluent and confident.

Tackling Tables at Home

We encourage children to practise at home to reinforce their learning.

- ✓ Every child has a **printed login details**
- ✓ A **laminated copy** should already be at home, if you need a new copy please contact the school.
- ✓ Regular reminder messages are sent home via **Class Dojo**

🌟 **Children can earn Dojo Points** for practising Tackling Tables at home as part of going *Over and Above*.

If login details are missing or you have a new starter who needs access, please let us know.

Questions?

If you need support accessing Tackling Tables or have questions about how it works, please contact the school. We're always happy to help.