

A Question of Maths

Prompted by Prof; Ivan Fesenko's article on mathematics (28th January), and as a long-retired maths teacher, I seek an answer to *my* question. Years ago, we had 12 pennies in a shilling, and 12 inches in a foot. Decimal Day on 25th February 1971, announced 100 pence to the pound. Metrication became necessary when the UK joined the European Communities on 1st January 1973, and a system of measurement based on the meter and its subdivisions. My question is, "Why does the National Curriculum still insist that my seven year old grandson still has to learn tables up to 12 time 12, rather than 10 times 10?"

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