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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We are really excited to welcome the children in to Year 4 next year and have planned a fun-filled year of activities for them all to enjoy. In the summer term (June 2022), the Year 4 children will all take part in a national MTC (Multiplication Table Check). Please view further information on this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>

The MTC was created to ensure that pupils learn and know all of their times tables up to 12x by the end of Year 4. In order to pass the test, children will need to answer each of the 25 times table questions correctly and are given 6 seconds for each question. Passing the MTC test involves a great deal of effort and dedication to practise and learn all of the times tables. Prior to Year 4, children should have a secure understanding of the 1x, 2x, 5x, 10x, 3x, 4x and 8x times tables. This however, isn't always the case which makes preparation for the test even more challenging.

We would really like you to be involved and help support your children at home in addition to everything we do to support them in school. Each week in Year 4, we will support children to learn their times tables during daily mental maths sessions as well as whole times table-focused lessons including plenty of opportunities practising on Times Tables Rockstars and MTC tests.

Although we will be spending lots of time in school learning times tables, children do need to practise as much as they can at home too so that times tables are learned off by heart, ready for the limited number of seconds they have to answer each question. Previously, we have seen the huge impact that home practising has on children's progress and it has really helped children to embed number facts. Therefore, in order to get your children MTC ready, we would really appreciate you spending some time practising times tables with them over the summer holidays.

Below are the sites that will support with this and give you an idea of what the MTC test involves.

<https://urbrainy.com/mtc/test>

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

<https://www.mathshed.com/>

We really appreciate any time spent supporting your children to learn their times tables and know that this will certainly make a huge impact towards preparing them for Year 4.

Kind regards,
Year 4 Team