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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2023, Year 4 pupils will be taking part in a mandatory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently up to 12x12, which we believe is essential to future success in mathematics.

The MTC will be delivered as an online, on-screen digital assessment. The check will take each pupil less than 5 minutes to complete. The check consists of 25 questions. Pupils will have 6 seconds to answer each question, with 3-seconds pause between questions. Pupils will answer 3 practice questions before the check begins. The children will be familiar with this assessment format as we will have access to the MTC tool beforehand and will ensure pupils have sufficient practice. Sumdog also has an MTC tool which we will be accessing throughout the summer term to assess pupils' knowledge regularly.

Pupils are encouraged to practise and learn their times tables. '*Hit The Button'* is a very useful website for practising times tables on https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button. We also subscribe to TT Rockstars and Sumdog which are other online platforms that support the learning and fluent recall of times tables. We will continue with our regular Frog Club sessions weekly, as well as sending home Frog Club sheets for pupils to use to practise.

The MTC is a statutory assessment. We will use the results from the MTC as a tool to support pupils academically in Years 5 and 6. Year 4 have worked diligently on learning their fluent recall of times tables during this academic year and we are extremely proud of their efforts.

Further information is available here:
Multiplication tables check: information for parents - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

We will also be holding a parental workshop on **Thursday 8th December** between 9.10 and 10.10am, in the hall, where teachers will be available to answer any further questions. If you would like to attend the workshop, please complete the link below confirming your attendance

https://forms.office.com/r/pwqr6BtUPV

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Helliker
Year 4 Cohort Leader