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Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware, the children in year 4 will be taking part in the MTC (Multiplication Table Check) the week commencing the 10<sup>th</sup> June. This is a statutory test across all year 4's nationally. It involves children electronically answering 25 randomly generated times tables questions up to 12 x 12. They have 6 seconds to answer each question and then a 3 second pause in between. This was demonstrated at our times tables parents' workshops.

We will kindly ask that you use between now and then to encourage your children to learn as many as they can so that they are prepared and confident with the test. To aid with this, we have been setting up times tables competitions on Times Tables Rockstars with generous prizes for the winners every week. These start every Thursday and end on a Monday and will continue until the test. We have sent home funny rhymes to help children learn trickier times tables and we practise with them in school twice a day. We have also run several mock exams which should you wish to know their scores, please come and ask your child's teacher.

We would be very grateful if you could help your child over the holidays and up to the day of their test by getting them to practise mock MTC's on <a href="https://www.urbrainy.co.uk">www.urbrainy.co.uk</a>. The children know how to find their practice test from here. We are also sending home times tables packs that could be completed over the holidays to help prepare them.

Times tables is a life skill and knowing them will only benefit them in other aspects of maths throughout their school life.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 4 Team

