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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after a lovely Easter break. We hope you are all rested and ready for our final terms together. As you can see from our learning web and the dates below, we have an exciting term ahead not to mention the Multiplication Tables Check in June.

Our learning begins with 'Rumble in the Jungle' where we deepen our understanding of biomes and The Rainforest. Following that, we explore mountains in and around the UK with a focus on local geography.

### **Key dates:**

#### **Term 5**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April - No Pens Day

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Parent book look at 8:30am (please come and share your child's books with them)

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Bag to School

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April - Trip to Ninja Warrior

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April - Deaf Awareness Week

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April - Science workshop

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May - School Disco

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - TD day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May KS2 SATS Week

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Tag Rugby event at Abbey Park

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Science Fair after school

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Author Visit Andy Seed

We also have a Mini Warriors fitness session this week

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Year 4 walk to the library

#### **Term 6**

Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> June - MTC (multiplication tables check 2-week period begins)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Reserve Sports Day

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Non-school uniform day for bottles and chocolates for the summer fair tombola

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Parent book look at 8:30am (please come and share your child's books with them)

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Fair 3-5pm

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July - School reports home

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Open evening to discuss reports if required

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July - School finishes 1:30pm

Daily reminders:

- Please ensure that your child always brings a **water bottle**, sunglasses and a hat to school this term. Children should dress appropriately for the weather adhering to school uniform policy.
- Please also ensure that children remember to keep their correct **PE kit** in school: house colour T-shirt, dark shorts (summer and indoor), socks, trainers or daps in school for the whole week. Children wishing to be excused from PE will need a note from home. **Our regular PE sessions this term will be on Monday and Thursday.**
- Please encourage your child to read as much as possible whether it be a story, non-fiction text or a football magazine and record this on GoRead. We will continue to have termly reading challenges and we love it when everyone gets to enjoy the rewards.
- Finally, please continue to learn/practise multiplication facts in preparation for the June test. <https://ttrockstars.com/> please log on daily and practise soundcheck this mimics the MTC and helps the children practice their tables and get used to the speed of the test.

Homework will continue to be set termly and will be shared and celebrated in class at the end of each term.

Here's to an exciting summer!

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Y4 team

**KS2 Year 4** **MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK** **2024**

**WHAT**

- Pupils are tested on their ability to answer multiplication questions up to 12 with an emphasis on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 (these are considered to be the most difficult)
- The tests are online and on-screen
- The check contains 25 questions with 6 seconds to answer each one
- There is a 3 second pause in-between each question, before the next one appears on screen
- Before the test, schools can access a practice area for children to become familiar with the style of check
- Each check takes less than 5 minutes per child
- There are multiple versions of the test. The version each pupil gets is selected at random
- There is no expected pass rate or threshold

**WHO**

- The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is a statutory test for Year 4 pupils
- Children will not be required to resit the test if they do not get a high enough score
- Schools will be required to report the results of each child to their parents or carers

**WHY**

- The purpose of the Multiplication Tables Check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12
- The check will help schools to identify pupils who require additional support

**WHEN**

- 3rd - 14th June: Schools can choose a day within these 2 weeks to complete the test
- The test can take place on one day or across several days
- 17th - 21st June: Timetable variation week for pupils who were absent during the MTC weeks