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Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware, at the end of Year 4 (June 2021) your child will sit the new Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). The MTC is an online test for pupils in Year 4. Pupils are asked to answer 25 questions on times tables from 2 to 12. They are given six seconds per question, with three seconds rest between each question, so the test should last less than five minutes.

The Multiplication Check is focused on the fluent recall of multiplication facts. The test will judge how well each child knows their multiplication tables up to 12×12 . This is included in the National Curriculum (2014) statutory programme of study for mathematics at Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. The National Curriculum states, 'By the end of year 4, pupils should have memorised their multiplication tables up to and including the 12 multiplication table and show precision and fluency in their work'. The results will be shared with us to help us best support the children.

The best way to support your child for this is to incorporate practise of times tables into your daily routine well in advance. With regular practise, your child is likely to get used to tackling these type of questions with ease.

In preparation for this and in order to help your child develop confidence and fluency with their times tables recall, we are delighted that they still have access to the online aid **TTRackstars** (log in details are in the back of reading diaries, School Name - Birches First School). Please encourage them to practise their times tables whenever possible and I am sure they will love to show you their great achievements.

Children will be tested on their current times table set each Wednesday until they get full marks. Their scores will be communicated each week through their reading diary, enabling you to see the progress they are making.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Law or myself.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

Miss Hulme
Maths Lead