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Year 4 Rise to the Challenge: Multiplication Tables Check 2026!

This week, our wonderful Year 4 pupils sat their official Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) – and we are absolutely bursting with pride at how brilliantly they all performed.

The MTC is a national check taken by all Year 4 children across England, testing their ability to recall times tables up to 12×12 quickly and accurately. It is designed to ensure that all children have the strong multiplication foundations they need as they progress through their maths education and beyond.

The dedication our Saturn class pupils have shown in the lead-up to this check has been truly impressive. They have approached their revision with focus, resilience, and a brilliant attitude – practising regularly both in school and at home, and supporting one another along the way. Watching them settle down to their screens with such calm confidence was a genuinely proud moment for all of us.

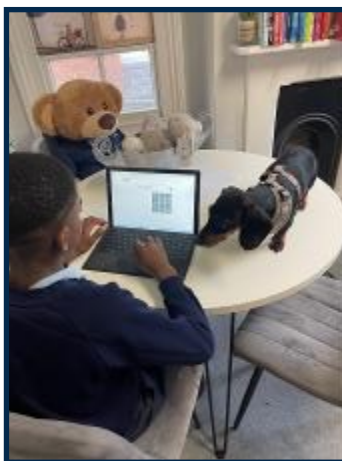
Times tables may seem like a small thing, but the ability to recall multiplication facts quickly and fluently underpins so much of the maths children encounter as they move through school – from fractions and decimals to ratio and algebra.

The effort our Year 4 pupils have put in will pay dividends for years to come.

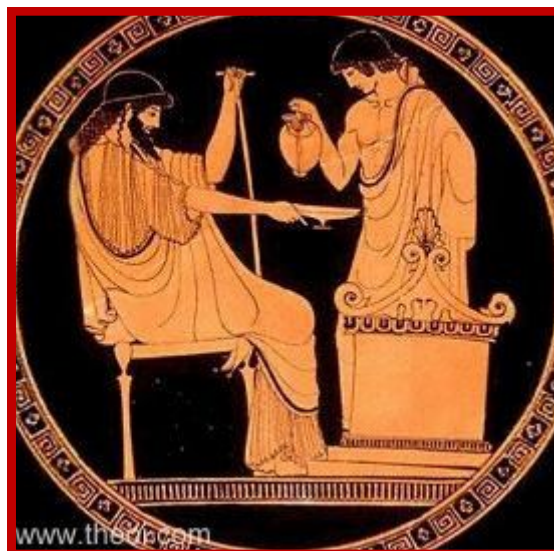
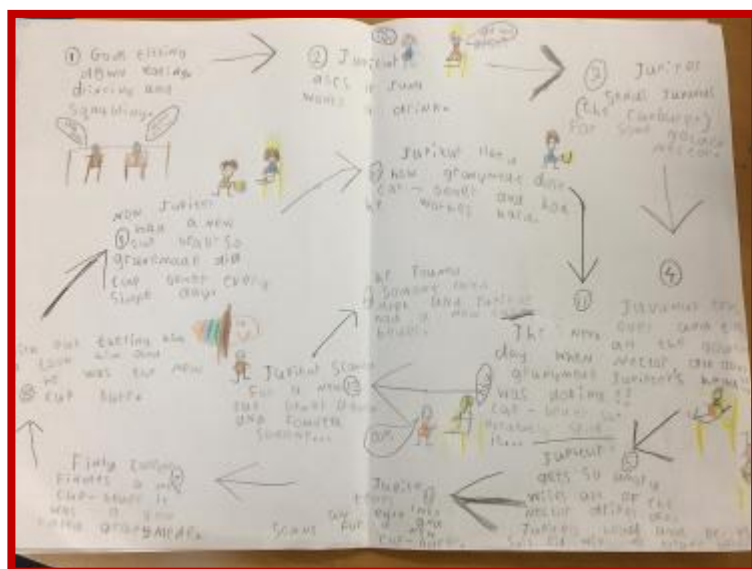
A huge well done to every single one of them. You worked hard, you stayed focused, and you gave it everything you had. That is something to be genuinely proud of.

We would also like to thank parents and carers for the support given at home during the revision period – it makes a real and tangible difference, and we are grateful as always for the wonderful partnership we share with our school community.

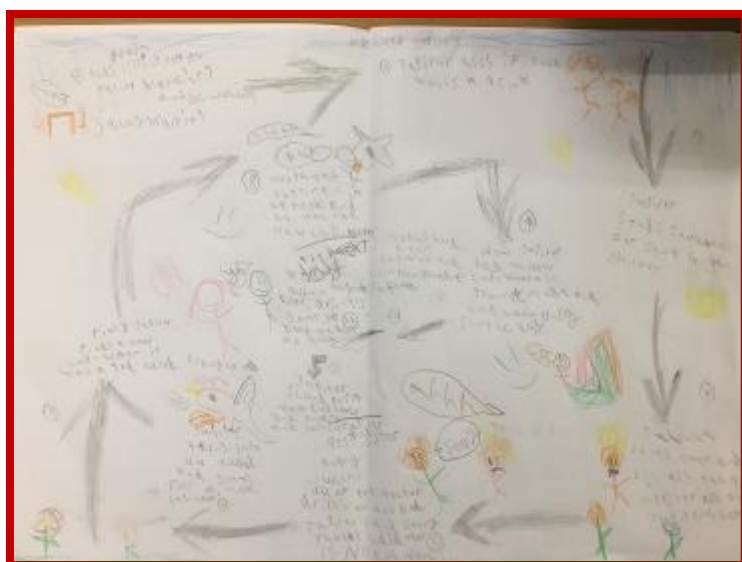
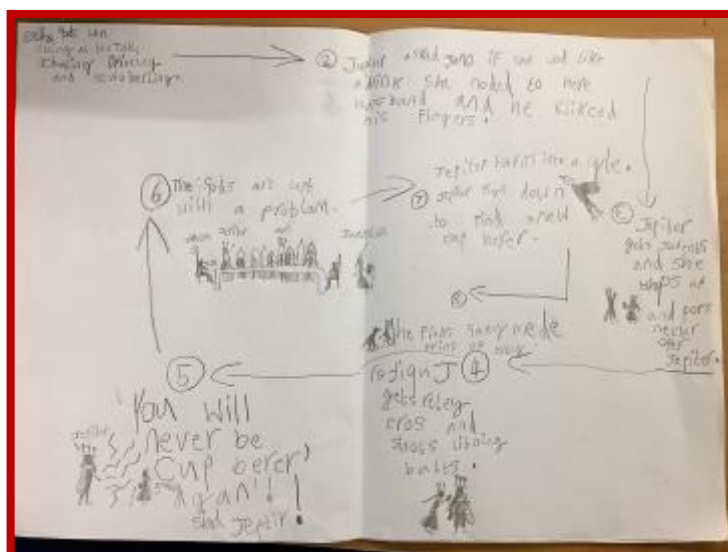
We look forward to sharing results with you in due course – watch this space!



Roman Myths



This week, Years 2, 3 & 4 have begun an English unit all about Roman Myths. We have had great fun listening to 'How Ganymede became cupbearer to the Gods' and have drawn our own story maps to help us retell the story to each other. This is how Roman myths would have been passed on through generations, rather than written down in a book!



Getting Ready for Sports Day

On Tuesday, Mars and Jupiter joined together for a jam-packed PE lesson on the field to prepare for Sports day in a couple of weeks. The children worked in their House Teams and practised a variety of activities such as javelin, speed bounce and skipping. It was wonderful to see the children working together and cheering each other on. We also had a go at the buddy race at the end of the lesson and some of Jupiter class were surprised by how speedy Mars class children can be!



Attendance Winners of the Week!



Regular school attendance is vital for your child's academic success and personal development. Each day offers unique learning opportunities and social interactions that cannot be replicated at home. Consistent attendance helps children build relationships, develop essential skills and maintain learning momentum.

We understand children become genuinely unwell and will of course report such absences fairly. However, minor ailments like sniffles are not always a reason to miss school, and we encourage attendance wherever possible.

Missing school creates learning gaps that compound over time. Children who attend regularly achieve better grades, develop confidence and stay engaged with their education.

Congratulations to Saturn Class for having the highest attendance the week before the half term! They will enjoy an extra 10 minutes of playtime as a reward.

Jupiter Class: 91.67%

Saturn Class: 100%

Mercury Class: 91.67%

Mars Class: 97.66%

Important Dates, Events and REMINDERS:

- ✓ **Monday 8th June - Friday 12th June - Phonics Screening Check (Year 1)**
- ✓ **Monday 8th June - Friday 12th June - Healthy Eating Week**
- ✓ **Wednesday 10th June @ 13:45 - New Reception Stay and Play**
- ✓ **Thursday 11th June @ 13:45 - Mars Class on Safari**
- ✓ **Tuesday 16th June - Sports Day (parents to join pm - more info to follow)**
- ✓ **Thursday 18th June - Year 6 Crucial Crew**
- ✓ **Friday 19th June - Year 2 and Year 6 Sleepover at school**
- ✓ **Saturday 20th June - Maypole dancing at Hadstock Fete**
- ✓ **Wednesday 24th June @ 13:45 - Mars Class @ the Teddy Bear's Picnic (remember to bring in your teddies)**
- ✓ **Thursday 25th June - New Reception Come Dine with Me**
- ✓ **Monday 6th July - Year 6 out at Airhop all day**
- ✓ **Tuesday 14th July - End of Year Performance @ 14:00 and 18:00**
- ✓ **Friday 17th July @ 09:15 - Leavers' Assembly**
- ✓ **Friday 17th July - Year 6 School Sleepover**