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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Maths Practice for the Summer Holidays

As you will be aware from recent news items, there is a big focus across the country with regards to pupils' progress in Maths and English. We are really pleased that your son/daughter will be joining us in September and look forward to helping them progress further in their Maths understanding. In order to support your son/daughter's understanding of Maths (and so they do not forget all the great work that they have covered over the past few years at Primary School), we have created a MyMaths username and password for your son/daughter which will be issued to them during their induction maths lessons today and tomorrow.

We recognise that the very best thing that your son/daughter can do to retain and build upon his/her Maths understanding is to spend regular time at home recapping topics that have previously been covered at school. Some pupils may also benefit from trying out new topics without having been taught them: studies show that learning can be really enhanced through pupils trying topics that they are unfamiliar with.

The MyMaths site can be found at www.mymaths.co.uk. Some pupils may already be familiar with this site from Primary School. This site is great for recapping work covered in Key Stage 2. We have set work for pupils under the umbrellas: 'Three Boosters' and 'Four Boosters' which cover a variety of tasks. Pupils are welcome to try as much or as little as they wish on this site. We intend for this to be a positive challenge and to build on pupil confidence, not a pressurised experience.

On the back of this letter is some information from the MyMaths Team entitled 'Guidance for Parents' which explains how to use the website. Please encourage your son/daughter to use the site over the holidays as much as they wish.

We hope that you have a great summer and look forward to teaching your son/daughter in September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Nicky Pennington
Head of Maths

Guidance for Parents

Your child has been registered on the MyMaths website. This should help them to structure their Maths work and enable you to see how they are progressing. The following information will help you support your child in accessing and using MyMaths.

How to access MyMaths

Go to www.mymaths.co.uk and login at the top of the page with the school's username and password. On the next page your child should enter their personal username and password in the My Portal box. MyMaths will then remember who they are and automatically log them in to the tasks.

Login Details

The **school username** is: deer

The **school password** is: vertex

If your child has been set a task by their teacher it will appear in the Homework area. There is a link to the lesson if they want to revise first, and a link to the homework itself.

When your child completes both pages of an Online Homework the scores will be saved to the database. Their teacher will be able to see how well they did and leave feedback.

If a **green star** appears next to a topic, they have good skills in that area.

If an **amber star** appears they still have some difficulties.

If a **red star** appears they need to go back and relearn the topic. Get them to try the lesson again or ask their teacher for extra help.

If you want to work with your child, an effective strategy is to pretend that you have forgotten how to do something and ask them to show you how. Putting your child in the position of "teacher" is good for their confidence and gets them to talk about their thinking.

You should also be clear about the support that the school offers. Please see your child's Maths teacher if you have any more questions.

If no links are working then you have a Pop-Up Blocker, you must allow MyMaths to use Pop-Ups. We suggest you add www.mymaths.co.uk to your list of trusted sites.

Finally, please be aware that if you login with your child's details, anything you do will appear on their score sheet. Don't just go in and play as you may create results which your child's teacher will think are theirs!