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Dear Parents / Carers



As you know we have been enjoying using TT Rockstars to help us learn our timestables. This has been a fantastic, online way to develop knowledge of times tables and division facts for all of our children from Y1-Y6. Times tables are recognised as essential to access many mathematical concepts and knowledge and for the first time this year will be assessed at the end of Y4 by a National test.

When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master their times tables!

We are very excited to announce that we are going to be taking part in the first ever ‘Maths Week England’, which is TT Rockstars’ biggest online competition to date! We will be launching this next week in an assembly: the competition will run from 7am on Monday 11th November until 9pm on Friday 16th November, our school will be participating in a competition competing against schools across the whole of England, to answer as many questions as we can correctly on TT Rockstars!

As this is a National competition, there are a number of trophies and fantastic prizes available for the winning class and school, so we want as many children as possible to go online and participate in this fantastic opportunity! All the children have to do is go on and answer as many correct answers as they possibly can throughout the whole week, in any of the different game modes! There will also be prizes awarded in school as well so let’s see how many TT Rockstars records we can make!

TT Rockstars will continue to run in the same way as it has in previous years (see attached information on how to login and access the website / app as well as additional information you may need) so we cannot wait to see the even bigger success and impact it has this year on the children’s Mathematical learning!

Thank you for your support and I am sure their hard work will continue to have an even bigger, positive impact this year and make them a Times Table Rock Star!

Yours sincerely

Miss Whitehead

Login / User Information

Your child's teacher has introduced them to how Times Tables Rock Stars works and the appropriate times tables to practise on a weekly basis will be allocated. This programme can be accessed online via the web address on the attached letter - your child has their own login and password. You may also download an App for the Iphone/Ipad or Android App through which your child may practise.



When they first log in, your child will choose their own rock star name and design their own Rock Star avatar before starting to practise.

There are two single player modes to play: **Garage** – This is the main mode the children should play. The questions will only come from the times tables the teacher has set for the week. As pupils start to answer questions, TT Rock Stars works out which facts they take longer on and will give them more of these questions to answer. **Studio** - the questions in the Studio can be anything from 2x2 up to 12x12. TT Rock Stars calculates each the average speed from their last 10 games in the Studio and translates into a Rock Status.

There are also multi-player modes: **Rock Arena** - The Arena allows players to compete against all other members of their Band/Class (their Band mates would need to join the same game in order to compete together). **Rock Festival** - The Rock Festival games are open to players from around the world. The questions are selected at random from 2x2 to 12x12.

As it is simple and easy to access, it is recommended (and part of weekly homework) that your child does a little bit of times table practise every night. Short bursts of practise on a daily basis is more effective than spending hours once a week.

To make a success of this programme and ensure that your child follows the programme of practising and remains motivated we need your help. Without your praise and your reminders, without you sitting down next to them or checking their work, practising times tables will not feel important to your child.