



Dear Parents/carers,

I am excited to share that on **Tuesday, the 29th of October 2024**, we will be launching our Times Tables Rockstars programme at school. During a special assembly, I will introduce the fantastic website and various games available to our children, which will help them practise and enhance their times tables skills. Timestable Rockstars (TTRS) is for children in Y2-Y6. We will also be introducing Numbots on the same day for our Reception and year 1 children, this will provide them with opportunities to develop their number fluency ahead of learning their timestables.

On the launch day, and in the days that follow, children will have opportunities to log on and enjoy some engaging games that make learning times tables both fun and interactive. We believe that this will greatly support their mathematical confidence and competence.

To make the day even more enjoyable, we would like to invite the children to come to school **dressed as a 'rockstar' or a musician**. This is entirely optional, but we hope that it will add an element of excitement to our launch and encourage enthusiasm for their times tables practice.

Below is further information about what the programme entails. Should you have any questions or require further information about the Times Tables Rockstars programme, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Thank you for your continued support in fostering your child's learning journey.

Warm regards,
Many Thanks

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Maths Lead

We have signed all children up to Times Table Rockstars, a website which can be accessed from home.

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

What is Times Table Rockstars?

Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) is a website that provides simple games so that children can reinforce their times tables and related division facts. As the children answer the questions, they are assigned a Rock status. This level depends on how quickly they have answered the questions correctly.

The more that children practise and complete questions, the more coins they earn. With these coins, they can 'buy' virtual upgrades for their avatar characters.

How does it work?

Children play in the 'Garage' mode and begin with the first set of questions that their teacher has set. Teachers will set times table facts that the children have been focusing on in class and children will be expected to access Times Table Rockstars as part of their homework every week.

When they can answer at a rate of 20 per minute, the next set of questions are introduced. As children progress, the automatic mode will bring in commutativity (swapping the numbers around), missing number questions and division facts. It is all about building children's fluency and automaticity with maths, which is greatly beneficial to aid calculations.

Year 4 Multiplication Check (MTC)

In Year 4, children are now expected to complete a statutory Multiplication Tables Check Assessment. Children will be given 6 seconds to answer each of the 25 quick fire questions testing their multiplication tables ability. Times Table Rockstars is formatted very similarly to prepare children for this.

First Login – First Gig

When children login for the first time, they will need to complete their first 'gig'. This is a baseline assessment of 100 questions. Children can either use the keypad on screen to click on their answers or alternatively can type in answers and press enter. After they have finished, they will be presented with their results. This assessment will personalise all other games on the website with your child's current ability.

Game Modes:

There are several game modes available on Times Table Rockstars

Garage – Children can practise their times tables using any of the multiplication tables that the teacher has set.

Soundcheck – This is setup like the Year 4 Multiplication check. This is just multiplication questions up to 12 x 12 and provides 25 questions per game.

Festival – Play multiplayer games against other players around the world. Choose an arena, wait for the countdown timer to hit zero and the game will start.

Arena – The same as festival, but just for players within the same class at school. Useful for when a group of children want to play against each other.

Rockslam – Children can challenge someone in your school to a Rock Slam. So children can play a game, set a score and the challenger would have to try and beat it.