



Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers,

Now your child is in Year 2, they are able to join in with the rest of the school on 'Times Tables Rock Stars' which is a fun and challenging, carefully sequenced programme designed to help pupils master the times tables. The focus of Times Tables Rock Stars is to:

- Support children to learn their times tables and the associated division facts
- Increase the speed of multiplication recall
- Improve accuracy of multiplication recall

Next week, your child's teacher will introduce them to Times Tables Rock Stars and show them how it works. All children have a log in and password to access their account which will be stuck into their reading records. Their account can be accessed via

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student> or via the Times Tables Rock Stars app which is free to download on both Apple and Android devices.

There are two single player modes which we would like you to encourage your children to play at home. On Garage Mode, TT Rock Stars works out which facts your child is taking longer on and will give them more of these questions to answer, so this is the most beneficial mode for them to practice on. On Studio Mode, TT Rock Stars calculates the mean speed from their last 10 games in the Studio and translates into a 'Rock Status.' The questions in the Studio can be anything from 2x2 up to 12x12. There are also multi-player modes: Rock Arena, which 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) and Rock Festival - The Rock Festival games are open to players from around the world and these questions are selected at random from 2x2 to 12x12.

To make a success of this programme and ensure that the children remain motivated, we need your help. Without your praise and reminders, practising times tables will not feel important to your child. It is recommended that your child does a little bit of times table practice every night; short bursts of practice daily is the most effective way to improve accuracy and speed of the times tables facts.



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Thank you for your support in making your children Times Table Rock Stars!

Kind regards,

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