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Dear Parents/Carers,

As many of you now know we are trialing a new system for practicing and learning multiplication facts in **Year 3 and 4**. This is an essential skill for maths work as having quick recall of these facts has a real impact on a child's ability to calculate efficiently and accurately solve problems.

The new trial is highly recommended by other schools as a system children engage well with and enjoy; it is called **Times Table Rock Stars**.

At school, and at home, pupils can use the app and go online. They get to use their rock star name and create their own avatar. They will be able to compete with others, identify where they have gaps and easily see where they need to improve.

The attached paperwork explains the system in more detail. We will be looking to enable those children who are unable to access this electronically at home, to have access to it at lunchtimes in school.

The pupils and teachers are very excited by this trial; they have even been competing against each other! Please support your child where you can. We would really welcome any feedback before we decide to implement this across the whole school.

Thank you,

Andy McGovern

Acting Head Teacher.



Logging in:

Your child has been given a sticker with their log on. If they do not know it please can you see the class teacher.

1. Type ttrackstars.com into your browser's address bar.
2. Log in. Your child's details are as follows:

Username: _____

Password: _____

3. Play!

There are 4 different game modes...

Single Player 🚀	
Garage 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. The Garage is best for getting quicker at a few facts. Players get 10 coins per question.	
Studio The questions in the Studio can be anything from 1×1 up to 12×12. TT Rock Stars calculates each the mean speed from their last 10 games in the Studio and translates into a Rock Status: They earn 1 coin per question and the Studio is the place for them to set their best time across all the tables.	≤ 1 sec/qu = Rock Hero ≤ 2 secs/qu = Rock Legend ≤ 3 secs/qu = Rock Star ≤ 4 secs = Headliner ≤ 5 secs/qu = Support Act ≤ 6 secs/qu = Breakthrough Artist ≤ 7 secs/qu = Unsigned Act ≤ 8 secs/qu = Gigger ≤ 9 secs/qu = Busker ≤ 10 secs/qu = Garage Rocker > 10 secs/qu = Wannabe

Multiplayer

Rock Arena - The Arena allows players to compete against all other members of their Band (their Bandmates would need to join the same game in order to compete together).

A new Arena game starts every 15 seconds and once the clock starts they race to answer more questions than the others. In the Arena, questions will only come from the times tables the teacher has set for the week, similar to the Garage. They earn 1 coin per correct answer.

Rock Festival - The Rock Festival games are open to players from around the world. Like the Arena, there is no limit to the number of players who can join a game; however, unlike the Arena, questions are selected at random from 1×1 to 12×12 .

Pupils might choose the Rock Festival if they were playing at home (and therefore couldn't easily synchronise playing against a classmate) or wanted to compete against others not in their Band. They earn 1 coin per correct answer.

The times tables to practice:

The National expectation is that all children can quickly recall all the times table facts by the end of Year 4. As a guide, these are the tables to practice according to the year group of your child.

Year 2 – 2s, 5s and 10s **Year 3** – 3s, 4s and 8s

Year 4 – 6s, 7s, 9s, 11s and 12s **Year 5** – All **Year 6** – All

Track your Stats

If you click on Me > My Stats, a heatmap like the one below will load. It shows how successful your child is at each of the facts.



Questions, Problems, Suggestions? Contact your child's teacher if...

- You have username or password issues
- Something isn't working or you're not sure how it works
- You have a complaint or a suggestion
- You have something nice to say about ttrackstars.com!

Enjoy!

