



## 'Our Best at all Times'

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Dear Parents and Carers

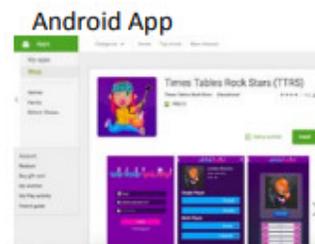
The school has recently subscribed to the Times Tables Rock Stars which is a carefully sequenced programme of times tables practice.

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

Times tables are recognised as essential to access many mathematical concepts and knowledge 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 the times tables!

Your child's teacher has introduced them to how Times Tables Rock Stars works and an appropriate time tables to practice on a weekly basis has been allocated. Your child has been given a log in and password to access their account. This 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 through which your child may practice.



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 mean 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.

It is recommended that that your child does a little bit of times table practice every night. Short bursts of practise on a daily basis are 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.

Thank you for your support and I am sure your hard work and theirs will have a direct impact and make them a Times Table Rock Star!

Yours sincerely

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