

Times Tables Rockstars FAQs

How does my child log on to Times Tables Rockstars?

You can log on to Times Tables Rockstars through the website (trockstars.com), or through the app which is available free across all Apple and Android devices. You simply need to find the school's name by typing it in (note: it is listed as **The** Bardney Church of England and Methodist Primary School). You then enter your child's username and password. These are printed on labels in their Reading Records. The username follows the pattern of the child's full name separated by a full stop and the password for all children is 0000. This is set for ease of access at school and should not be changed. For example, if the child's name was Tom Smith, their username would be *tom.smith* , and the password would be 0000.

Which game mode should I encourage my child to play at home?

For general practise, the Garage mode is the best for practising a few facts. The times tables (and related division facts) are selected by your child's class teacher so should be at the right level of challenge. If your child wants to set their best score and time and see if they can achieve a 'rock status', then the Studio mode is where they need to head. The Festival mode can be used for children to anonymously and safely play against any child in the world on every table fact up to 12x12.

My child is in Reception or Year 1, can they still use Times Tables Rock Stars?

Although there is no National Curriculum requirement for children in Year R or Year 1 to know any of the times tables, these children still have access and can begin to practise on the app or website. Certificates are available for children in Year R and Year 1 based on how much practise they do. Daily practise in class will however focus on number bonds instead of times tables. When children reach Year 2, they will begin to have daily times tables practise sessions.

How is the work my child does on the app followed up at school?

Times tables practise is an integral part of the school day. Every day, each child will practise their times tables in a 3 minute paper based session to try and achieve a 'rock star' status and better their score from the day before. Any practise your child can do on the website or app directly feeds in to their daily practise session.

Is my child required to use Times Tables Rockstars as part of their homework?

The use of the app/website at home is purely optional, however we have found from other schools that children enjoy playing the app and it is an engaging, fun and competitive way to practise this integral skill! There are lots of certificates and prizes available at school for children who regularly play the game and collect coins by answering questions. Other schools have reported how much their children enjoy designing their avatar and using their virtual coins to purchase new accessories etc within the game.

My child has limited access to the app or website at home. Can they still achieve well?

All children will have access to the app on the school iPads at some point in the school week so this will not be an issue. If you feel it is appropriate, please let your child's class teacher know and they may be able to arrange extra access to the school iPads throughout the week.

What if my child is struggling with the tables that are set in the Garage mode?

General encouragement and praise is often the best way of helping children who struggle at first, and reminding them that the Garage mode is just for them to practise, so they can take as long as they like to answer. A handy feature of the app is that when children get an answer wrong, they are immediately provided with the correct answer, and the app will provide these questions more frequently for your child to get more practise with it. You could also try the 'Scatter tables' game which is available on the 'Downloads' section of the Times Tables Rockstars website. Full instructions on how to play the game are included.

If you feel your child is struggling significantly, please contact your child's teacher who will consider reviewing the tables that have been set.

My child is in Year 6, but would like to carry on with Times Tables Rockstars after they leave, is there anything I can do?

If your child in Year 6 is transferring to a secondary school that does not offer Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) membership, you may wish to register with TTRS on a family plan (£6 a year for up to three children). Once you have registered, your child will belong to the family group. When your child reaches the end of Year 6, we are required to delete their data.