

Dear parents and carers,

On **Friday 26th January** we are having a Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) relaunch day in school! On this day, **Year 1-6** are encouraged to participate in times table battles and games against each other on the TTRS app. Children in KSI can use NumBots, part of TTRS which focuses on their number bonds and number knowledge.

We will have a separate day for Year R children in the summer term when it is more appropriate for them.

On **Friday 26th January**, children are invited to come into school dressed as a rockstar or their rock star avatar from TTRS if they wish to. There is no charge for this, it is purely for fun and to get children excited about using TTRockstars and their times tables.

Year 1 and Year 2 – robots OR rockstars

KS2 – rockstars

All children have completed a baseline assessment (called a Gig) on TTRockstars in class this term, which means that any games that they play are tailored to their individual needs, as determined by the questions they were able to answer on their baseline test. This means they won't find it too challenging for their needs or be at a disadvantage in any way.

Included with this letter is more information for adults at home which explains what the different games are that the children can play on TT Rockstars. Hopefully you will find this useful. Your child's login details should be stuck inside their reading record but please ask your child's class teacher if you can't find it.

Having a secure knowledge of the times tables is so important for the children, as it helps them to work efficiently when calculating in all areas of maths. Children are expected to be secure in the 2, 5 and 10 x tables by the end of year 2, and in all tables up to the 12 x tables by the end of year 4.

We would encourage all children to practise their tables as much as they can at home, whether on TT Rockstars or any other way. Little and often is the best way to learn and practise these.

Throughout the terms we will be holding times tables competitions between classes and celebrating children's successes in their fluency, practice and accuracy with their times tables in assembly.

We hope your child enjoys using TTRS every day at home and we can't wait to see who will achieve Rock Hero status!

If you need any support with this, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you very much for your support.

Kind regards,

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