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Dear Parents/Carers

Times Tables Rock Stars

Hopefully you will already have heard from your children about Times Table Rock Stars. This is a new programme that we have subscribed to as a school with the aim of improving our children's fluency and recall of their times tables knowledge.

You can not underestimate the importance of knowing fluently your times tables. As teachers we see children make huge strides of progress in all areas of Maths as they become more fluent in their recall and understanding of their times table facts.

Times Tables Rock Stars helps children to develop their knowledge of times tables and division facts for all pupils from Year 1 to Year 6. Times tables are recognised as essential to access many mathematical concepts and, from September 2011, knowledge will be assessed at the end of Year 4 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 Tables Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master their times tables.

Your child has been introduced to how Times Tables Rock Stars works. This programme can be accessed online via the web address on the attached letter – your child has their own login and password which is in the front of their homework book. You may also download an App for the Iphone/Ipad or Android App 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 are allocated automatically by the programme and as the children become faster with their recall, more tables will be added in. 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 this 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 elected at random from 2x2 to 12x12.

It is recommended that your child does a little bit of times tables practice every week. 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, with 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!

Best wishes

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Headteacher

