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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have heard the excitement from your children about Times Tables Rock Stars. The website allows the children to practise their times tables through a competitive element. When you log on, you can select different areas known as arenas to complete a range of times table tests.

As the teacher, we can set the times tables which we want the children to be able to access. Your child should be using the times table rockstars log in on a regular basis as part of their school homework but not in replacement of the weekly challenge sheet. If your child does not have access to a device to use, then time is allocated at school. In each classroom, we have a poster to record the top scores which allows us to see who is earning those coins. Coins can be exchanged for a range of items for your TT Rock star character.

What is Times Table Rock Stars?
Times Tables Rock Stars is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practise. Each week concentrates on a different times table, with a recommended consolidation week for rehearsing the tables that have recently been practised every third week or so.

What are its aims?
The programme has one aim - to boost times table recall speeds.

What are the benefits of Times Table Rock Stars?
- Incorrect answers are always immediately corrected in front of the pupil so that they start to associate the correct answer to every question.
- The clever code behind the scenes works out which times tables facts each pupil is consistently taking longer to answer and then it gradually starts to present these facts more frequently until pupils have mastered them.
- It will also ask related division questions 20% of the time in order to reinforce division facts.

Homework
We expect that children access Times Table Rock Stars within the week to practise the times tables set by the teacher that week. However, the more children play, the more coins they can earn, the more they get to spend upgrading their Rock Star.

The Times Table Rock Stars app is available to download on iTunes and android. Use the link below to the website:
https://www.ttrockstars.com

Kind Regards,

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