

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am excited to share that on Wednesday 25th February, we will be launching our Times Tables Rockstars programme at school. To make the day even more enjoyable, we would like to invite the children to come to school dressed as a 'rockstar' or a musician. This is entirely optional, but we hope that it will add an element of excitement to our launch and encourage enthusiasm for their times tables practice. Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) is for children in Y2-Y6. Children in EYFS and Year 1 are also invited to dress as a rockstar and will be celebrating numbers on this day.

During a special assembly, we will introduce the fantastic website and various games available to our children, which will help them practise and enhance their times tables skills. **Parents are invited to assembly at 9 am and then into classrooms to join their child in exciting TT Rockstars challenges and share in the fun of learning times tables together until 10 am.**

On the launch day, and in the days that follow, children will have opportunities to log on and enjoy some engaging games that make learning times tables both fun and interactive. We believe that this will greatly support their mathematical confidence and competence.

We have signed all children up to Times Table Rockstars, a website which can be accessed from home. Your child has received their individual login details today – please keep these safe. If you do lose your details, please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible.

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

What is Times Table Rockstars?

Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) is a website that provides simple games so that children can reinforce their times tables and related division facts. As the children answer the questions, they are assigned a Rock status. This level depends on how quickly they have answered the questions correctly.

The more that children practise and complete questions, the more coins they earn. With these coins, they can 'buy' virtual upgrades for their avatar characters.

How does it work?

Children play in the 'Garage' mode and begin with the first set of questions that their teacher has set. Children are expected to access Times Table Rockstars as part of their homework **every week** for a minimum of **3 minutes per day, every day**.

When they can answer at a rate of 20 per minute, the next set of questions are introduced. As children progress, the automatic mode will bring in commutativity (swapping the numbers around), missing number questions and division facts. It is all about building children's fluency and automaticity with maths, which is greatly beneficial to aid calculations.

Year 4 Multiplication Check (MTC)

In Year 4, children are now expected to complete a statutory Multiplication Tables Check Assessment. Children will be given 6 seconds to answer each of the 25 quick fire questions testing their multiplication tables ability. Times Table Rockstars is formatted very similarly to prepare children for this.

First Login – First Gig

When children login for the first time, they will need to complete their first 'gig'. This is a baseline assessment of 100 questions. Children can either use the keypad on screen to click on their answers or alternatively can type in answers and press enter. After they have finished, they will be presented with their results. This assessment will personalise all other games on the website with your child's current ability.



Game Modes:

There are several game modes available on Times Table Rockstars

Garage – Children can practise their times tables using any of the multiplication tables that the teacher has set.

Soundcheck – This is setup like the Year 4 Multiplication check. This is just multiplication questions up to 12 x 12 and provides 25 questions per game.

Festival – Play multiplayer games against other players around the world. Choose an arena, wait for the countdown timer to hit zero and the game will start.

Arena – The same as festival, but just for players within the same class at school. Useful for when a group of children want to play against each other.

Rockslam – Children can challenge someone in our school to a Rock Slam. Children can play a game, set a score and the challenger would have to try and beat it.



Logging in to Times Tables Rock Stars

1 Type **play.ttrockstars.com** into your browser's address bar.

2 Click Login! > School > Student

3 Enter the School Name.

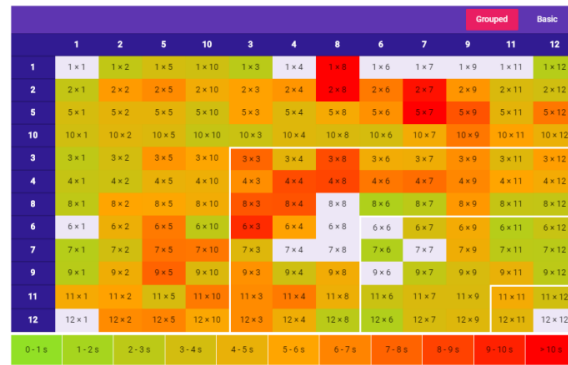
A screenshot of the login form. It has a purple header with the word 'Login' and a close button. Below it is a text input field labeled 'School, family or organisation *' with a house icon to its left.

4 Enter your child's username and password.

A screenshot of the login form. It has two text input fields: 'Username *' and 'Password *'. The password field has an eye icon to its right. Below the fields is a grey 'Login' button.

Stats

If you click on your avatar icon in the top right of the screen and then click My Stats, a heatmap like the one below will load. It shows how successful your child is at each of the facts.



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

Thank you for your continued support in fostering your child's learning journey.