



Headteacher: Mrs C.Old



Dear Parents and Carers,

This year we are having a big focus on Time Tables through the use Times Table Rock Stars. Times Tables Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme that helps the children to master their tables.

Times tables are recognised as essential to access many mathematical concepts and knowledge will be assessed at the end of Y4 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 Table Rock Stars is a great way to support their learning in school.

Times Table Rock stars works on the premise that World Famous Rock musicians are the best at what they do because they have spent hours practising guitar chords, writing music or playing on the drums. It is just the same with times tables- all Times Tables Rock Stars need to do is practice and practice and practice.

It's absolutely essential that your child regularly does a little bit of practice. Short burst practice on a daily basis is more effective than spending hours once a week. For your child to be fully motivated and for them to get the best out of the practice we need your help. Without your praise, reminders and encouragement practising times tables will not feel as important to your child. In school, the children regularly practise their tables as part of our maths curriculum. It would be great if they could aim to do it as often as this at home too. If your child has not got access to their log-in then please speak to your child's class teacher.

In school we are going to be doing lots to promote the use of TT Rock Stars. Each week there will be a 'Rocker of the week'. This is someone chosen by the class teacher who may have shown a lot of improvement in their times table, someone who has been practising regularly or someone who is just incredibly fast! The Rocker will be awarded a certificate that will be shared in our Celebration assembly on a Monday.

Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions or problems with logging on. 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!

Many Thanks,

Mrs Hampton

(Mathematics Subject Lead)