

Parent Handbook

Goal

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 fun and challenging programme designed to help students master the times tables!

To be a Times Table Rock Star you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12×12 in less than 3 seconds!

Message to Parents

World famous rock musicians are the best at what they do because they've spent hours practising guitar chords, writing music or playing on the drums. It's just the same with times tables – all Times Table Rock Stars need to practise and practise and practise.

It's essential that your child does a little bit of times table practice every night. In my experience, short bursts of daily practise are more effective than spending hours once a week.

And this is where you come in. For your child to be fully motivated and for them to get the best out of the practice, they need your help. Without your praise and your reminders, without you sitting down next to them or checking their work, practising times tables will not feel important to your child.

If possible, a recommendation is that you are there to help them every evening for a short period of time during the first two weeks. This will help to establish a routine. After that, I recommend that you help your child get started and then check on them at the end.

Over the course of the next few weeks and months, your child WILL get faster and more accurate with the times tables. All your hard work and theirs WILL make them a Times Table Rock Star!

Rock Status

It's helpful to understand that the quicker your child can answer a times tables question, the higher their Rock Status. Use this list as a guide to help your child work out their Rock Status:

≤ 1 sec/qu = Rock Hero	≤ 7 secs/qu = Unsigned Act
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≤ 6 secs/qu = Breakthrough Artist	

Practice Plan

Each evening, you might want to introduce a fun activity with your child (below are a few suggestions):

1. **Read the times tables out loud** (3 minutes) – On the next page you will find all the times tables written out from the 3s up to the 12s. Together with your child, read the times tables that we are focusing on that week. You can use their ‘stats’ to work out which timestables to focus on. Do it a second time round but this time your child should be trying to say them without reading them from the page. It is more important that they say them correctly than say them quickly at this stage.
2. **Scatter tables** (up to 5 minutes) – you will find Scatter Tables at the end of this document. To use them, you call out a question from the times table you are focusing on and your child should point to the answer on the page. For example, if you are concentrating on the 5 times table, then find the Scatter Table for the 5s and call out questions like, “9 times 5” (your child points to 45), “6 times 5” (your child points to 30) or “5 times 12” (your child points to 60). Your child should be trying to get them correct each time and not worrying about the speed.
3. **Write tables on a piece of paper** (up to 5 minutes) – Your child should write down the times tables being focused on that week. Any piece of paper will do.
4. **Play online** (up to 10 minutes) – Your child needs to have a login for ttrackstars.com from their teacher. Then they should play for a short while until they are successfully answering the questions quickly. Let your child’s teacher know if you have difficulty accessing the internet or difficulty getting on to ttrackstars.com. You can also use the contact details on the website to ask for assistance.

Reading the Tables

Read the times tables together with your child. Focus on the times tables that we are studying in school this week (see page 2).

3 Times Table	4 Times Table	5 Times Table	6 Times Table	7 Times Table
1 times 3 is 3	1 times 4 is 4	1 times 5 is 5	1 times 6 is 6	1 times 7 is 7
2 times 3 is 6	2 times 4 is 8	2 times 5 is 10	2 times 6 is 12	2 times 7 is 14
3 times 3 is 9	3 times 4 is 12	3 times 5 is 15	3 times 6 is 18	3 times 7 is 21
4 times 3 is 12	4 times 4 is 16	4 times 5 is 20	4 times 6 is 24	4 times 7 is 28
5 times 3 is 15	5 times 4 is 20	5 times 5 is 25	5 times 6 is 30	5 times 7 is 35
6 times 3 is 18	6 times 4 is 24	6 times 5 is 30	6 times 6 is 36	6 times 7 is 42
7 times 3 is 21	7 times 4 is 28	7 times 5 is 35	7 times 6 is 42	7 times 7 is 49
8 times 3 is 24	8 times 4 is 32	8 times 5 is 40	8 times 6 is 48	8 times 7 is 56
9 times 3 is 27	9 times 4 is 36	9 times 5 is 45	9 times 6 is 54	9 times 7 is 63
10 times 3 is 30	10 times 4 is 40	10 times 5 is 50	10 times 6 is 60	10 times 7 is 70
11 times 3 is 33	11 times 4 is 44	11 times 5 is 55	11 times 6 is 66	11 times 7 is 77
12 times 3 is 36	12 times 4 is 48	12 times 5 is 60	12 times 6 is 72	12 times 7 is 84

8 Times Table	9 Times Table	10 Times Table	11 Times Table	12 Times Table
1 times 8 is 8	1 times 9 is 9	1 times 10 is 10	1 times 11 is 11	1 times 12 is 12
2 times 8 is 16	2 times 9 is 18	2 times 10 is 20	2 times 11 is 22	2 times 12 is 24
3 times 8 is 24	3 times 9 is 27	3 times 10 is 30	3 times 11 is 33	3 times 12 is 36
4 times 8 is 32	4 times 9 is 36	4 times 10 is 40	4 times 11 is 44	4 times 12 is 48
5 times 8 is 40	5 times 9 is 45	5 times 10 is 50	5 times 11 is 55	5 times 12 is 60
6 times 8 is 48	6 times 9 is 54	6 times 10 is 60	6 times 11 is 66	6 times 12 is 72
7 times 8 is 56	7 times 9 is 63	7 times 10 is 70	7 times 11 is 77	7 times 12 is 84
8 times 8 is 64	8 times 9 is 72	8 times 10 is 80	8 times 11 is 88	8 times 12 is 96
9 times 8 is 72	9 times 9 is 81	9 times 10 is 90	9 times 11 is 99	9 times 12 is 108
10 times 8 is 80	10 times 9 is 90	10 times 10 is 100	10 times 11 is 110	10 times 12 is 120
11 times 8 is 88	11 times 9 is 99	11 times 10 is 110	11 times 11 is 121	11 times 12 is 132
12 times 8 is 96	12 times 9 is 108	12 times 10 is 120	12 times 11 is 132	12 times 12 is 144



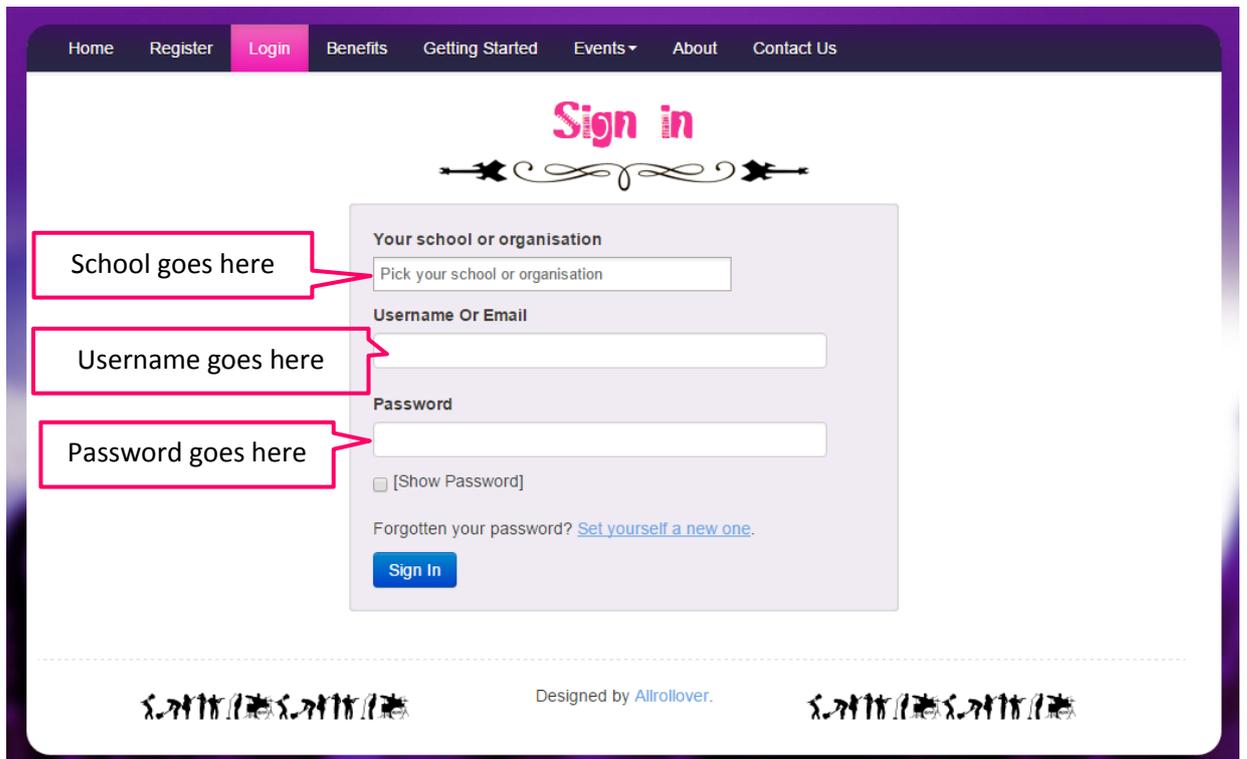
Logging in to

By now your child should know their log in information – so ask them to show you how it’s done!

1. Type ttrackstars.com into your browser’s address bar.
2. Log in. Your child’s details are as follows:

Username: _____

Password: _____



3. Play!

There are 4 different game modes, which you can find out about on the back.

Game Modes

Single Player

Garage - the questions will only come from the times tables the teacher has set for the week. 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. The Garage is best for getting quicker at a few facts. Players get 10 coins per question.

Studio - the questions in the Studio can be anything from 1×1 up to 12×12 .

TT Rock Stars calculates each the mean speed from their last 10 games in the Studio and translates into a Rock Status:

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They earn 1 coin per question and the Studio is the place for them to set their best time across all the tables.

Multiplayer

Rock Arena - The Arena allows players to compete against all other members of their Band (their Bandmates would need to join the same game in order to compete together).

A new Arena game starts every 15 seconds and once the clock starts they race to answer more questions than the others. In the Arena, questions will only come from the times tables the teacher has set for the week, similar to the Garage. They earn 1 coin per correct answer.

Rock Festival - The Rock Festival games are open to players from around the world. Like the Arena, there is no limit to the number of players who can join a game; however, unlike the Arena, questions are selected at random from 1×1 to 12×12 .

Pupils might choose the Rock Festival if they were playing at home (and therefore couldn't easily synchronise playing against a classmate) or wanted to compete against others not in their Band. They earn 1 coin per correct answer.

Stats

If you click on Me > My Stats, a heatmap like the one below will load. It shows how successful your child is at each of the facts.

Stats

The colours relate to how quickly can answer each of the facts from 1x1 to 12x12. The greener the colour the quicker they are and the redder the colour the slower they are.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1x1	1x2	1x3	1x4	1x5	1x6	1x7	1x8	1x9	1x10	1x11	1x12
2	2x1	2x2	2x3	2x4	2x5	2x6	2x7	2x8	2x9	2x10	2x11	2x12
3	3x1	3x2	3x3	3x4	3x5	3x6	3x7	3x8	3x9	3x10	3x11	3x12
4	4x1	4x2	4x3	4x4	4x5	4x6	4x7	4x8	4x9	4x10	4x11	4x12
5	5x1	5x2	5x3	5x4	5x5	5x6	5x7	5x8	5x9	5x10	5x11	5x12
6	6x1	6x2	6x3	6x4	6x5	6x6	6x7	6x8	6x9	6x10	6x11	6x12
7	7x1	7x2	7x3	7x4	7x5	7x6	7x7	7x8	7x9	7x10	7x11	7x12
8	8x1	8x2	8x3	8x4	8x5	8x6	8x7	8x8	8x9	8x10	8x11	8x12
9	9x1	9x2	9x3	9x4	9x5	9x6	9x7	9x8	9x9	9x10	9x11	9x12
10	10x1	10x2	10x3	10x4	10x5	10x6	10x7	10x8	10x9	10x10	10x11	10x12
11	11x1	11x2	11x3	11x4	11x5	11x6	11x7	11x8	11x9	11x10	11x11	11x12
12	12x1	12x2	12x3	12x4	12x5	12x6	12x7	12x8	12x9	12x10	12x11	12x12

13	13x1	13x2	13x3	13x4	13x5	13x6	13x7	13x8	13x9	13x10	13x11	13x12
14	14x1	14x2	14x3	14x4	14x5	14x6	14x7	14x8	14x9	14x10	14x11	14x12
15	15x1	15x2	15x3	15x4	15x5	15x6	15x7	15x8	15x9	15x10	15x11	15x12
16	16x1	16x2	16x3	16x4	16x5	16x6	16x7	16x8	16x9	16x10	16x11	16x12
17	17x1	17x2	17x3	17x4	17x5	17x6	17x7	17x8	17x9	17x10	17x11	17x12

Questions, Problems, Suggestions

Contact your child's maths teacher if...

- You have username or password issues
- Something isn't working or you're not sure how it works
- You have a complaint or a suggestion
- You have something nice to say about ttrackstars.com!

Enjoy!

