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Dear Parent / Carer

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. Today your child will bring home the login details of an online times table learning and practicing platform called 'Times Tables Rock Stars'. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging resource designed to help students master their times tables!

A message from Times Table Rock Stars:

*'World famous rock musicians are the best at what they do because they've spent hours practicing guitar chords, writing music or playing on the drums. It is just the same with times tables – all Times Table Rock Stars need to practice and practice and practice. It is essential that your child do a little bit of times table practice every night. In my experience, short bursts of daily practice 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 your help, practicing times tables will not feel important to your child.'*

To access this resource, go to **[trockstars.com](http://trockstars.com)**, sign in using the school name and the personalised login details, and then...Play!

*The app can also be downloaded free to all android and apple devices.*

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Game Modes:

## Single Player

**Garage** - the questions will only come from the times tables the teacher has enabled. 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. 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 the mean speed from their last 10 games in the Studio and translates into a Rock Status:

≤ 1 sec/qu = Rock Hero	≤ 7 secs/qu = Unsigned Act
≤ 2 secs/qu = Rock Legend	≤ 8 secs/qu = Gigger
≤ 3 secs/qu = Rock Star	≤ 9 secs/qu = Busker
≤ 4 secs = Headliner	≤ 10 secs/qu = Garage Rocker
≤ 5 secs/qu = Support Act	> 10 secs/qu = Wannabe
≤ 6 secs/qu = Breakthrough Artist	

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 band is their year group at Larkfields Junior School). 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.

The coins earned through playing in the different arenas can be used for the children to modify their avatar.

**Note: There is no option of in game purchases. Coins can only be earned by correctly answering questions.**



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## Stats

To help target your child's times tables practice, if you click on *Me > My Stats*, a heat map like the one below will load. It shows how successful your child is at each of the facts.

Green = most successful

Red = least successful

*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
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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

I hope this resource can help practicing timetables at home be a more enjoyable and effective experience.

Yours sincerely,

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