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Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Times tables are recognised as essential to access many mathematical concepts and knowledge throughout the curriculum. 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.

You will already know that we use Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) as a way of helping our children learn their times tables and improving the speed and fluency of their times table recall. Pupils should have now received their login from their class teacher so they can access it from home as well as at school. If you are unsure of how to log in, please see the guide attached to this letter.

At the start of the academic year, pupils completed a 'Gig' assessment which provides each pupil with a series of times tables questions to determine an appropriate level for them to start at, thus ensuring they are given times tables in line with their level of understanding. Pupils will be prompted to complete a 'Gig' periodically to ensure they are at the correct level.

When pupils play at home, there are several game modes they can access, split into single player modes and multi-player modes.

The single player modes are:

- **Garage** – This is the main mode the children should play. The questions provided will be linked to their current level (set by 'Gig'). As pupils start to answer questions, TTRS works out which facts they take longer on and will give them more of these questions to practice.
- **Studio** - The questions in the Studio can be anything from 2x2 up to 12x12. TTRS calculates the mean speed from their last 10 games in the Studio and translates into a Rock Status.
- **Soundcheck** – This mode comprises of 25 questions and pupils have 6 seconds to answer each question. This mode replicates the multiplication check that pupils will undertake in Year 4.

The multi-player modes are:

- **Rock Arena** - The Arena allows players to compete against all other members of their Band/Class and questions will be individualized so they are pitched appropriately for each pupil.
- **Rock Slam** – This mode is similar to arena but consists of questions up to 12x12

- **Rock Festival** - The Rock Festival games are open to players from around the world. The questions are selected at random from 2x2 to 12x12.

It is recommended that your child does a little bit of times tables practice every night. Short bursts of practice on a daily basis are more effective than spending hours doing it once a week.

Thank you for your ongoing support; if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak with myself or your child's Class Teacher.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. S. Foster
Assistant Headteacher

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

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!

Logging in to Times Tables Rock

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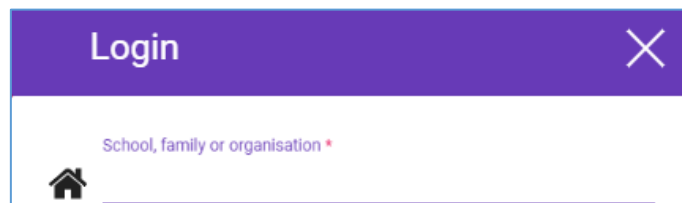
Type play.ttrockstars.com into your browser's address bar.

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Click Login! > School > Student

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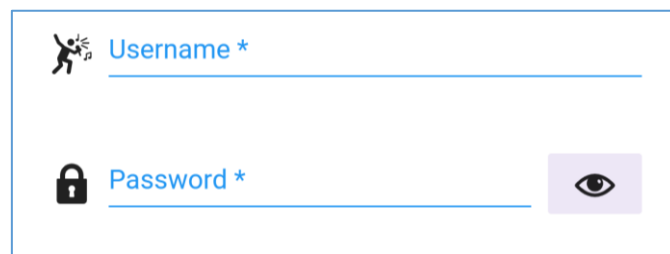
Enter the School Name.



The screenshot shows a purple header with the word 'Login' and a close button (X). Below the header is a text input field with the placeholder text 'School, family or organisation *'. To the left of the input field is a small house icon.

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Enter your child's username and password.



The screenshot shows two text input fields. The first field is labeled 'Username *' and has a small icon of a person jumping to its left. The second field is labeled 'Password *' and has a small icon of a padlock to its left and a small eye icon to its right, which is used to toggle password visibility.