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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you about Times Tables Rock Stars and the opportunities that this can provide for your children.

Having fluent times table knowledge is essential to many domains of Maths, and securing this knowledge will greatly benefit your child as they reach the end of Key Stage 2 and beyond.

The Government has recently announced plans for a Times Tables Multiplication Check (an electronic assessment) at the end of Year 4. To assist with the learning of times tables, we are using 'Times Tables Rock Stars', which offers pupils a safe, online environment to practise times tables in a fun and engaging way, incorporating repetition, challenge, division facts, competitions and rewards.

What do I need to do?

Download the app or go online – Times Tables Rock Stars can be accessed either online or via the app (which is free to download).

Login – Use your child's unique username and password (which should be in your child's Reading Record). It is important that only your child uses their specific login and no other family members/friends - no matter how tempted they are to join in the fun!

Setting up – Choose a rock star name from the auto-generated options, choose an avatar and then take a look around the app/website.

Gig – In order for Times Tables Rock Stars to use its algorithm to target areas for development, it needs to establish a baseline. This is done by pupils playing the *Gig* game (a 5-minute game with a maximum of 100 questions). Once pupils have completed this, Times Tables Rock Stars will automatically challenge your child at their level of required development in the *Garage* area.

Your child will be automatically re-checked using *Gig* games once they complete a times table (usually about 30–45 levels). Alternatively, your child can manually complete a *Gig* game which will kick-start a new baseline.

Practise and Play – Times Tables Rock Stars recommends that pupils should spend a minimum of 3 minutes per day practising to secure times tables facts. There are secure, online areas to play games, pupils can challenge their peers in a times tables duel or simply practise and earn rewards. Please enjoy exploring the opportunities.

Please note the following: This is offered from Year 1 to Year 6. Some classes and pupils will have their tables set manually by their class teacher. E.g. Year 1 may be set at x2, x5 and x10 to begin with.

We hope that your child will enjoy this great opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact myself or the class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Lowrie-Herz
(Maths Lead)