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Times Tables Rockstars Launch Day- Monday 21st February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

To continue to support our children with the development of their multiplication and division knowledge, we have decided to relaunch the Times Tables Rockstar programme. Some children in Key Stage Two will be familiar with how this works, however we are quite aware that some of their baseline speeds were set when they were in Year 2 or 3 and are not reflective of their current knowledge. Times Tables Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme that helps the children to master their tables.

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 practise and practise and practise.

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 will have regular opportunities to practice their tables, as well as participating in the weekly in-class rock off! If your child does not yet have their log-in then please speak to your child's class teacher. We are rolling this programme out from Year 2 up, however this will be at the discretion of the class teacher depending on your child's need.

In school we are going to be doing lots to promote the use of TT Rock Stars. Each week, children's progress will be reviewed and certificates rewarded and band photos taken as they progress in improving their rock speed and accuracy.

On Monday 21st February we will holding our Times Table Rock Star Day. On this day the children can come into school dressed either as a rock star or their Avatar from TT Rock Stars. On the day we will hold a competition and there will be various fun TT Rock Star themed activities throughout the day. The whole school will take part in this day so that the younger ones can join in the fun and work on their number bonds!

Attached to this letter is a guide which outlines the importance of children building these key mathematical skills before they start secondary school and how they transfer to a range of different concepts.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Murray

Headteacher Elizabeth Maskell B.Ed (Hons), N.P.Q.H.