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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Times Tables Rock Stars

At Thorpe Primary School, we are always striving to develop and improve what we do. We have always believed in the importance of having a fluent recall of times table facts, as Maths is a rich and varied subject which children find harder to grasp if they haven't fully grasped the fundamentals of number bonds and times tables. For that reason, we are using Times Tables Rock Stars for Years 3 to 6. It is an online platform where your child can:

- Work on times tables that their teacher has set especially for them
- Improve speed
- Play against their friends and other children

As part of homework, your child will have a set number of games to complete as part of their homework: this can be done at home or in the ICT suite at lunchtimes. Ideally, to really develop fluency, your child should practice 3 times a week.

We have included the guide from Times Table Rock Stars to support you at home with this.

#### Getting Started

1. Type [trockstars.com](http://trockstars.com) into your browser's address bar.
2. Log in. Your child should know their login details.  
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3. Play!

There are 4 different 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.

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



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

### Multiplayer

**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.

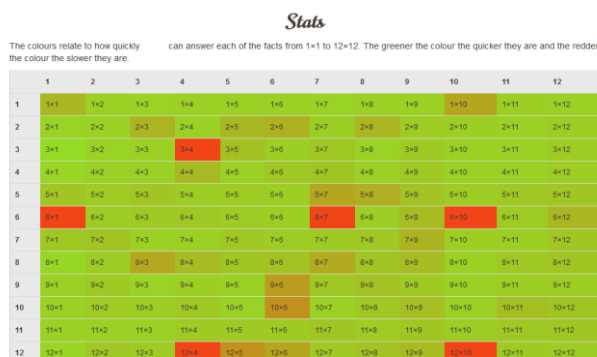
**Festival** - The Rock Festival games are open to players from around the world. Like the Arena, there is no limit to the number of players who can join a game; however, unlike the Arena, questions are selected at random from 1×1 to 12×12.

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.

**Rockslam**- Members of the school choose another pupil or teacher to challenge. The challenger has 1 minute to set a target for the challenger to beat. Benefits- Children get enjoyment from taking on friends and teachers one-on-one.

### 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.



If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or us, the Maths Leaders.

Yours sincerely,

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