



Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important.

Last year we introduced Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) at our school. This year all children in Class 3 have been issued with their logins and have had the chance to practise in class.

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  $12 \times 12$  in less than 3 seconds! For full details of rock status please see the reverse of this letter.

Starting on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September, I will be setting weekly Times Tables Rock Stars homework. Every week, from Friday to the following Thursday inclusive, your child needs to play at least 5 garage sessions. On Friday morning I will check that all children have completed this.

The TTRS mobile app is available to download on all iOS and Android devices. This allows students to play on portable devices when outside of the classroom. TTRS is also available to play on laptops and computers. You can also play offline meaning if you are in an area with poor internet connection or do not have internet access you can still practise.

Please let me know if your child has any difficulty in accessing the programme and I can ensure they will have a chance to practise during lunchtime. The children should all have their login ID and password stuck in the front of their homework diaries.

This homework is in addition to the weekly times tables practice that your child completes for their Thursday tables test.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Whitaker and Miss Rainford

## Rock Status

It's helpful to understand that the quicker your child can answer a times tables question, the higher their Rock Status. Use this list as a guide to help your child work out their Rock Status:

$\leq 1$  sec/qu = Rock Hero

$\leq 2$  secs/qu = Rock Legend

$\leq 3$  secs/qu = Rock Star

$\leq 4$  secs = Headliner

$\leq 5$  secs/qu = Support Act

$\leq 6$  secs/qu = Breakthrough

Artist

$\leq 7$  secs/qu = Unsigned Act

$\leq 8$  secs/qu = Gigger

$\leq 9$  secs/qu = Busker

$\leq 10$  secs/qu = Garage Rocker

$> 10$  secs/qu = Wannabe