

LETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to 'Times Table Rock Stars'. Here at Kilmorie Primary School, we are introducing a fantastic online way to develop knowledge of times tables and division facts for all pupils from Y3-Y6. Times tables are recognised as essential to access many mathematical concepts.

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 pupils master the times tables!

This programme can be accessed online via the web address on the attached letter - your child has their own login and password. You may also download an App for the Iphone/Ipad or Android App through which your child may practise.

Apple App



When they first login, your child will choose their own rock star name and design their own avatar before starting to practise.

There are two single-player modes to play:

- Garage This is the main mode the children should play. 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.
- **Studio** the questions in the Studio can be anything from 2x2 up to 12x12. TT Rock Stars calculates the mean speed from their last 10 games in the Studio and translates into a Rock Status.

There are also multi-player modes:

- Rock Arena The Arena allows players to compete against all other members of their Band/Class (their Band mates would need to join the same game in order to compete together).
- 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 that your child does a little bit of times table practise every night. Short bursts of practise on a daily basis are more effective than spending hours once a week.

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To make a success of this programme and ensure that your child follows the programme of practising and remains motivated **we need your help**. Without your praise and your reminders, without you sitting down next to them or checking their work, practising times tables will not feel important to your child.

Thank you for your support, I am sure this will have a direct impact and make your child a Times Table Rock Star!

Yours sincerely,

Year 3 Team

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