



Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Dear parents and carers,

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October we are having a TT Rock Stars launch day in school! On this day the Y2 and KS2 children will be participating in times table battles such as Battle of the Bands, Arena and Rock Slam, in which they will play against other classes/children in school to try and earn rewards through their knowledge of the times tables. All children have completed a baseline assessment (called a Gig) on TT Rockstars in class this term, which means that any games that they play are tailored to their individual needs, as determined by the questions they were able to answer on their baseline test, therefore they won't find it too challenging for their needs or be at a disadvantage in any way!

On the launch day, children are invited to come in to school dressed as their rock star character from TT Rockstars, if they wish to. There is no charge for this! It is purely for fun and to get children excited about using TT Rockstars!

Included with this letter is an information leaflet for parents which explains what the different games are that the children can play on TT Rockstars. Hopefully you will find this useful! Your child's login details should be stuck inside their homework book, but please ask your child's class teacher if you can't find it.

Having a secure knowledge of the times tables is vitally important for the children, as it helps them to work efficiently when calculating in all areas of maths. Children are expected to be secure in the 2, 5 and 10 x tables by the end of year 2, and in all tables up to the 12 x tables by the end of year 4. In the summer term next year, the year 4 children will participate in a statutory year 4 Multiplication Tables Check, and more information about this will follow. We would encourage all children to practise their tables as much as they can at home, whether on TT Rockstars or any other way! If you need any support with this, please speak to your child's class teacher. KS2 parents - if you are able to make it to the maths drop in session on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October (please refer to the letter from last week) you will see the children practising their tables in school, and maybe get some ideas for how you can support them at home.

Thank you very much for your support.

Kind regards,

Miss Warburton/Bunny Rockula and Mrs Cox/Little Rockit (KS2 and KS1 leaders and aspiring Rock Stars!)