



Dear Parent/Carer,

All children in Year Two to Six are practising their times tables to improve speed and accuracy every week in school. The children are using 'Times Tables Rock Stars' to help them with their times table practice.

The aim of 'Times Tables Rock Stars' is that 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! To be a Times Table Rock Star you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12×12 in less than 3 seconds! World famous rock musicians are the best at what they do because they've spent hours practising guitar chords, writing music or playing on the drums. It's just the same with times tables – all Times Table Rock Stars need to practise and practise and practise.

And this is where you come in. For your child to be fully motivated and for them to get the best out of the practice, they 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. Over the course of the next few weeks and months, your child WILL get faster and more accurate with the times tables. All your hard work and theirs WILL make them a Times Table Rock Star!

Your child will have their username and password in their reading record.

I really hope that your child enjoys practising their times tables on the website. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have difficulty getting on to trockstars.com.

Kind regards,
Mr L Mayes
Maths Lead

Logging in to Times Tables Rock Stars

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Type **play.trockstars.com** into your browser's address bar.

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Click Login! > School > Student

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Enter the School Name.

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Enter your child's username and password.

Game Modes

Single Player

Garage - the questions will only come from the times tables the teacher has set for the week. It will include multiplication *and* division questions.

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 the mean response time from their last 10 games in the Studio and translates that time 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

If you don't play in the Studio you don't get a Rock Status.

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

Soundcheck – When you play Soundcheck, you get 20 questions each with a 5-second time limit. The questions are multiplication only and evenly weighted in terms of difficulty each time you play. Players earn 5 coins per correct answer.

Multiplayer

Rock 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.

Rock 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.