



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have recently signed up to an online resource called Times Table Rockstars. As the name suggests, this site is all about gaining confidence and fluency with times tables - multiplication and division, whilst having fun.

The children sign in to the site: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/> or download the app.

Click on 'login' 'school' then 'student' and our school might appear, or you might have to find it by entering our postcode PL22 0AJ. You will then be asked for your child's username and password provided by their teacher. Once your child has chosen, or generated, their rockstar name, they will be ready to get started!

Their first *Gig* will assess your child's current times tables knowledge and the game then tailors their activities from there, ensuring they get the practice they need, at the rate they need it, in order to gain real confidence and fluency. This means their learning is automatically personalised to them.



There are a variety of activities children can complete using the app or online:

Garage is where the children do their practice and the game directs them between garage and gig - practice and assessment- moving them on as they become more confident. Garage and Gig are at the heart of the learning, but there are other modes which the children will enjoy, when they feel ready to have a go.

Studio - here games last a minute and go up to 12x12. After a number of games an average is taken and the player is given their rockspeed, which they can then try to improve.

Soundcheck - This mode is designed to be similar to the national tables test children would normally sit in Year 4 and isn't really suitable for younger children bearing in mind that we are trying to build confidence and not to make any aspect of Maths stressful. There are 25 questions to answer with 6 seconds for each answer and the questions go up to 12x12.

Festival - Children can play safely with children from around the world (as in Mathletics). Each game lasts 60 seconds and questions go up to 12x12 and include division.

Arena - Is like Festival, but the questions are set by the game at an appropriate level for your child and they play against other children in their class. This is more appropriate for the younger children.

Rock Slam - This is a one-on-one challenge mode where a child can challenge a friend. The challenger plays the game first and sets a score for their friend to beat.

I hope the children enjoying using these resources - they will have real impact on their progress and confidence with a vital aspects of maths knowledge.