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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to 'Times Table Rock Stars'. At St. Paul's, we are excited to introduce a fantastic online program to develop knowledge of times tables and division facts for pupils from Year 3 to Year 6. Times tables are recognised as essential to access many mathematical concepts and times table knowledge is assessed at the end of Year 4 through the Multiplication Check.

When it comes to times tables, speed and accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to solve more difficult mathematical problems. Times Tables Rock Stars is a fun and challenging program designed to help children master their times tables. Your child's teacher will be introducing them to how Times Tables Rock Stars works and the appropriate times tables to practise will be allocated on a weekly basis.

This program can be accessed online via the web address <https://trockstars.com/> – your child will have their own login and password which will be sent home from class. You can also download the free TT Rock Stars app for both Apple and Android devices through which your child may practise.

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

There are three single player modes:

Garage - this is the main mode they should play. The questions will only come from the times tables the teacher has set for the week. 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 2 x 2 up to 12 x 12. TT Rock Stars calculates the average speed from the last 10 games and translates it into a Rock Status. We are all aiming to be 'Rock Stars'.



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Soundcheck – 25 questions with a 6 second time limit per question.

There are also three multi-player modes:

Rock Arena – where players compete against all other members of their class.

Rock Festival – where games are open to players from around the world. The questions are selected at random from 2 x 2 up to 12 x 12.

Rock Slam – where you go head-to-head against another member from our school with questions up to 12 x 12.

It is recommended that each child should do some times tables practice every night. Short bursts of practice on a daily basis are more effective than spending hours only once a week.

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

Thank you for your support and I am sure that their hard work, and yours, will have a direct impact on their tables knowledge and turn them into a 'Times Table Rock Star'.

If you have any questions or difficulties accessing the program, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself.

Many thanks

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