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Dear Year 5 & 6 parents/guardians,

In the National Curriculum, it is expected that children should confidently recall and use the multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12×12 , by the end of KS2. To encourage regular practice both at home and school, we have subscribed to **ttrockstars.com** to help the children recall their tables. Pupils will also have the opportunity to practise in school on our school laptops. The children will be given a username and password by their class teacher, and will be able to choose a rock star name and avatar when they first login. This first lesson will take place in school, so that they are ready to practice at home. At present, they are able to practice on a computer and any device which has web browser capability.

They can play a solo game to earn points and increase their recall speed or can play live against other users.

They can choose from:

- **GARAGE** (single player) – times tables are restricted to those set by the teacher. Roughly 1 in 5 questions are division. This is where pupils can “practice” their tables.
- **STUDIO** (single player)-unrestricted, i.e. questions from 1×1 up to 12×12 are possible. Roughly 1 in 5 questions are division. Pupils can record a new top score in this mode.
- **ARENA** (multi player) – restricted to those set by the teacher. Roughly 1 in 5 questions are division.
- **FESTIVAL** (multi player)-unrestricted, i.e. questions from 1×1 up to 12×12 are possible. Roughly 1 in 5 questions are division.

Their progress will be regularly assessed and monitored. This will be through frequent short written tests in school, and by monitoring their use and performance online. I would like to reassure you that their real identities will be hidden from other players.

Teachers can select the tables the children can access to practice and look at the results of their games. All of the tables will use facts up to $12x$. The children will see them as a multiplication or division statement. It is recommended that pupils practice three times a day minimum, even if it is just on paper and having multiplication sums from the times tables read out to them.

If you would like further information about TTRockstars please click on the ‘Guides’ tab and choose ‘Getting started’ or ‘Benefits and features’ on the website.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Pearce, Mr Anderson & Mrs Raines