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Dear Parents and Carers,

This term we are having a big focus on counting in maths and developing the children's times table knowledge through the use of Times Table Rock Stars (TT Rock Stars). TT Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme that helps the children to master their tables. We are introducing this for children in Year 1 to Year 6.

Times Table Rock Stars works on the premise that World Famous Rock musicians are the best at what they do because they have spent hours practising guitar chords, writing music or playing on the drums. It is just the same with times tables - all Times Tables Rock Stars need to do is practise and practise and practise.

It's absolutely essential that your child regularly does a little bit of practise. Short burst practise on a daily basis is more effective than spending hours once a week. For your child to be fully motivated and for them to get the best out of the practise we need your help. Without your praise, reminders and encouragement practising times tables will not feel as important to your child.

In school we are going to be doing lots to promote the use of TT Rock Stars. Each week there will be a 'Rocker of the week'. This is someone chosen by the class teacher who may have shown a lot of improvement in their times tables, someone who has been practising regularly or someone who is just incredibly fast! The Rocker will be awarded a certificate and pose for a Rock Star photo.

Alongside TT Rockstars, the children are going to be practising their counting skills in school by joining in with 'rolling numbers' which will help them to count in steps appropriate to their year group. E.g. In Year 1 the children will be practising counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 we will have a 'Rock and Roll' Day where the children can come into school dressed as a rock star. The whole school will take part in this day, including Reception, so that the younger ones can join in the fun. If your child does not already have a log in, they will receive one on this day.

Times Tables are such an important part of developing a secure understanding in Maths and we thank you in advance for supporting your children with this.

Many thanks,

Shayney Blyth and Lindsay Thurston

Maths Leads