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Dear Parents/Carers,



Times Tables Rock Stars

When it comes to times tables the more facts your child remembers, the easier and faster it is for them to do harder calculations. Times table knowledge has been identified as a whole school priority across our academy, we are therefore implementing a new approach that will help your child become confident and have fun whilst doing so.

Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help children master the times tables. It's essential that your child does a little bit of times table practice every night. Short bursts of daily practise are 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 practice, they need your help. Without your praise and your reminders, practising times tables may not feel important to your child.

We ask that wherever possible children spend the following amount of time each night practising.

KS1: 5 minutes per evening

KS2: 10 minutes per evening

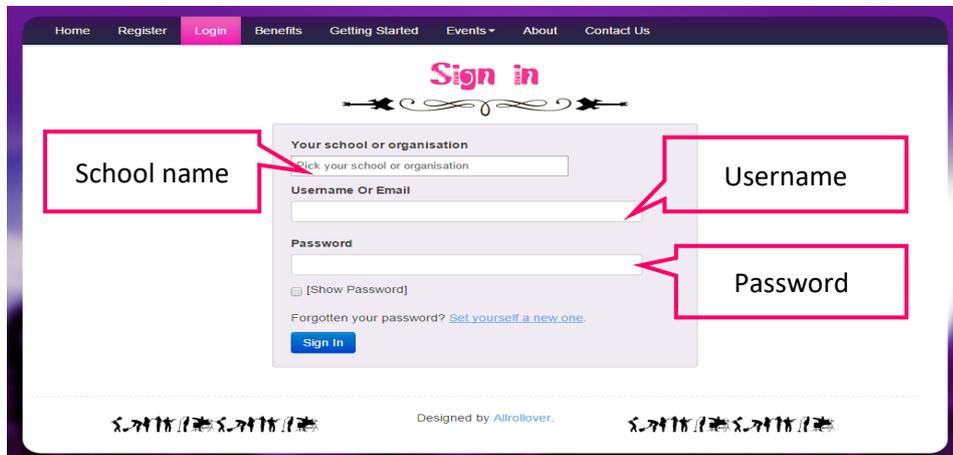
Logging in:

1. Type www.ttrackstars.com into your web browser or download the Times Tables Rock Stars app from the App Store (Apple) or Play Store (Android)
2. Log in using your child's details below

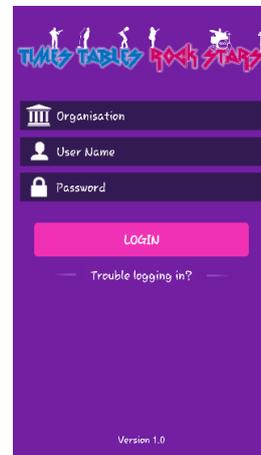
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App



Your child has been informed already by their class teacher in how to begin playing:

Garage - the questions will only come from the times tables the teacher has set for the week. As your child starts to answer questions, TT Rock Stars works out which facts they take longer on and will give them more of these questions to answer. Players get rewards of 10 coins per question which they can spend on prizes within the scheme.

There are also three other options for playing, Studio, Festival and Arena, however to begin with children should focus on Garage.

We hope you are as enthusiastic about this new scheme as the children are and appreciate your help in getting them confident in using their times tables.

Please contact your child's teacher if:

- You have username or password issues
- Something isn't working or you're not sure how it works

Yours sincerely,

The Maths Team