



# Midsomer Norton Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to **'Times Tables Rock Stars'**! Here at Midsomer Norton Primary School, we are introducing a fantastic online way to develop knowledge of times tables for all pupils from Y1-Y6.

Much of the rich and interesting maths that we want our children to access is all about the multiplicative relationships and these are hard to fully grasp without fluent recall of the times tables. For that reason, learning the table facts is fundamental – they are simply the bedrock of mathematics.

**Times Tables Rockstars** is an online programme for times tables practice that is both effective and motivational. By the end of the week, your child will receive a login and password (inside their reading record book) that will allow them to access games to improve their speed of recall and, should they wish, to compete against their classmates and children around the world.

When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important –bursts of daily practice are more effective than spending hours once a week. And this is where you come in. 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, without you sitting down next to them or checking their work, practising times tables will not feel important to your child and the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations. Please encourage your child to play the game at home regularly over the next few weeks to develop a regular habit that will assist their mathematics, just as daily reading helps propel their reading and writing. This means our children from Y1-Y6 have up to 3 high quality online resources to practise 'little but often' – Times Tables Rockstars, Doodle Maths and Nussy. If your child forgets any of their login details, please contact your child's class teacher.

**Times Tables Rockstars** can be easily accessed with internet browsers or alternatively with phones and tablets using the Times Tables Rockstars app. For internet browsers, visit <https://trockstars.com/> for apps, visit the App/Play Store.

When your child first logs in, they will choose their own rock star name and design their own avatar before starting to practise.

There are a variety of different modes in which your child can play, including **Garage** and **Studio**, which are single player modes and **Rock Arena** and **Rock Festival**, which are multi-player modes.

Thank you for your support, and I am sure that your hard work and theirs will have a direct impact on their learning and make them **Times Tables Rock Stars!**

Michelle Ross, Maths lead

