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TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN YEAR 3

Dear Parents and Carers

I am very pleased to be able to introduce Times Tables Rockstars to you. Last year we decided to use this in school to help our children become more proficient with their times tables and to give a fun twist to such an important life skill. It very quickly caught on and everyone really enjoyed improving their times as well as collecting their coins to enable them to unlock various options to upgrade their personal avatar!

Overleaf you will find simple instructions to help your child make the most of the program. They can logon using a computer, tablet or smartphone.

We have been through how Times Tables Rockstars works with the children in school and they seem very excited it, especially the possibility of challenging their friends and teachers!

Starting in 2020, all our Year 4 children will sit the national online Multiplication Tables Check assessment, and using Times Tables Rockstars over the next couple of years will definitely help them become more skilful with their tables and succeed with this check.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding Times Tables Rockstars.

Very best wishes

Peter Howard
Headteacher

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Goal

When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations.

Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help students master the times tables!

To be a Times Table Rock Star you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12×12 in less than 3 seconds!

Logging in to Times Tables Rock Stars

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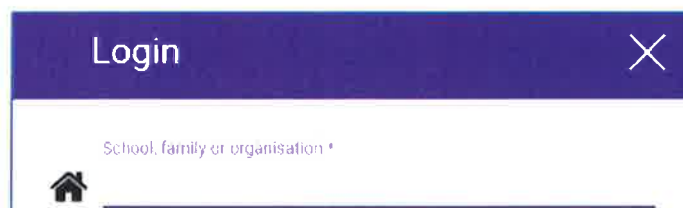
Type **play.ttrockstars.com** into your browser's address bar.

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Click Login! > School > Student

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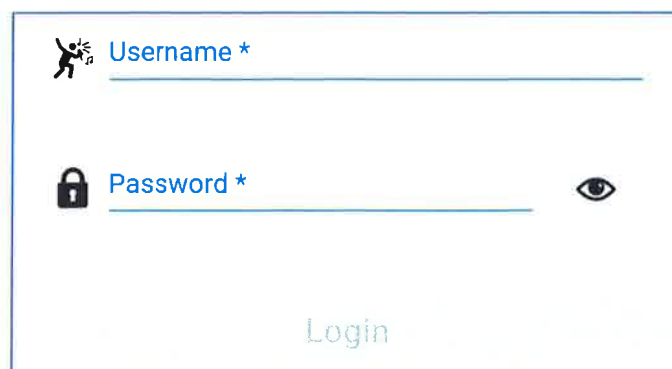
Enter the School Name.



A screenshot of a web browser window titled 'Login'. The window has a dark blue header with the title and a close button. Below the header is a white input field with the placeholder text 'School, family or organisation *'. To the left of the input field is a small house icon. The input field is currently empty.

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Enter your child's username and password.



A screenshot of a web browser window showing the login form. The form has two input fields: 'Username *' and 'Password *'. The 'Username *' field has a small icon of a person with arms raised to its left. The 'Password *' field has a small padlock icon to its left and a small eye icon to its right. Below the input fields is a 'Login' button.

Game Modes

Single Player

Garage - the questions will only come from the times tables the teacher has set for the week. It will include multiplication *and* division questions.

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. The Garage is best for getting quicker at a few facts. Players get 10 coins per question.

Studio - the questions in the Studio can be anything from 1×1 up to 12×12 . TT Rock Stars calculates the mean response time from their last 10 games in the Studio and translates that time into a Rock Status.

≤ 1 sec/qu = Rock Hero	≤ 7 secs/qu = Unsigned Act
≤ 2 secs/qu = Rock Legend	≤ 8 secs/qu = Gigger
≤ 3 secs/qu = Rock Star	≤ 9 secs/qu = Busker
≤ 4 secs = Headliner	≤ 10 secs/qu = Garage Rocker
≤ 5 secs/qu = Support Act	> 10 secs/qu = Wannabe
≤ 6 secs/qu = Breakthrough Artist	

If you don't play in the Studio you don't get a Rock Status.

Players earn 1 coin per question and the Studio is the place for them to set their best time across all the tables.

Soundcheck – When you play Soundcheck, you get 20 questions each with a 5-second time limit. The questions are multiplication only and evenly weighted in terms of difficulty each time you play. Players earn 5 coins per correct answer.

Multiplayer

Rock Arena - The Arena allows players to compete against all other members of their Band (their Bandmates would need to join the same game in order to compete together).

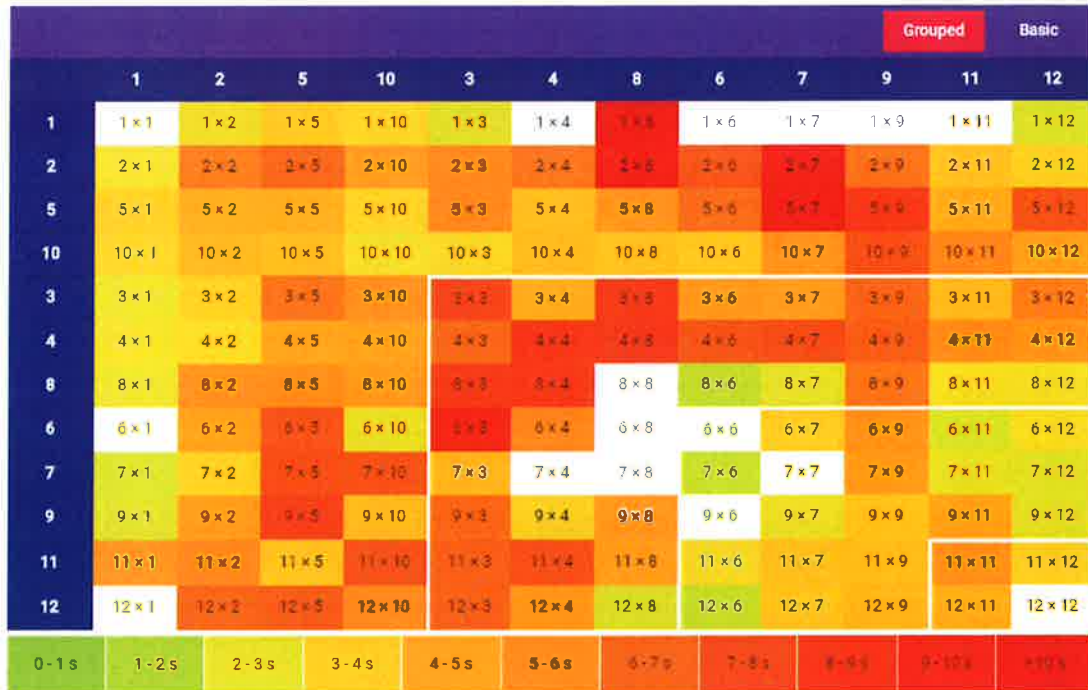
A new Arena game starts every 15 seconds and once the clock starts they race to answer more questions than the others. In the Arena, questions will only come from the times tables the teacher has set for the week, similar to the Garage. They earn 1 coin per correct answer.

Rock Festival - The Rock Festival games are open to players from around the world. Like the Arena, there is no limit to the number of players who can join a game; however, unlike the Arena, questions are selected at random from 1×1 to 12×12 .

Pupils might choose the Rock Festival if they were playing at home (and therefore couldn't easily synchronise playing against a classmate) or wanted to compete against others not in their Band. They earn 1 coin per correct answer.

Stats

If you click on your avatar icon in the top right of the screen and then click My Stats, a heatmap like the one below will load. It shows how successful your child is at each of the facts.



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
- You have a complaint or a suggestion
- You have something nice to say about ttrackstars.com!

