



Alexander Hosea Primary School

'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

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Dear Parents,

The school recently purchased 'Times Tables Rockstars', an online programme aimed at improving children's knowledge and recall speed of times tables. The school continues to pay for Mathletics and children will still be set weekly home learning on the Mathletics webstie.

Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) has three individual game modes – Garage, Studio and Sound Check. Garage is a teacher-set practice game or your child may be on the TTRS automatic training mode. Studio is practice for all tables up to 12 x 12. Children must play this game if they wish to improve their 'rock status' (explained overleaf). Sound Check replicates the conditions for the upcoming Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check. Children have 25 random multiplication questions up to 12 x 12, with 6 seconds to answer each question.

There are three multi-player options: Festival – the world-wide multi-player game; Arena – the 'in school' multi-player game and Rock Slam where children can challenge other children one-on-one.

Children earn coins for correct answers in all of these modes that they can spend on their avatar in the shop.

Finally, the school has bought into the TTRS App which can be downloaded for free from the AppStore or Google Play Store. Children can log in using the login details they have been provided with.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to come and ask me.

Mrs Brooks,
Maths Subject Leader.

TTRS Rock Statuses Explanation.

Children will be at the 'Wannabe' level until they can play the studio 10 times to get their baseline speed.

- **Rock Hero** - 1 second per question or less (*60+ correct answers a minute*)
- **Rock Legend** - 2 seconds per question or less (*30+ correct answers a minute*)
- **Rock Star** - 3 seconds per question or less (*20+ correct answers a minute*)
- **Headliner** - 4 seconds per question or less (*15+ correct answers a minute*)
- **Support Act** - 5 seconds per question or less (*12+ correct answers a minute*)
- **Breakthrough Artist** - 6 seconds per question or less (*10+ correct answers a minute*)
- **Unsigned Act** - 7 seconds per question or less (*9 correct answers a minute*)
- **Gigger** - 8 seconds per question or less (*8 correct answers a minute*)
- **Busker** - 9 seconds per question or less (*7 correct answers a minute*)
- **Garage Rocker** - 10 seconds per question or less (*6 correct answers a minute*)
- **Wannabe** - more than 10 seconds per question (*less than 6 correct answers a minute*)