

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

It's time for Pitmaston to rock 'n' roll! (a guide for parents/guardians)

When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important. The more facts the children remember, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master their times tables! The ultimate goal (and to be known as a true Times Table Rock Star) you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12×12 in less than 3 seconds. All children from years 2 to 6 have a username and password so they can also access the website from home. These have been emailed to you.

There are various game modes for the children to try at home. The mode we will be using for their school sessions is the 'Garage' mode.

(Single Player)

Garage - The questions will only come from the times tables the teacher has set for the week. 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.

The studio is where the children can set their best time. This is also where they can improve their 'Rock Status' and move up the levels.

(Single Player) Studio - The questions in the Studio can be anything from 1×1 up to 12×12 . TT Rock Stars calculates the mean speed from their last 10 games in the Studio and translates into a Rock Status. They earn 1 coin per question and the Studio is the place for them to set their best time across all the tables.

There are also multiplayer options which the children can enjoy playing at home, or as a 'fun session' in school.

(Multiplayer) Rock Arena - The Arena allows players to compete against all other members of their Band (their Band mates 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.

(Multiplayer) 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.

Just remember...

