



Edition 4

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

It is a very strange and sad time for us all at the moment with our children spending a lot of time at home. Fortunately we have TTRS to get us through and I'm sure we will have many children becoming Rock Heroes with all of the extra practice they will be getting. The purpose of this newsletter is to give parents an overview of the different arenas available on TTRS so you are aware how best to support your child with this online platform and becoming fluent in recalling their times tables. The arenas are Garage, Studio, Soundcheck, Festival, Arena and Rock Slam all of which you will read about below.

Garage – This is the arena that the children should play in for getting extra practice and is designed to help the children get faster. It is not a competitive arena as it is not played against peers and it also has the added incentive of receiving 10 coins per correct answer instead of 1 coin like the other arenas. The child's class teacher will set the tables that are practiced in this arena and the questions presented to the children will be a mixture of both multiplication and division. It is recommended that the children play in this arena for up to 3-5 minutes per day.

Studio - The Studio arena is the place where children get a Rock Speed and move up through the different Rock Statuses. In this arena the children will be presented with questions from all of the tables up to 12 x 12 both multiplication and division as it gives a measure of their overall speed on all of the times tables. The programme works out your mean score from your last 10 games played in the Studio arena. The more questions you answer in a minute the higher your rock status will be. The aim is to become a Rock Hero, which is equal to 1 second or less a question. With this newsletter you will see a list of all the different Rock Statuses the children progress through.

Soundcheck – The Soundcheck arena is designed to replicate the Government's Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) where the children will face 25 questions with a 6 second time limit per question. As in the MTC the children will face questions from all times tables up to 12 x 12 and they will receive 5 coins for each correct answer. The questions will only be multiplication, as like the MTC division questions will not be tested.

Festival – The Festival arena is similar to the Studio as it tests all of the tables and the children will be presented with both multiplication and division questions. However this arena is different because it is multi-player meaning the children can compete against others. The children choose one of the festivals to join with a new festival starting every 15 seconds. There is no limit to the number of players that can join each game and children from all over the world will be competing. Each festival game is 1 minute long and the children earn 1 coin for each correct answer.

Arena – Arena is very similar to Festival as it is a multiplayer game but here the children compete against their peers in school. The children must join a game at the same time in order to compete against each other. The children will see a number of different games within this arena however there is no difference between them and in all games the children will be tested on the tables that their teacher has set for that week. These are the same tables that the children will see when playing in the garage arena.

Rock Slam – In this arena the children can challenge someone from within their school to beat their score. When the challengee next logs on they will see the challenge, which they can choose to accept or leave. The challenges will include questions from all of the times tables and will last for 1 minute. For each correct answer the children will receive 1 coin.



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I monitor weekly the children using TTRS and closely follow the progress each class is making, which so far has been great. See below for the statistics. Are you doing your bit to help your class?

	<u>Active Players</u>	<u>Accuracy - Average</u>	<u>Average Speed -</u>
			<u>Average</u>
Year 1	52%	75%	7 seconds per question
Year 2	60%	83%	5 seconds per question
Year 3	55%	86%	2 seconds per question
Year 4	48%	92%	2 seconds per question
Year 5	57%	91%	2 seconds per question
Year 6	33%	92%	2 seconds per question

Finally we also have some battles set up at the moment between the girls and boys in each class. Overall the boys seem to be taking the lead so come on girls we need to be

practising and playing regularly.

As a school we very much appreciate your continued support and we ask at this difficult time you please continue to encourage your

child/children in accessing and using TTRS.

Thank you

Mrs. Collins

