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Dear Parent / Carer

Times tables are recognised as essential to access many mathematical concepts throughout school and by the end of Year 4 the National Curriculum expectations are that every child will know their tables up to 12 x 12. To help children here at Warden House we are introducing a fantastic online way to develop knowledge of times tables and division facts for all pupils from Year 2-6. It is called Times Table Rockstars.

With times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do more difficult calculations. Times Table Rockstars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master their times tables. The children have had a launch assembly where information about the programme was shared with them. Once logged on the children can create their own rockstar avatar and practise their times tables to earn money to buy new instruments, hair, backgrounds, etc. Their rockstar status goes up when they reach new levels with the ultimate level being Rock Hero! Your child should come home with their username and password over the next few days. Please encourage them to log on and get started.

Top tips:

- Go to your device app store to download the **trockstars** app or type **trockstars.com** into the address bar on any device to access the website.
- It is recommended that the children initially practise in the 'garage' mode (questions come from times tables that have been set specifically for your child) but as they improve their times table knowledge they can compete in Studio, Rock Arena and Rock Festival modes (these require knowledge up to 12x12).
- Short bursts of practise on a daily basis are more effective than spending hours once a week so we recommend that your child practises little and often.
- Continue to practise times tables in other ways too, including using songs, chants, quick fire questions, bingo, etc.
- To make a success of this programme, praise your children and encourage them to keep practising.

Thank you for your support and I am sure your hard work and theirs will have a direct impact on their learning and make them a Times Table Rockstar or even a rock hero! If you have any questions please ask your child's class teacher or myself.

Mrs Norton

Maths Coordinator

