



*Learning to
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On Friday 12th November 2021 at Gladstone Road we are inviting you to come in dressed up as a Rockstar for a voluntary donation of 50p.

Not only will this help us raise some money for BBC Children in Need, it will also help us to celebrate the re-launch of TTRockstars!

On this day, your children in years 3,4,5 and 6 can come into school dressed either as a rock star or their Avatar from TT Rock Stars and in EYFS, year 1 and 2, your children can come dressed as their favourite Number (time to start raiding the wardrobes – no need to buy anything!). Throughout the week competitions will be set up between classes, with the grand finale on this day (a few of the teachers have already started to check out the leader board to see who they may be up against). The whole school will take part in this day and all children will have the opportunity to take part in some exciting maths games and challenges if they aren't yet accessing TTRockstars.

Thank you for your support and I am sure your hard work and theirs will have a direct impact and help your children to gain their Rockstar status. We can't wait to see the outfits and until then, keep practising!





Welcome to 'Times Table Rock Stars'.

To help us mark the day and raise money for Children in Need, here at Gladstone Primary School, we are re-launching a fantastic online way to develop knowledge of times tables and division facts for all pupils from Y2-Y6. Times tables are recognised as essential to access many mathematical concepts and knowledge is assessed at the end of Y4 by a national test.

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 pupils master the times tables!

Your child's teacher has introduced them to how Times Tables Rock Stars works and the appropriate times tables to practise on a weekly basis will be allocated. This programme can be accessed online via the web - your child has their own login and password.

You may also download an App for the Iphone/Ipad or Android App through which your child may practise.

There are two single player modes to play:

Garage – This is the main mode the children should play. 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.

Studio - the questions in the Studio can be anything from 2x2 up to 12x12.

TT Rock Stars calculates each the mean speed from their last 10 games in the Studio and translates into a Rock Status.

There are also multi-player modes:

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

Rock Festival - The Rock Festival games are open to players from around the world. The questions are selected at random from 2x2 to 12x12.

It is recommended that that your child does a little bit of times table practice every night. Short bursts of practise on a daily basis are more effective than spending hours once a week.

To make a success of this programme and ensure that your child follows the programme of practising and remains motivated we need your help. Without your praise and your reminders, maybe even joining in, practising times tables will not feel important to your child.

As always, thank you for your support 😊