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Dear parent/carer,

I am delighted to introduce you to NumBots, a new service we are using to support your child's addition and subtraction skills from the company who provide Times Tables Rock Stars.

What is NumBots?

NumBots is an online game. Playing little and often will significantly improve your child's recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts. These are critical foundations in maths and we look forward to seeing the impact of this program on your child's progress.

How can I access NumBots?

You can download the app or access the website by typing the following into your internet browser:

<https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/22310>.

There is also a link to NumBots on the homework page of our school website which can be found below.

<https://darlinghurst.uk/home>

How does my child log in?

The children have been shown how to access the website and log in by inputting their username and password. Your child's login details will sent to you via 'Ping'. Please help your child to log in until they are confident to do so independently.

How often should my child play?

In order to get the best out of NumBots, children should play regularly for short bursts. Aim for 3 minutes a day but encourage your child to play for longer if they so wish.

Which game type should my child play?

1. Story Mode – the emphasis is on learning the ideas and concepts behind addition and subtraction so it features more diagrams, shapes and question styles.
2. Challenge Mode – the emphasis is more on speed of recall of key facts, like number bonds to 10, doubling small numbers or adding & taking away in your head.

Please start with Story Mode so that your child develops confidence before playing at speed.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher or send an email for my attention to generalenquiries@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk

Yours sincerely,



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