

Home Learning Task: Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS)

We are excited to launch TTRS again this year to help the children learn their times tables. The app can be downloaded to all smartphones and tablets and it is also available online at <https://ttrockstars.com/>

How long my child should be playing?

We ask that children play for at least 6 minutes a day on Garage and Arena until they have learnt all facts up to 12x12.

Which tables should my child know to be on track?

Nationally, children are expected to recall their times tables facts up to 12x12 within 6 seconds by the summer term of Year 4.

- by the end of Year 2: 1, 2, 5 and 10 times tables
- by the end of Year 3: 3, 6, 4 and 8 times tables
- by the end of Year 4: 7, 9, 11 and 12 times tables



Does it matter which games they play?

Garage is the place to master individual tables as it uses a complex algorithm to carefully personalise the questions in every game (and it gives a generous 10 coins per correct answer!)

Arena is a fun multiplayer game that uses the same algorithm to set questions (1 coin per correct answer)

Once your child has mastered their tables, they can concentrate on increasing their speed. **Studio** is the place to go to set a Studio Speed and earn a Rock Status (the Studio Speed is the average of their most recent 10 Studio games so until they've played 10 times there will be no Studio Speed).

Festival is a multiplayer game that tests all tables up to 12x12.

Soundcheck replicates the Multiplication Tables Check which is sat by all Year 4 children nationally. They are asked 25 multiplication-only questions, each with a 6-second time limit. We do not advise children play this until the Spring Term in Year 4.

Tea and Talk session

Mr Turner is keen to meet as many parents of children in Years 2-4 as soon as possible for a relaxed tea and talk session to promote TTRS and support with its use. Please reply to the ping surveying the most convenient time for these sessions

Competitions

Following the success of our first academy-wide TTRS competition last year, we will be running 2 competitions a year. To qualify, the children will need to be one of the most valuable players in Year Group Battles set up by the teachers.

Celebrating success

We hold a times tables celebration assembly for Years 3 and 4 every Friday, with certificates for the biggest increase in correct answers, accuracy and speed awarded every week. Certificates are also awarded across the Academy from Year 1 to Year 6. We are also looking to introduce badges to celebrate our top rockers!