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Dear Parents,

As you may know, part of the maths curriculum is for children to learn their times tables up to 12x12, and to be able to recall these rapidly from memory. To support children with learning their times tables, we currently use 'Times Tables Rock Stars', a web based app which supports children with learning and revising the tables in a fun, game-style way. You can access this app through the internet at <https://play.ttrockstars.com> or by downloading the Times Tables Rock Stars app from your app store. Your child will have a personal login and password, this can be found in their reading record book.

At the beginning of term, your child will complete a 'Gig' this is a starting check of their current understanding of times tables. Once your child has completed their Gig, the app's auto trainer mode will calculate which tables they need to work on next, and the Garage practice sessions will focus on these, meaning your child will receive an individualised program of learning.

Teachers will be occasionally setting Sessions as part of your child's maths homework. This means a specific game mode will be set for an allocated amount of time and your child will be locked out of other areas until they have completed this session. A 'little and often' approach is best; therefore, teachers will be setting a small practice session each day. We recommend that children play for 3 minutes at least 5 times a week.

Every so often, your child will have another Gig to complete to check their progress from their starting point. Please encourage your child to complete these Gigs independently to give a true reflection of their learning. If your child is finding them tricky, encourage them to keep trying their best, and not to worry if they are not sure of any answers, as this will help

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the app know what they need to practice next. Once the Gig is completed, the auto trainer will set new tables appropriate to your child's level.

Attached to this sheet is an explanation of the different game modes for your information. Through practicing in the different games, children will earn coins which they can use to purchase upgrades for their rock star avatar. These coins can only be earned through practising, and are not an in-game purchase. The children are regularly given opportunity to compete with others in the school, in the UK and also throughout the world. Children are able to achieve certificates and are given a rock status depending on how quickly they can answer their tables.

We hope the children continue to enjoy this approach to learning their times tables, and we look forward to seeing who will become a Times Tables Rock Star. If you have any questions, or you lose log in details please feel free to contact me on t.nixon@longridge-cofe.lancs.sch.uk

Yours Sincerely

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