



Dear Parents/ Carers

Lewannick School have invested in a new times table scheme called TT Rockstars. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help students master the times tables! This is part of our on-going response to making homework more purposeful and beneficial to the children. It also ties in with the national expectation that as of the end of Year 4, children are expected to know all of their times table facts by heart and be able to recall them rapidly for all facts up to and including 12x12. It is expected they will be able to rapidly recall the associated division facts as well by the end of Year 6.

From 2020, children in Year 4 will be tested on their times table knowledge and speed of recall. This is to inform judgements about the quality of teaching of times tables within the school.

When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy is important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations. To be a Times Table Rockstar you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12x12 in less than 3 seconds! There are many levels a child can achieve along the way to becoming a Rockstar. They earn points that they can use within the programme to change the appearance of their Rockstar avatar, or change the guitar they are using. This is proving very popular and motivational with children across the country.

***Next Friday, we are going to launch Times Table Rockstars into Lewannick Primary School. To enthuse the children, we are asking that the children come dressed up as a rock star! Guitars are welcomed! On Friday, the children will learn how to use the programme and set up their own rockstar and rockstar name!***

Times Table Rock stars is available as an app for ipads/ iPhones or tablets and it can also be put in as a web address. The web address, child's own password and username will be stuck into their reading records so that they can access this at home as well as in school. We will be offering the children a lunchtime club in which they can use Times Table Rockstars if they are not able to access this at home. This is part of a wider support club for homework which will take place on Wednesday lunchtime with Mrs. Milne.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Best wishes

Miss Bowden