



# HAYTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS Launch Day

27<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year one of our whole school development priorities is based around continuing to develop our Maths provision within school. As part of this, we have identified 'Core Numeracy' (Arithmetic) as an integral part of your child's mathematical success. To support this (and ensure our learning is both effective and fun) we are going to use 'Times Tables Rock Stars' – a secure online platform that works on the premise that World Famous Rock musicians are the best at what they do because they have spent hours practising guitar chords, writing music or playing on the drums. It is just the same with times tables – all Times Table Rock Stars need to do is practise and practise and practise – whilst enjoying what they do.

To get this off to an exciting start, on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October we will have a 'Times Table Rock Star' Day. On this day the children can come into school dressed either as a rock star or their Avatar from TT Rock Stars.** The day will be full of fun TT Rock Star and mathematic themed activities. Our youngest children can join in too as it's never too early to develop mathematical concepts and an enjoyment for mathematical learning.

After our initial launch day, we are going to be doing lots to promote the use of TT Rock Stars. Each week there will be a 'Rocker of the Week' as part of our 'Celebrating Success' Assembly. This is someone chosen by the class teacher who may have shown a lot of improvement in their times tables, someone who has been practising regularly or someone who is just incredibly fast! The Rocker will be awarded a certificate and pose for a Rock Star photo.



For your child to be fully motivated and for them to get the best out of this, we need your help. Without your praise, reminders and encouragement practising times tables will not feel as important to your child. It's absolutely essential that your child regularly does a little bit of practise to embed arithmetic knowledge. Short burst practise on a daily basis is more

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effective than spending hours once a week so children will have their log ins in their planners / reading diaries so they can access this at home too and this will become part of their weekly homework (although we are hoping they will not see this as a 'homework chore' – rather something they will want to do independently and willingly).

Included with this letter is an information leaflet for parents which explains what the different games are that the children can play on TT Rockstars. Hopefully you will find this useful!

Times Tables are such an important part of developing a secure understanding in Maths and we thank you in advance for supporting your children with this.

If you need inspiration, the website, <https://ttrockstars.com> has lots of dressing up ideas. We look forward to seeing you all dressed up and ready to '#HaytonRocks' with your air guitar on the day!

Kindest regards

Mrs Horn/Flo Rodriguez (Maths Lead and aspiring Rock Star!)



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