



# Eastbury Farm Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Times Tables

A key focus in Maths this year is times tables. Times tables are an extremely important building block in the children's mathematical knowledge and are crucial in helping them to progress in all areas of Maths. Children who know their times table facts are able to answer questions more quickly and are able to solve more complex problems, rather than being slowed down by the multiplication.

In June 2020, children in Year 4 will sit a new, national statutory multiplication test. This focuses on answering questions on the times tables up to 12 x 12 accurately and at speed. In school, your child is already taking part in Maths lessons that focus on times table fluency and strategies to support them with learning their times tables. We are regularly testing the children on their times tables and the children's Times Table Rockstars accounts

<https://play.trockstars.com/auth/school/student> are linked to the times table that they need to learn.

With Times Table Rockstars there are two single player modes to play:

- Garage –The questions will only come from the times tables the teacher has set for the week. As pupils start to answer questions, TT Rock Stars works out which facts they take longer on and will give them more of these questions to answer.
- Studio - The questions in the Studio can be anything from 2x2 up to 12x12. TT Rock Stars calculates the mean speed from their last 10 games in the Studio and translates into a Rock Status.

In addition to single player modes there are also multi-player modes:

- Rock Arena - The Arena allows players to compete against all other members of their Band/Class (their Band mates would need to join the same game in order to compete together).
- Rock Festival - The Rock Festival games are open to players from around the world. The questions are selected at random from 2x2 to 12x12.

It is recommended that your child does a little bit of times table practice daily. Short bursts of practice on a daily basis are more effective than spending hours once a week.

As a school, we really appreciate the time and effort you put in at home and we thank you in advance for supporting us further in promoting times tables fluency with your children.

Yours sincerely

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P.S. Look out for information on our upcoming parent workshops and our Rock Stars Day!