

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new school year!

I am writing to let you know about our new Maths homework platforms that we have invested in which will be starting from this September.

As you may be aware, we have previously used 'Maths With Parents' as our homework platform for the academic year 2019-2020. We have listened to your opinions and taken on board your feedback about 'Maths With Parents' and have been looking for a way forward with our maths homework policy that would meet the following criteria:

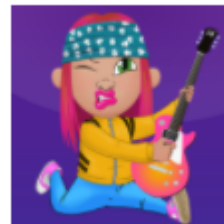
- Easy for parents/carers and children to access and use
- Engaging and fun for pupils
- Activities pitched at a level appropriate to pupils
- Activities which do not consume too much time
- Valuable learning opportunities building on key skills

It is with pleasure that I therefore introduce our move for 2020 and beyond to Times Tables Rockstars & Numbots.

Numbots is designed for pupils in Early Years and Year 1. It is an online 'game' designed to both teach and reinforce key skills such as counting, partitioning, adding and subtracting.

Children will then progress on to **Times Tables Rockstars** from Year 2 onwards. This is again a 'game' style platform which introduces a competitive element, whereby children answer times tables questions to beat their friends and class mates, or just to beat their own best score.

Our expectation as a school is that children will access **10 minutes a week** of Numbots (EYFS and Year 1) or **15 minutes a week** of Times Tables Rockstars (Years 2-6). Both platforms are available as an app, or can be accessed at play.ttrockstars.com or play.numbots.com



Your child's class teacher will be sending your child home with log in details in due course. (EYFS will not start homework until at least after half term.) Children without internet access at home will be welcomed to attend a lunch time club in order to access the apps.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in your child's education.

Miss E Suttle, Maths Leader & Year 5 Teacher.