

Woodstone Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may have heard your children talking about our new, exciting learning resource called Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS).

TTRS is a fun game, designed to encourage children to develop their times tables knowledge. Children are each given a 'rock name' and an avatar. The avatars are customisable, and children can win coins to spend on their account through their efforts.

At Woodstone, we are committed to helping our pupils develop key skills which will help them succeed at school and we believe that using TTRS will help them to do that. Developing a child's fluency with their multiplication skills will certainly help them to become more confident mathematicians as they progress through to Key Stage 2.

Every child in Year 2 has been introduced to the game, given a username and password and completed a baseline assessment (a gig). Children will get the opportunity to use TTRS in school. However, for the children to really benefit from this learning platform, it is really important that they access TTRS at home too.

TTRS is easily accessible through the website: www.ttrockstars.com

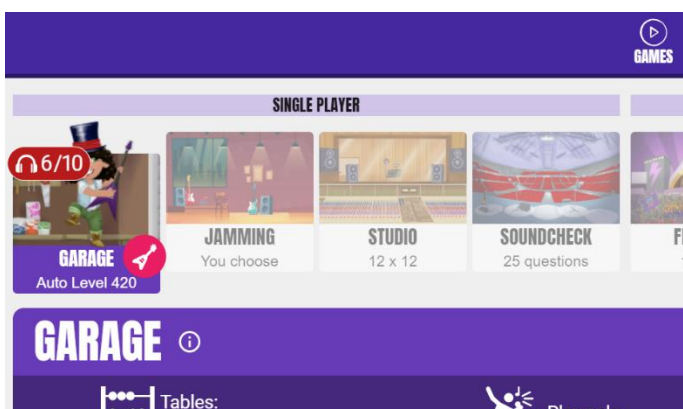
To access your child's account, click: Log In > School > Student,
Then select Woodstone Community Primary School,
Finally, enter your child's login details.

Mr Brewin has made a short video to help you log in from home.

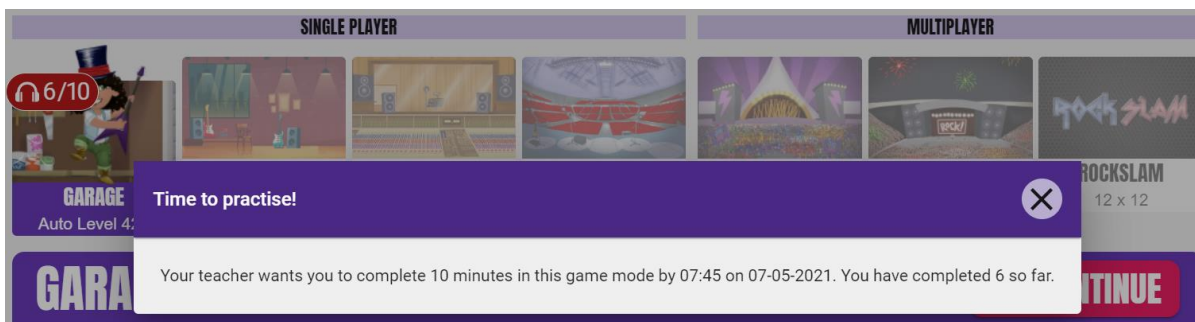
<https://youtu.be/ly-ma3jmhko>

There is also an easy-to-use app available for any tablet or smart phone through Play store/App store.

Whilst logged on to TTRS, you can check to see if your child has been set homework. From the home screen, under the 'Play' tab, you might see a **headphone symbol** with a counter next to it. This tells your child how many rounds of TTRS they should play at home.



If you click on the headphone symbol, a box will appear informing you how long your child has to complete the set work (See the image below).



Please note, Year 2 will not be set any TTRS homework until after the Christmas holidays. I would simply like children to practise using the program over the next few weeks.

I have asked Year 2 children to only use the Garage and Jamming arenas for now as these programs will focus on the times tables children need to learn.

Occasionally children will be invited to complete a 'gig'. This is an assessment (similar to the baseline assessment they completed when they first used the program) which allows us to see how the children are progressing. It is important that parents **encourage independence** when answering the questions as the program is set up to automatically move children on through their times tables. If parents or siblings have given children the answers, the program will assume the children are confident and will set more difficult questions. It is also important **children are concentrating and distractions are limited** as if children make errors or take too long to answer questions, the program will assume children require more practice and it will not set more challenging questions.

FAQs

My child seems to be getting questions up to 12x12 - why is that?

Assuming that's not intentional, make sure they're playing in the Garage or Arena to get the tables we've set for them.

Why can't we login?

The most likely cause is that one of the three bits of information (school, username or password) hasn't been entered as above.

My child has chosen a rock name they're unhappy with - how do we change it?

Ask your child's teacher to reset their rock name so they can choose again when they login.

My child is unhappy with the look of their avatar - what can be done?

Everyone starts with the same avatar, no matter what rock name they've chosen. Simply change the hair, eyes and mouth to suit individual preferences.

Someone has logged in as my child and spent a load of their coins - what can we do?

Let your child's teacher know so that they can refund your child and speak to the class about trust and online safety.

Where is your privacy notice?

<https://trockstars.com/page/privacy>

If you have any further questions regarding Times Tables Rock Stars, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,

Miss Barnes