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Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s),

I'm sure if we all think back, to when we were at school, we were encouraged to use various strategies to learn our times-tables. Some of these strategies will have been successful, whilst others will have baffled us. Some of the strategies will have caught our attention, whilst others will have bored us to tears!

Since September, we have gradually been rolling out our Times-Table Rockstar programme to all children from Year 1 through until Year 6: this is our modern, engaging and motivational approach, to ensuring all of our children have a solid and secure grasp of their times-tables facts. All children should have received their log-in details for the online programme / application and have had some experience of exploring it.

It is now time to take our commitment to the next level! On **Wednesday 27th February**, we will be holding our first 'Rockstar Day'!

All children (including children in the Foundation Stage) are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite rockstar!

Over the course of the day, children in the Foundation Stage will engage in various age appropriate activities relating to their developing understanding of addition and subtraction. Children from Year 1 through until Year 6 will be exploring a variety of activities, which have been planned to raise the profile of 'Times-Table Rockstars' and the importance of learning our times-tables. Here are just a few of the activities the children will be participating in, over the course of the day:

- a whole school assembly promoting Times-Table Rockstars; rumour has it that a member of staff will reveal their inner rock god / goddess and provide an exclusive performance to the school!
- learning about our half termly reward certificates for both progress and effort
- a detailed tour of the Times-Table Rockstars programme / application so they know how to get the most of it
- discovering how to track their own progress and identify times-tables facts they need to develop



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- learning how to use the digital coins, which the children receive each time they play a game, to purchase 'Rockstar' related clothing, instruments, accessories and even facial hair!
- participating in online times-table battles within their year groups and against children from other primary schools
- encouraging their teachers as they battle one another throughout the day (we apologise in advance if any members of staff get overly competitive!)
- older children supporting younger children to use the programme / application independently
- learning, singing and performing an age appropriate times-table, to the melody of a song

To further enhance the lunchtime provision in 'Buddy Base', children will be able to access the 'Times-Table Rockstars' learning station. If a child should choose, they will be able to spend up to ten-minutes, using our school i-pads, to access the programme / application.

We hope that all of our children have a fantastic day and feel inspired and motivated to make even greater use of the programme / application.

Yours sincerely

Mr Smith