



### Times Tables Rock Stars

This is a website we have subscribed to which is designed to improve your child's times tables knowledge in a fun and interactive way. Children in classes 1 – 6 have a login card containing their username and password to enable them to access the website. Type **ttrockstars.com** into your browser's address bar.

Once they have logged in for the first time, they will be prompted to choose their own rock star name! Once this is chosen they cannot change it. Children will then be able to play times games and earn points towards costumes for their rock star avatar!

There are 4 different game modes. **Garage** and **Arena** games focus only on the tables the teacher has set. These will also include division facts linked to these tables as well. Further information about each game type is listed below:

#### Single Player

**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. The Garage is best for getting quicker at a few facts. Players get 10 coins per question.

**Studio** - the questions in the Studio can be anything from 1×1 up to 12×12. TT Rock Stars calculates each the mean speed from their last 10 games in the Studio and translates into a Rock Status:

≤ 1 sec/qu = <b>Rock Hero</b>	≤ 7 secs/qu = <b>Unsigned Act</b>
≤ 2 secs/qu = <b>Rock Legend</b>	≤ 8 secs/qu = <b>Gigger</b>
≤ 3 secs/qu = <b>Rock Star</b>	≤ 9 secs/qu = <b>Busker</b>
≤ 4 secs = <b>Headliner</b>	≤ 10 secs/qu = <b>Garage Rocker</b>
≤ 5 secs/qu = <b>Support Act</b>	> 10 secs/qu = <b>Wannabe</b>
≤ 6 secs/qu = <b>Breakthrough Artist</b>	

They earn 1 coin per question and the Studio is the place for them to set their best time across all the tables.

## Multiplayer

**Rock Arena** - The Arena allows players to compete against all other members of their Band (their Bandmates would need to join the same game in order to compete together).

A new Arena game starts every 15 seconds and once the clock starts they race to answer more questions than the others. In the Arena, questions will only come from the times tables the teacher has set for the week, similar to the Garage. They earn 1 coin per correct answer.

**Rock Festival** - The Rock Festival games are open to players from around the world. Like the Arena, there is no limit to the number of players who can join a game; however, unlike the Arena, questions are selected at random from 1×1 to 12×12.

Pupils might choose the Rock Festival if they were playing at home (and therefore couldn't easily synchronise playing against a classmate) or wanted to compete against others not in their Band. They earn 1 coin per correct answer

### The times tables to practice

As a rough guide, these are the tables to practice according to the year group of your child.

**Year 1** – might like to try 2s and possibly 10s (usually in the summer term)

**Year 2** – 2s, 5s and 10s

**Year 3** – 3s, 4s and 8s

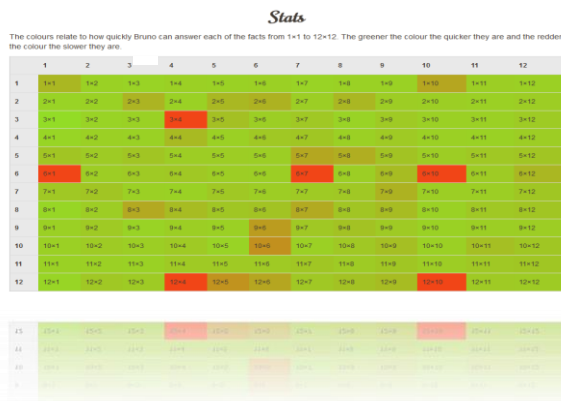
**Year 4** – up to 12 x 12

**Year 5** – 12 x 12 and beyond

**Year 6** – 12 x 12 and beyond

## Statistics

If you click on Me > My Stats, a heatmap like the one below will load. It shows how successful your child is at each of the facts. You might like to use this to help them learn specific facts they find tricky.



## Support

Children might like to use a multiplication grid to assist when first using Times Tables Rock Stars. As they grow in confidence they can refer to this less often. In order to make it on to the school's Rock Star Leader board children will need to have competed 10 times in the Studio setting. This more appropriate for KS2 pupils, however KS1 pupils may wish to give this a go with the support of a multiplication grid.

## Engagement

We will award certificates in weekly assemblies. This may be for highest ranked rock star, improvement or speed of recall.

We also regularly hold **Battle of the Bands** tournaments. This can be against each other in class, against another class, whole school or even children versus teachers!!

We ask for your support in encouraging your child(ren) to make use of this fantastic funded resource!

Should you have any questions please contact me via the school office.

Yours faithfully

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