

Dear parents/carers,

We have had some questions about TTRS this week. We hope the information below is useful for all.

We use TTRS from Y2 right up to Y6. All year groups are set TTRS homework as part of their homework each week and it is expected that these games are completed. Those with siblings in older year groups will be familiar with this.

Year groups/phases do have TTRS clubs once a week at a lunchtime, to allow children to use devices in school if they are unable to access a device at home. This is not a compulsory session, but there if children need.

There are six main game types at the heart of TT Rock Stars.

- The games set at ability level are 'Garage games'. These should not be harder than a child is able to complete.
- 'Studio' games test all 12x12 tables and are where children can gain their 'Rock status'.
- 'Sound check' is an identical replica of the government timetable check that children will do in Year 4.
- 'Festival' is a multiplayer game where children can 'take on the world' and these are all table up to 12x12
- 'Arena' is teacher set tables against their classmates in real-time
- 'Rockslam' is where children can challenge anyone in our school TTRs, including teachers, and these will be all tables up to 12x12.

Children are set 'games' each week. In Y2 these are 'garage' games, where children start on their 10 timetable and the site will assess when they are ready to move through the tables, using algorithms to do so. The more a child plays, the better they get, the quicker they will have new tables introduced. It is imperative that it is only the child who the account belongs to that completes the games, otherwise algorithms will become confused and won't be ability set.

It's more effective to practice three minutes a day at least four times a week than practising for the same total duration once a week. However, any practise is better than none.

We set 15 games a week Friday - Friday. Each game is 1 minute long, meaning this is 15minutes of practise a week. They will not be able to access any of the other game types until they have completed their teacher set games.

Children gain coins from each time they get an answer right, they can use these in the shop and buy outfits and accessories for their avatar.

Many thanks,  
KS1 team