

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to inform you about a new service we are using to support your child's maths education. The creators of Times Tables Rock Stars have produced a platform for boosting addition and subtraction skills, called **NumBots**. We are encouraging children in Key Stage 1 to use this and then in Key Stage 2 to continue to practise their times tables using TT Rockstars.

Big Difference

NumBots is an online game and playing little and often will significantly improve your child's recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts. These are critical foundations in maths so we are excited by the impact NumBots will have.

Logging In

The children have brought home a username label in their book bag. They might need some help navigating to the website and entering the details but once they're in, they just need some quiet space to get on with the games for 5 minutes.

Please ask your child's teacher if they are having any difficulty with their login. Maths Circle (the creators of NumBots) cannot provide username and password information to parents, even during school holidays or out of hours.

Important: please do not allow siblings, friends or family to answer for the children but do support your child if they become 'stuck'.

Little and often

In order to get the best out of NumBots children should regularly practise (play) for short bursts so we would ask you to give them 5 minutes playing time on Saturdays and 5 minutes on Sundays (or more days but with a limit of 5 minutes per day!)

Game Types

1. Story Mode – the emphasis is on learning the ideas and concepts behind addition and subtraction so it features more diagrams, shapes and question styles.
2. Challenge Mode – the emphasis is more on speed of recall of key facts, like number bonds to 10, doubling small numbers or adding & taking away in your head.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or queries.

Yours sincerely,

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