



28<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear parents,

At Tower View, we are looking to re-launch Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots both in and out of school. A good knowledge and fast recall of number and times table facts is vital to success in mathematics and these excellent apps make mastering these skills fun and rewarding.

Numbots (KS1) or TT Rockstars (KS2) should be used regularly as part of homework for all children. Your child's login details will be sent home inside their reading records so they are easier to find when needed.

Regular and short practice (e.g. 5-10 minutes, 4 times per week) are best for helping to build confidence, speed and accuracy. Practice should be as independent as possible as the games test speed and accuracy, will adapt to the needs of the user and provide teachers with individual data to help support them in class.

In order to really incentivise and to support our children to engage with these apps regularly, the following will be put in place:

- On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October, we will be holding a special "Rockstars & Robots" day in school. Children will be invited to come to school dressed up as either a rockstar or a robot (or a robot rockstar!) and take part in a range of fun activities and competitions.
- We will also use the day to launch the first 'Battle of the Bands' competition of the year to find the best TT-Rocking class in the school.
- Lunchtime sessions will be made available Monday to Thursday every week for children to access TT Rockstars or Numbots on the school iPads for extra practice or if they have difficulties accessing them at home.
- Regular rewards will be given out throughout the year to celebrate the children who put in the most effort, earn the most points and climb the school leaderboard.

We're all very excited to get rocking this year and to see the progress all of our Robots and Rockstars make!

Many thanks,

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