

## Maths Update



Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we would like to bring the following initiatives to your attention:

### **England Rocks - TTRS**

We are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in England. The competition runs from 07:30 GMT Tuesday 14th November 2023 to 19:30 GMT Thursday 16th November 2023 on TTRS.

Children can play in any game-mode, earning themselves, their class, and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average. Winning classes in the school and in the competition will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins for themselves but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

### **Dress like a Rock Star - TTRS week**

We are inviting children from Year 1 to Year 6 to dress up as a rock star for the day to kick off our TTRS week on Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup> November. During the day, we will also be launching the Howe Dell Times Tables Challenge, inviting pupils to learn their tables so they are ready to take part in class competitions.

We look forward to seeing the amazing rock star outfits.

### **MyMaths**

As a school, we are not extending our Mathletics subscription but instead, we are launching MyMaths. MyMaths is a whole-school subscription service for teaching and learning maths in the classroom and at home. Teachers will be sending home Parent Letters and login details for each child.

MyMaths includes:

- hundreds of self-marking homework activities with automated results tracking,
- a ready-made lesson to match each homework,
- revision and assessment 'booster packs',
- fun maths games,
- and a Teacher Dashboard so that class teachers can assign work and monitor progress for all pupils.

### **Numbots**

Numbots is an online maths learning platform that helps children learn how to add and subtract, improving their fluency and recall in basic mental maths, and equipping them with

maths confidence. There are 2 different types of games to play: Story (mathematical concepts) and Challenge (improving response time and accuracy). This website can be accessed through <https://numbots.com/> or as an app. The logins are the same as for TTRS. We encourage the use of this site for each child to embed foundational mathematical knowledge.

We hope you and your child/children will enjoy taking part in the dress up day and competitions and will hugely benefit from the new online platforms.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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