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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)

All Year 4 pupils across the country will be assessed electronically on their times tables up to 12 x 12. Children are expected to recall facts quickly and there will be a time limit for them to answer each question.



What is the Multiplication Tables Check?

- The checks consist of 25 times tables questions. The questions will only be multiplication and they will go up to 12x12.
- The test will be completed on a computer.
- There will be 6 seconds to answer each question.
- The check will be taken online during school time.

Why do the children take this test?

All year 4 pupils in England will take the check. The Government made the check compulsory in 2022. *'The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.'*

To help support children with this, we have introduced an exciting, award-winning platform in school called Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS). On **7th February 2025**, to launch TTRS in school, we will be holding a **'Rock Stars Day'**! Children have the opportunity to come into school dressed as a rock star. Throughout the day, there will be various TTRS activities for pupils to take part in.

How do I log into Times Tables Rock Stars?

Step 1: Go to <https://trockstars.com/> or download the app

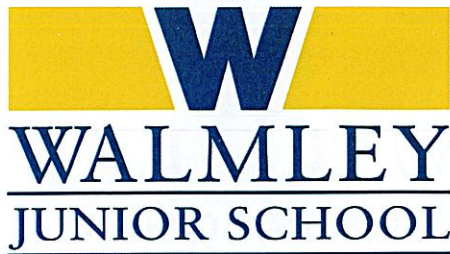
Step 2: Press the 'log in' button

Step 3: Click on 'student'

Step 4: Enter the school's name 'Walmley Junior School'

Step 5: Enter your child's username and password

Your child's username and password will be sent home after the launch day.



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How can I support my child with recalling/learning their times tables?

- Look at your child's heatmap on TTRS (which can also be accessed by logging in to your child's account> stats> fluency). It shows their current recall time for each of the times tables facts. The greener the fact, the quicker the response time. Any facts shown in red or orange are slower than 5 seconds, and should be practised.



- Encourage them to play in 'Garage mode' on TTRS. The Garage game mode will adjust the questions your child is asked, ensuring they are always working on the facts they need to improve.
- Pupils will log onto TTRS at least once a week in school time and it may be set as homework by the class teacher. To help support us at home, we recommend logging on **at least 3 times a week for around 10 minutes**.
- To continue to practise the WJS 33, 66, 99 and 100 Club Challenges. These can be downloaded on the school website:

<https://walmley-jun.bham.sch.uk/children/times-tables/>

Further information about TTRS can be found on the following websites:

<https://trockstars.com/families/>
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=-ZxZbRVvbYM>

Times Tables are such an important part of developing a secure understanding in Maths and we thank you in advance for supporting your children with this. We look forward to further celebrating pupil's times tables successes at school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Tonks.