



Coleham Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you with information that should help you in supporting your child with their learning of Mathematics at home. As you may know, at Coleham Primary School we do not send home formal homework each week so that time can be spent reading with your child and helping them with their knowledge and recall of the times tables. As well as written and verbal methods, in class we sometimes use technology to supplement the teaching of times tables.

Each child has a username and password for the app 'Times Tables Rock Stars'. This should be stuck inside the cover of your child's reading diary. These log in details can also be used to access the app 'Numbots'. These apps are free for you to download or, alternatively, you can access them via these links:

[Times Tables Rock Stars \(trockstars.com\)](http://trockstars.com)

[NumBots | Motivational maths practice for schools and families.](#)

Times Tables Rock Stars:

Your class teacher is able to personalise the app for your child so that they can practice the multiplication facts that are right for them. I recommend using the features within the Single Player mode called 'Jamming' and 'Garage'. Jamming allows you to choose the facts you want to practice at a speed that works best for you. In Garage, you will find the tables that have been set for you by your teacher (but please bare in mind that this may still not have been done this early on in the term). The children also love playing against each other using the Multiplayer mode at school.

Numbots:

Numbots encourages your child to increase recall and accuracy in the very earliest of mathematics skills and is ideal for children who are not yet ready for times tables.

At Coleham, we hope that all children will be proficient at recalling facts for these multiplication tables:

Year 1: 2, 5 and 10

Year 2: 3, 6 and 11

Year 3: 4, 8 and 7

Year 4: 9 and 12

Year 5 and 6: Continuing to increase speed and accuracy in the recall of all facts

In the Summer term of Year 4, children will be asked to sit a statutory times tables check (MTC) so your support at home in securing these facts will be invaluable. (More information about this will be provided nearer the time.)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me or your child's class teacher and we will be happy to help.

Yours Sincerely,

Maria Stennett
Maths Lead

Other free apps/ websites that you might like:

- Hit the Button
- Topmarks
- timestables.co.uk
- BBC Supermovers

Recommended subscription apps (we do NOT insist that you need these):

- Squeebles
- Doodle maths