



# Ordsall Primary School

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Play, Learn and Grow...Together!

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Times Table Rock Stars and NumBots – Whole School Launch

I wanted to make you aware that we are launching a whole-school approach to Times Tables Rock Stars and NumBots in Years 1 to 6 to support children's fluency in number and times tables. This was shared with the children in assembly today.

Developing quick and accurate recall of number facts is a key part of becoming confident in maths, and these platforms provide a fun and engaging way for children to practise.

### What this will look like in school

- There will be weekly battles between classes within each year group that will run from Monday to Sunday.
- The winning class in each year group will receive the weekly TTRS trophy.
- Children who take part will be rewarded with a team point.
- In Year 1, children will use NumBots, with a focus on participation across the class.
- From Year 2 onwards, children will use Times Table Rock Stars to develop their multiplication fluency.

### Practising at home

We are encouraging children to use these platforms at home on a "little and often" basis.

As a school, we have revised our homework approach to make it more manageable for both children and families. Rather than setting homework menus as have done previously, we are focusing on small, regular practice of essential knowledge and skills.

Just dedicating 10 minutes a day on the following:

- reading
- spellings
- Times Table Rock Stars / NumBots

will make a significant difference to your child's confidence and progress over time.

This approach is not about increasing screen time, but about building strong habits through short, consistent practice.

### Getting started

As a reminder, children will be bringing home their login details this week so they can access the platforms at home.

We are really excited to launch this approach and look forward to seeing the children engage with it both in school and at home.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Karl Hopkinson

Headteacher