



**CASTLE ACADEMY**

Astrea Academy Trust

INSPIRING BEYOND MEASURE

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to inform you that we have signed up to an exciting Maths times table platform called Times Table Rock Stars! The site is designed to provide a fun and interactive way for your children to practise their times tables. This is in line with the National Curriculum expectation that all children have a quick recall of all multiplication tables up to 12x by the end of Year 4. The site is currently used by other schools within the Astrea Trust and they are seeing a vast improvement in children's confidence and ability to recall facts quickly. The site is designed to be an incredibly enjoyable experience and is game focused. The children each have their own avatar and are able to purchase clothing and accessories. They earn the virtual money to do this by completing a variety of different games.

In addition to the website subscription, we have also purchased an add on that allows you to download the app to a mobile device so that children can access the site whilst being offline. We will be launching this with the children in an assembly on Monday morning. After this, each child will be given their own unique log in and password. When the children log in, they will be given one chance to choose a name for their avatar. There are games where the children can play against children from other schools however children will not be able to name the avatar after themselves to ensure they cannot be identified online nor can they communicate with other players.

A good understanding of times tables allows us to concentrate on deepening your child's mathematical skills. It is amazing how the knowledge of times tables underpins many areas of the Maths curriculum. We are thrilled to be able to offer this to the children and would really appreciate your support! If you have any further questions or concerns, then Mr Smith and I will be available after school Monday to discuss them.

The website you need to access is [www.ttrockstars.com](http://www.ttrockstars.com)

The app can be downloaded from your usual app store.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Miss Hunt (Y6)

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