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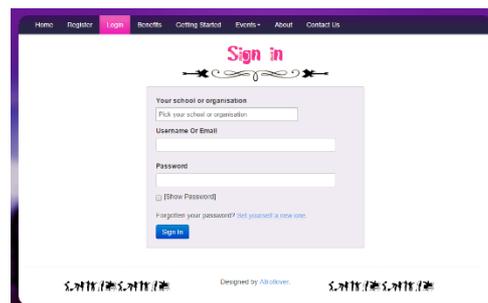Dear Parents & Carers,

<u>**READING BOOKS**</u>
Thank you for reading so much with your child at home. While checking reading records, I have noticed that many children are not yet in the habit of changng their books once they have finished. Year 3 children are responsible for changing their own reading books. The children know that the time to do this is during guided/quiet reading times. Last year the books were outside their classroom and now, as KS2, they have to visit the library to change their book. I think this may be why they are finding it difficult to remember! To help them with this, I will now send any children who need to change their books to do so just before lunch-time. Hopefully a reminder to the whole class will jog their memories! Please also continue to sign or initial their reading records so that they can claim their sticker for 5 reads in a week. Thank you.

<u>**TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS**</u>
Today I issued everyone with their login details and showed them how to access the website. We will start the paper challenges in class next week.

Logging in to TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Type ttrockstars.com into your browser's address bar.

Single Player Games
Garage - the questions will only come from the times tables I set for the week. As pupils start to answer questions, TT Rock Stars works out which facts they take longer on and will give them more of these questions to answer. The Garage is best for getting quicker at a few facts. Players get 10 coins per question.

Studio - the questions in the Studio can be anything from 1×1 up to 12×12. TT Rock Stars calculates each the mean speed from their last 10 games in the Studio and translates into a Rock Status. They earn 1 coin per question and the Studio is the place for them to set their best time across all the tables.

Multiplayer Games

Rock Arena - The Arena allows players to compete against all other members of their Band (their Bandmates would need to join the same game in order to compete together). A new Arena game starts every 15 seconds and once the clock starts they race to answer more questions than the others. In the Arena, questions will only come from the times tables the teacher has set for the week, similar to the Garage. They earn 1 coin per correct answer.

Rock Festival - The Rock Festival games are open to players from around the world. Like the Arena, there is no limit to the number of players who can join a game; however, unlike the Arena, questions are selected at random from 1×1 to 12×12.

Pupils might choose the Rock Festival if they were playing at home (and therefore couldn't easily synchronise playing against a classmate) or wanted to compete against others not in their Band. They earn 1 coin per correct answer.

I hope you enjoy accessing TTRockStars at home and supporting your child with learning their tables. Please ask if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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