



Chestnuts Primary School

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Friday 11th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. As you may already be aware, last year we subscribed to a service to support your child's maths education. The creators of Times Tables Rock Stars had produced a platform for boosting addition and subtraction skills, called NumBots. Last year children were given login details and passwords so that they could access this programme at home. In order for all children to be able to continue to access this, the Year 1 class teachers have attached your child's login details to their reading record.

How often and how long should they play for?

As with our TT Rock Stars programme, we recommend regular short periods of practice as they are more beneficial than one long stint as it helps with the ability to recall and remember the facts. As always, we will be celebrating the classes and children's achievements on the programme in our virtual assembly and prizes will be awarded accordingly.

In class, their teacher will aim to give them **15-20 minutes** to play and practise, but we ask for your support in encouraging your child to also play at home too. All children in Key Stage 2 and Year 2 are asked to complete the 35 sessions on TT Rock Stars, and so we are asking for your support to allow your child to play a similar amount of minutes on NumBots too.

Logging In

Please go to <https://play.numbots.com> and use the login details in their reading records to log in. You can also download the NumBots app for your child to play on.

Important: Please do not allow siblings, friends or family to answer for your child, but do support them if they're stuck. It is important that your child works independently through the levels or they will find it too challenging too quickly.

Game Types

1. Story Mode - the emphasis is on learning the ideas and concepts behind addition and subtraction so it features more diagrams, shapes and question styles.



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2. Challenge Mode - the emphasis is more on speed of recall of key facts, like number bonds to 10, doubling small numbers or adding & taking away in your head.

Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions or comments.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Laura Thomas

Maths Lead and Year 5 Class Teacher



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