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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are introducing a new programme called NumBots (from the same company who provide Times Tables Rock Stars), to support your child's addition and subtraction skills.

NumBots is an online game (it can also be downloaded as an app) and playing little and often will significantly improve your child's recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts. These are so important in order for children to have solid maths understanding.

The children have been shown how to login and their login details are attached to this letter. They might need some help navigating to the website/app and entering the details but once they are in, they just need some quiet space to get on with the games. Please ask your child's teacher if they are struggling to login.

Please don't allow siblings, friends or family to answer for them but do support your child if they're stuck.

In order to get the best out of NumBots children should regularly play for short bursts so we would ask you to give them around 5 minutes, four or five times a week whenever possible.

There are two different 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.
- 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.

Attached is a guide to how the game works and also an explanation of some of the mathematical terms and representations. You can also scan the QR code below to watch an introductory video.



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

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Schofield