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Our school values: *Respect · Kindness · Challenge · Forgiveness · Perseverance*



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NSPCC Number Day

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our commitment to make Maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in the United Kingdom for NSPCC Number Day.

The competition runs from 07:30 to 19:30 GMT on Friday 2nd February. It's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com. There is also an app that you can download for your tablet or phone.

Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The best mode for younger children to play in is the Jamming section where you can choose which times table they will practise, or the Garage section, where the App automatically calculates which tables to practise based on prior results.

The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a 60-minute limit (see below)). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player well-being, there is a daily time limit of 60 minutes per player. Once the player goes beyond 60 minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition. Each class will have access to the laptops in school for 30 minutes to allow all children the chance to access the competition within the school day.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means, encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.

In order for the children in Reception and Year 1 to take part, they will have the opportunity on Thursday 1st February to compete using the White Rose 1 Minute Maths App. Reception will practise subitising, whilst Year 1 will work on their number bonds to 10. Again, this is a free app that can be downloaded onto your tablet or phone. It is a fun way for children to learn their number facts whilst seeing their own progress as they can challenge themselves to beat their previous score.

For the day pupils can have their own imaginative, 'crazy' rock hair using gel, hairspray and temporary colour (if really desired!). This is optional.

Kind regards

Mrs Smith