



LEECHPOOL CURRICULUM Newsletter

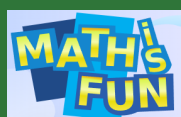


Times Table Rockstars (TT Rockstars)

TT Rockstars is a brilliant way for your child to practise and learn their times tables outside of the school day. Your child can play on the website on any device or the app to earn coins for their avatar by practising their multiplication tables. Your child can also play a 'Rock Slam', which allows them to challenge someone else in their class, year group, or school.

The table on the right shows the 10 fastest people (staff and children) in the school and how quickly they can answer each times table question on average. Challenge your child to see if they can break into the top 10 over the Christmas break—if they aren't there already!

In addition to TT Rockstars, here are three top resources for practising your times tables. Click on the picture below to access the games.



Rank	Rockname	Current Studio Speed	Rock Status
1	Elvin Hopkins	1.02	Rock Legend
2	Ike Das Rock	1.08	Rock Legend
3	Lauren Rolie	1.68	Rock Legend
4	Doogie Walsh	1.83	Rock Legend
5	Al Kulash	1.91	Rock Legend
6	Tommy Mulligan	1.99	Rock Legend
7	Kate Francis	2.03	Rock Star
8	Tamara Rockdust	2.12	Rock Star
9	Cole Nanna	2.17	Rock Star
10	Peps Radke	2.24	Rock Star

Christmas Productions

It has been great to be able to showcase our Christmas productions this year and all have been working incredibly hard to get these ready to deliver to an audience.

These are so important to learn, rehearse and perform each year. While performing arts allow children to develop creative passions, they simultaneously teach children language and communication skills, helping them to communicate effectively with others with confidence. With improved self confidence and self belief, comes a natural pathway for children to go on a master many more skills that will equip them for life. Studies have also indicated that children who participate in performing arts can enjoy improved performance in more traditionally academic subjects such as mathematics and English.



Parentkind

Parentkind is a charity that supports parent engagement in schools and is the place for parents who want to be more involved in their children's education. They offer advice in all areas of school life and publish both online and in a helpful print magazine. One particularly useful section is the 'Understanding Education' section on their website, which breaks down and explains the curriculum, assessment, and expectations for key stages.

There are many free resources and they also send out a termly Parent eBulletin featuring their latest blogs, news articles and information to help you support your child's learning at home.

To view the parent section of the Parentkind website, click [here](#).

