



Dear Parents/Carers,

Now that the children are settled into their classes and have got routines established we are going to launch our new **ANNUAL READING CHALLENGE** and our **MATHS TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS CHALLENGE** on Friday 24th September.

Our reading challenge theme for 2021-22 is “**Music**” – for **ALL pupils from Nursery to Year 6!**

Music Reading Challenge!

Our popular **Times Tables Rockstars** maths challenge will also get started next week. It is for **pupils from Year 2 to Year 6 only** and we will be explaining how this will work to the children in school on the ‘launch day’.

TIMES TABLES

ROCKSTARS



As always we want to ‘launch’ both of our challenges in style – so we have the following activities planned in school on 24th September...



1. **Friday 24th September** will be a **non-uniform day** for all pupils – we hope to see as many children as possible (and staff!) coming dressed with either a ‘Music’ or ‘Rockstars’ theme – this can be anything to do with music, bands, singers etc which should provide plenty of possibilities! **The ‘fine’ for coming in non-uniform is £1 per child.** The money raised will be split between our ‘reading books fund’ and our ‘maths resources fund’. **Everyone who brings in their ‘£1’ fine will also have their name entered into a class prize draw for a chocolate reward!!**

2. At a school assembly that morning the whole school organisation of both the reading and rockstars challenges will be outlined so that everyone knows what they are aiming for.

3. During the day the staff will also:

- ‘unveil’ and explain their class music reading challenge display
- explain the class ‘expectations’ for weekly reading in school and at home
- provide information to be brought home/shared with parents/carers so you are clear what is expected too



4. Due to ongoing Covid safety plans I’m sure you will understand that it is still not possible to invite parents/carers into school on the launch day (as we used to do before the pandemic). However, we are still very keen to involve parents in the challenge and so we are asking that over the weekend of 25th/26th September you **share a book with your child(ren) and upload a photo of this shared reading onto either Tapestry or Seesaw – once this has been received your child will get their first sticker on their bronze music reading bookmark.**

We very much hope you can support your child with this event and look forward to seeing the photos posted of the children sharing a book with you at home.

Yours sincerely

Miss Beeston,
Mrs Lister and Miss Fox

