



School News from Copley Junior School



Times Tables Rock Stars at Copley Junior School

I am sure we can all remember learning our times tables as children at school. Quick recall of multiplication and division facts is essential to successful work across the maths curriculum. We introduced Times Tables Rock Stars this year to encourage and motivate children to learn their times tables.

Times Tables Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables. Children practise their times tables and are then tested against the clock. There is also opportunity to practise online; children choose their own rock star name, design their avatar and can gain points to exchange for presents for their avatar. Children climb up the ladder of rock stardom. If you can answer any times tables question accurately in less than 9 seconds you are at 'busker' level; children need to achieve a speed of less than 3 seconds to become a times tables rock star and can become a 'rock legend' if they can achieve accurate recall of all questions in less than 2 seconds.

We launched Times Tables Rock Stars in November 2017 and had a dress up day. We raised £180 for Children in Need.



After a final few weeks of practising, we held our 'Rock Wrangle'. Following final class assessments, the children with the highest results in terms of accuracy and speed in each class went through to our final 'Rock Wrangle' event. This saw five children in each year group take part in a year group times tables competition against the clock, supported by rock music backing tracks and our rock star audience of pupils, all dressed as rock stars for the day.



All the year group finalists received a certificate to mark their achievement and the winner of each year group was presented with an engraved gold medal.



A tense final then took place between the winners of the year group rounds.

Finally, our Times Tables Rock Star Champion of 2017 was announced and the trophy presented!



We look forward to sharing more of our school news soon.

Best wishes
E.A. Crayton
Head teacher