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Dear Parent/Carer

KEY STAGE 1 MATHEMATICS

I am delighted to inform you about a new service we are using to support your child's maths education. The creators of Times Tables Rock Stars have produced a platform for boosting addition and subtraction skills, called 'NumBots'.

Big Difference

NumBots is an online game (currently playable at play.numbots.com or NumBots 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 critical foundations in maths, so we are excited by the impact NumBots will have.

Logging In

The children have been shown how to login and have brought home a username label in their book bag/reading record. These are the same logins as TTRockstars. They might need some help navigating to the website and entering the details but, once they are in, they just need some quiet space to get on with the games for 5 minutes.

Please talk to your child's teacher if they are struggling to login. Maths Circle (the creators of NumBots) cannot provide username and password information to parents, even during school holidays or out of hours. **Important:** please do not allow siblings, friends or family to answer for them, but do support your child if they are stuck.

Little and often

In order to get the best out of NumBots children should regularly play for short bursts, so we would ask you to give them 5 minutes on Saturdays and 5 minutes on Sundays (or more!)

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.
2. Challenge Mode – the emphasis is more on speed of recall of key facts, like number bonds to 10, doubling small numbers or adding and taking away in your head.

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L Chalmers'.

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