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Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you about a new learning tool available to support your child's maths. As a school, we are trialling 'Numbots' for one month. Dependant on feedback from children and parents, our PFA have kindly offered to cover the costs of the subscription should we feel it successful.

NumBots is an online game (playable on play.numbots.com) and it is a fun way to 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. It is a new learning platform produced by the creators of TTRockstars through another engaging and fun way for children to learn and embed concepts.

The children have been shown how to login and their username is the same as TTRockstars which you can find in the back of your child's reading diary. In order to get the best out of NumBots, children should play regularly for short bursts (5-10 minutes per day).

There are two game types:

Story Mode – the emphasis is on learning the ideas and concepts behind the addition and subtraction so it features more diagrams, shapes and question styles

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

The levels follow a natural mathematical progression and move the children through the game automatically when they show sufficient fluency and proficiency. Children earn coins when they answer each question which can be used in the virtual shop. Important: Please don't allow siblings, friends or family to answer the questions for them but do support your child if they're stuck.

I hope your child enjoys using this learning platform and we look forward to hearing your thoughts following the trial.

Yours Sincerely

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