

Dear Parent/Carer,

I'm delighted to inform you about a new service we're 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 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**

As this is a new resource, we have not been able to share this with the children when they were in school. However, you will receive another letter via parentmail with your child's login details. They might need some help navigating to the website and entering the details but once they're in, they just need some quiet space to get on with the games for 5 minutes.

**Important:** please don't allow siblings, friends or family to answer for them but do support your child if they're 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 most days.

### **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 & taking away in your head.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Goodman

