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Dear Parents and Carers

Rock Star Day – Friday 20th November 2026

Fluency is a central component of Maths teaching at Haydon Abbey. The National Curriculum states that children should 'become fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics, including through varied and frequent practice with increasingly complex problems over time'. As a result, times tables and number facts are taught daily so that this knowledge becomes automatic, and supports all other areas of the Maths curriculum. From Reception to Year 2, children continue to develop rapid recall of addition and subtraction facts before moving onto times tables in Years 3-6.

It is essential that this knowledge is practised for 5 minutes per day using the Times Table Rockstars app at home, as noted in the homework expectations. Children in Years 1-2 should access Numbots through this app whilst Years 3-6 should play Times Table Rockstars. Reception will receive their log in later in the year.

To build excitement and engagement further, between Tuesday 17th November and Thursday 19th November, we will be taking part in 'England Rocks' – a national competition run by Times Table Rockstars - in which each school competes not only within their school but against schools all across England. Children will work towards this competition at school but should also log-in at home (between 8.00am and 6.00pm) on these days to build their scores. There will be prizes for the winning Haydon Abbey class, including those using Numbots, and individuals with the greatest participation.

On **Friday 20th November** we would like to invite all children to come into school dressed as a rock star or a super hero for our annual Rockstar Day as we celebrate the children's achievements from the week. Costumes can be as simple as a superhero mask or even just jeans and a black or white t-shirt. We hope that the children practise their tables both in school and at home and progress towards 'Rockstar Hero' status.

Pre-School and Reception who are yet to ready to work on the Times Table Rockstar app are still invited to dress as a Rockstar or super hero. They will also complete their own Maths activities throughout the day.

As always, we appreciate your support and can't wait to celebrate all of our 'Rock Heroes' on Friday 20th November.

Kind regards

Miss Haynes
Maths Lead