



## NumBots

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm 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.

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.

The children have been shown how to login and have been provided with a username label. 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 speak to your child's teacher if they are struggling to login.

In order to get the best out of NumBots children should regularly play for short bursts so we would ask you to allow them to play it 'little and often'. Please don't allow siblings, friends or family to answer for them but do support your child if they are stuck.

### 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.

Yours faithfully,

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Class Teacher and Maths Subject Leader

