

# BOURNE ABBEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Now that your child is in Year One, they are able to access a new platform to support their maths education. The creators of Times Table Rock Stars have produced a programme called NumBots which focusses on boosting children's recall, number bonds, and addition and subtraction skills.

## Logging In

- You can access NumBots online via [play.numbots.com](https://play.numbots.com) or by downloading the NumBots app.
- The children have been shown how to login and will be bringing their login details home with them this week. They may initially need some help navigating the website or app but once they're logged in, they just need a quiet space to play.
- To get the most out of the game, we suggest that the children play regularly for short bursts.

## Game Types

There are two game types that the children can access.

1. Story Mode - focusses on learning the ideas and concepts behind addition and subtraction and features more diagrams, shapes and question styles. There are a series of stages (Rust, Tin, Iron etc.) which are made up of levels. Rust is the first stage and Level 1 is unlocked which is where every child will start. Players need to earn two stars to unlock the next level.
2. Challenge Mode - focusses on the speed of recalling key facts, such as number bonds to 10, doubling small numbers or adding and subtracting in your head. Challenge Mode is only unlocked once children have reached a certain level in Story Mode. In order to progress through the 20 Challenge levels, players must correctly answer 12 questions in a minute.

Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions or any issues logging in.

We hope you enjoy this new programme as much as we do!

Kind regards,

*The Maths Team*

