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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am delighted to inform you about a new service we are using to support your child's addition and subtraction skills, called NumBots, from the company who provides Times Tables Rock Stars.

### **Big Difference**

NumBots is an online game; playing little and often will significantly improve your child's recall and understanding of number bonds, addition and subtraction. These are critical foundations in maths so we are excited by the impact NumBots will have.

### **Logging In**

The children have been shown how to login and have brought home a username label in the front of their reading diaries. They might need some help navigating the website and entering their details but once they are in, they just need some quiet space to get on with the games. Please ask your child's teacher if they are struggling to login. Maths Circle (the creators of NumBots) cannot provide username and password information to parents, even during school holidays or out of hours.

### **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 3 minutes, four - five times a week. Please do not allow siblings, friends or family to answer for them, but please 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 & taking away in your head.

Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions or comments. Yours faithfully,

Mrs Brown and Mrs Rickard  
Year 1 teachers

