Dear Parents/Carers,

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

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
The children have been given a username label which has been stuck into the front of their reading record. 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.

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 3 minutes, four five times a week.

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.

We have also attached a short information booklet that explains how the game works and how you can use this programme at home to support your child.

Starting in January, we will have frequent assemblies where one child from each class will be chosen to celebrate their achievements on Numbots. This will not be the child who has spent the longest time on there but someone who has shown they have worked hard and made individual progress.

Please let Mrs Seal know if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Seal