

30th March 2020

Dear Parents

It is now the second week of school closure for the overwhelming majority of children. I do hope that you are all well.

In addition to the home learning activities which can be found on the home learning section of our website, we are pleased to introduce two exciting initiatives this week which we hope will further motivate and engage pupils.

The first being, the 'Golden Ticket' competition, where pupils can now enter from home! When pupils have read at home five times in a week, simply send a photo of the completed page in their planner to golden.tickets@gadevalley.herts.sch.uk Please add their name and year group in the subject line. Their golden ticket will go into the weekly prize draw and, if they win, a special Wonka bar will be posted to them! The winners will be revealed on the Golden Ticket page when they have emailed back that they have received their prize. Pupils can send a photo of themselves holding the prize!

The second being, the introduction of new Times Table Rock Star games (Year 1-6). These include:

- **Rock Slams**, where children can challenge each other in their class.
- **Battle of the Bands**, where children can have inter class battles. Each battle will commence at 9am on Monday morning and finish at 7pm on Thursday. The children should spend at least 10-15 mins a day helping their class to win the battle.
- **NUMBOTS**, during school closure, the creators of Times Tables Rock Stars have made available their platform for boosting addition and subtraction skills, called NumBots.

<https://play.numbots.com/#/intro>

Numbots Game

You need to enable JavaScript to run this app.

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The children can use their TT Rockstars login and should play the games for 5 minutes each day. The children will earn coins which they can spend on building their robot.

For any further information, please contact the class teacher via the class e-mail address.

Take Care

Mr Barron