

Wednesday 21st September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Key Instant Recall of Facts (KIRF)

To develop your child's fluency and mental maths skills, we are introducing **KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts)** from Nursery to Year 6. KIRFs are a way of helping your child to learn by heart, key facts and information of which they need to have instant recall.

KIRFs are designed to support the development of mental maths skills that underpin much of the maths work in our school. They are particularly useful when calculating, adding, subtracting, multiplying or dividing. They contain number facts such as number bonds and times tables that need constant practise and rehearsal, so children can recall them quickly and accurately.

Instant recall of facts helps enormously with mental agility in maths lessons. When children move onto written calculations, knowing these key facts is very beneficial. For your child to become more efficient in recalling them easily, they need to be practised frequently and for short periods of time.

Each half term, children will focus on a Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRF) to practise and learn at home for the half term.

If you have any questions or require further support regarding KIRFs, your child's class teacher will be able to help.

Kind regards,



Mrs R Skirrow

Principal

