

Tuesday 10th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! At the start of this term, your child has been sent home with the first of their Autumn term Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFS). These are designed to support the development of the mental skills and key knowledge that underpin much of the maths work in school, enabling children to become confident and fluent mathematicians.

It is important that they know these facts thoroughly and can recall them instantly. Whilst children have a wide range of abilities in mathematics, the KIRFs are designed to be a set of facts that need to be learnt thoroughly as they build on each other year on year. Again, we stress that the children must aim to know their KIRFs inside out, back to front and with instant recall. Please engage with your children in the learning of their KIRFs and make it as fun and practical as you can. There are a number of online links for each KIRF and advice on the key language and questions that can be asked.

Children should aim to undertake these regularly at home, short and often is the best approach. You might find that your child may need to work on some of the KIRFs from the previous year as they may not be secure in those yet. We know that, by learning these key facts which have been carefully structured to build upon each other term by term, year by year, children will leave school with a much stronger foundation of mathematical understanding to build upon and this will have huge benefits for all of the other topics that they will study in maths.

We hope that you enjoy working alongside your children with this mathematics work. All of the KIRFS and examples of our 99 club (which also focuses on quick recall of maths facts) can all be found on the maths tab on the school website. Should you have any questions about the KIRFs, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards,

Mr Yates

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