

Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs)

A guide for Parents

KIRF's (Key Instant Recall Facts) are pieces of mathematical knowledge that we want the children to learn off-by-heart or be able to work out very quickly (rapid recall).

They are designed to support the development of the mental skills that underpin mathematics and are particularly useful when calculating, be it adding, subtracting, multiplying or dividing. KIRFs will include facts such as number bonds, counting on or back, times tables, equivalence of units of measure, factors and square/prime/cubed numbers.

Each year group is allocated key facts to focus on - a new fact per half term - in line with age related expectations that build on term after term, year after year. This will give your child a stronger foundation for which to build their mathematical understanding.

Why are they important?

Research shows that:

- Learning key facts 'by heart' enables children to concentrate on the calculation, which helps them to develop calculation strategies.
- Using and applying strategies to work out answers helps children to acquire and so remember more facts.
- Many children who are not able to recall key facts often treat each calculation as a new one and have to return to first principles to work out the answer again.
- Once they have a secure knowledge of some key facts, and by selecting problems carefully, you can help children to appreciate that from the answer to one problem, other answers can be generated.

Each half term, children are given KIRFs to practice and learn at home as well as the work in school. These are sent home on A4 sheets and include practical ideas for you as parents/carers to assist your child in grasping the key facts.

These KIRFs are designed for children to learn in a fun, practical way and should be taken as part of their regular homework schedule in order to gain rapid recall and fluency.

Your child is currently working on the Summer 1 KIRF for their year group. I hope you enjoy working alongside your child. Should you have any questions regarding KIRFs then please contact me via the school.

Yours faithfully,

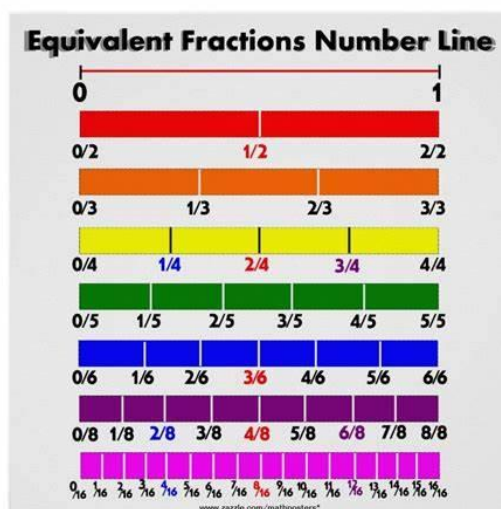
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KEY INSTANT RECALL FACTS YEAR 3 – SUMMER 1

I CAN IDENTIFY EQUIVALENT FRACTIONS.

By the end of this term, children should be able to identify equivalent fractions.

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You could practise identifying fractions in everyday life. Ask questions like:

- How many equal slices does this pizza have? (8)
- What fraction is this one slice of pizza? ($\frac{1}{8}$)
- What fraction is a slice if you split another pizza into 16 slices? ($\frac{1}{16}$)
- How many slices of the second pizza will be equal to a slice of the first?

TOP TIPS

The secret to success is practicing little and often. Use time wisely! Can you practice these KIRFs on the way to school either walking or by car? You don't need to practise them all at once: you could have a fact of the day!

Try these links:

Build a Fraction: Online Game

https://phet.colorado.edu/sims/html/build-a-fraction/latest/build-a-fraction_en.html



Fractions: Equality

https://phet.colorado.edu/sims/html/fractions-equality/latest/fractions-equality_en.html

