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Dear Parent(s),

We have introduced KIRFs as a whole-school program for raising standards in Maths. KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) are designed to support the development of the mental skills that underpin much of the maths work in schools. They are particularly useful when calculating, be it adding, subtracting, multiplying or dividing.

An important part of maths development has always been rote learning of certain numeracy facts. For many years this has included practising times tables. We have added more structure to this throughout school with daily key skills sessions in every class.

Each half term, your child's Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) will be emailed home for you to practise and learn at home. These will include practical ideas for parents / helpers to assist their children in grasping the key facts. It is important that they know these thoroughly and can recall specific facts 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 be able to instantly recall the facts.

We strongly encourage you to engage with your children in the learning of their KIRFs; fun, practical ideas are included on the sheet and should be undertaken regularly as part of their homework schedule to help them gain confidence in these facts and build on their skills in mathematics.

We have attached the Summer 1 KIRFs sheet for your child's year group. We hope that you enjoy working alongside your children with this mathematics work. Should you have any questions about the KIRFs programme, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours faithfully,

Miss N Sleeman & Mrs L Badger
Maths Team

