

BOURNE ABBEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

KEY INSTANT RECALL FACTS (KIRFS)

Please find attached a sheet of Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) from your child's class teacher. We have introduced KIRFs as a whole-school program, supporting children to learn important facts which form the foundation of their maths learning.

KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) are designed to support the development of the mental skills that underpin much of the maths work in school. 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. KIRFs add a little more depth to this and include skills such as doubling, halving and working with decimal numbers

Each half term children are given Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) to practise and learn at home alongside their work in school. These will be sent home via ParentMail for parents / carers to assist 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. We know that, by internalising these key facts which have been carefully structured to build upon each other term by term, year by year, children will gain strong foundation of mathematical understanding to build upon.

We hope that you enjoy working alongside your children with this mathematics work. Should you have any questions about the KIRFs programme or require a paper copy of the sheet, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Your sincerely
Mrs M Shears
Maths Subject Leader