



## KIRFS – Key Instant Recall Facts

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

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. They will also be available on our school website under the maths section and each child will receive a copy to keep at home. We will also have a permanent 'Maths Mastery' display in our corridor. The KIRFs include practical ideas to assist your child in grasping the key facts and contain helpful suggestions of ways in which you could make this learning interesting and relevant. They are not designed to be a time-consuming task and can be practised anywhere – in the car, walking to school, etc. Regular practice - little and often – helps children to retain these facts and keep their skills sharp. Throughout the half term, the KIRFs will also be practised in school and your child's teacher will assess whether they have been retained.

Over their time at primary school, we believe that - if the KIRFs are developed fully - children will be more confident with number work, understand its relevance, and be able to access the curriculum much more easily. They will be able to apply what they have learnt to a wide range of problems that confront us regularly.

# Key Instant Recall Facts

## Year 3 – Autumn 1

### I know number bonds for all numbers to 20.

By the end of this half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts **instantly**.

$2 + 9 = 11$

$3 + 8 = 11$

$4 + 7 = 11$

$5 + 6 = 11$

$3 + 9 = 12$

$4 + 8 = 12$

$5 + 7 = 12$

$6 + 6 = 12$

$4 + 9 = 13$

$5 + 8 = 13$

$6 + 7 = 13$

$5 + 9 = 14$

$6 + 8 = 14$

$7 + 7 = 14$

$6 + 9 = 15$

$7 + 8 = 15$

$7 + 9 = 16$

$8 + 8 = 16$

$8 + 9 = 17$

$9 + 9 = 18$

Example of a fact family

$6 + 9 = 15$

$9 + 6 = 15$

$15 - 9 = 6$

$15 - 6 = 9$

Examples of other facts

$4 + 5 = 9$

$13 + 5 = 18$

$19 - 7 = 12$

$10 - 6 = 4$

What do I **add** to 5 to make 19?

What is 17 **take away** 6?

What is 13 **less than** 15?

**How many more** than 8 is 11?

What is the **difference** between 9 and 13?

This list includes the most challenging facts but children will need to learn **all** number bonds for each number to 20 (e.g.  $15 + 2 = 17$ ). This includes related subtraction facts (e.g.  $17 - 2 = 15$ ).

### Top Tips

The secret to success is practising **little** and **often**. Use time wisely. Can you practise these KIRFs while walking to school or during a car journey? You don't need to practise them all at once: perhaps you could have a fact of the day. If you would like more ideas, please speak to your child's teacher.

Buy one get three free - If your child knows one fact (e.g.  $8 + 5 = 13$ ), can they tell you the other three facts in the same fact family?

Use doubles and near doubles - If you know that  $6 + 6 = 12$ , how can you work out  $6 + 7$ ? What about  $5 + 7$ ?

Play games - There are missing number questions at [www.conkermaths.com](http://www.conkermaths.com). See how many questions you can answer in just one minute.

# Key Instant Recall Facts

## Year 3 – Autumn 2

### I know the multiplication and division facts for the 3 times table.

By the end of this half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts **instantly**.

$3 \times 1 = 3$	$1 \times 3 = 3$	$3 \div 3 = 1$	$3 \div 1 = 3$
$3 \times 2 = 6$	$2 \times 3 = 6$	$6 \div 3 = 2$	$6 \div 2 = 3$
$3 \times 3 = 9$	$3 \times 3 = 9$	$9 \div 3 = 3$	$9 \div 3 = 3$
$3 \times 4 = 12$	$4 \times 3 = 12$	$12 \div 3 = 4$	$12 \div 4 = 3$
$3 \times 5 = 15$	$5 \times 3 = 15$	$15 \div 3 = 5$	$15 \div 5 = 3$
$3 \times 6 = 18$	$6 \times 3 = 18$	$18 \div 3 = 6$	$18 \div 6 = 3$
$3 \times 7 = 21$	$7 \times 3 = 21$	$21 \div 3 = 7$	$21 \div 7 = 3$
$3 \times 8 = 24$	$8 \times 3 = 24$	$24 \div 3 = 8$	$24 \div 8 = 3$
$3 \times 9 = 27$	$9 \times 3 = 27$	$27 \div 3 = 9$	$27 \div 9 = 3$
$3 \times 10 = 30$	$10 \times 3 = 30$	$30 \div 3 = 10$	$30 \div 10 = 3$
$3 \times 11 = 33$	$11 \times 3 = 33$	$33 \div 3 = 11$	$33 \div 11 = 3$
$3 \times 12 = 36$	$12 \times 3 = 36$	$36 \div 3 = 12$	$36 \div 12 = 3$

#### Key Vocabulary

What is 3 **multiplied by** 8?

What is 8 **times** 3?

What is 24 **divided by** 3?

They should be able to answer these questions in any order, including missing number questions e.g.  $3 \times \bigcirc = 18$  or  $\bigcirc \div 3 = 11$ .

#### Top Tips

The secret to success is practising **little** and **often**. Use time wisely. Can you practise these KIRFs while walking to school or during a car journey? You don't need to practise them all at once: perhaps you could have a fact family of the day. If you would like more ideas, please speak to your child's teacher.

Songs and Chants – You can buy Times Tables CDs or find multiplication songs and chants online. If your child creates their own song, this can make the times tables even more memorable.

Buy one get three free – If your child knows one fact (e.g.  $3 \times 5 = 15$ ), can they tell you the other three facts in the same fact family?

Warning! – When creating fact families, children sometimes get confused by the order of the numbers in the division number sentence. It is tempting to say that the biggest number goes first, but it is more helpful to say that the answer to the multiplication goes first, as this will help your child more in later years when they study fractions, decimals and algebra.

E.g.  $3 \times 12 = 36$ . The answer to the multiplication is 36, so  $36 \div 3 = 12$  and  $36 \div 12 = 3$

# Key Instant Recall Facts

## Year 3 – Spring 1

### I can recall facts about durations of time.

By the end of this half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts **instantly**.

	<u>Number of days in each month</u>			
There are 60 seconds in a minute.	January	31	July	31
There are 60 minutes in an hour.	February	28/29	August	31
There are 24 hours in a day.	March	31	September	30
There are 7 days in a week. There are 12 months in a year. There are 365 days in a year. There are 366 days in a leap year.	April	30	October	31
	May	31	November	30
	June	30	December	31

Children also need to know the order of the months in a year. They should be able to apply these facts to answer questions, such as:

What day comes after 30<sup>th</sup> April?

What day comes before 1<sup>st</sup> February?

### Top Tips

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Use rhymes and memory games– The rhyme, *Thirty days hath September*, can help children remember which months have 30 days. There are poems describing the months of the year in order.

Use calendars – If you have a calendar for the new year, your child could be responsible for recording the birthdays of friends and family members in it. Your child could even make their own calendar.

How long is a minute? – Ask your child to sit with their eyes closed for exactly one minute while you time them. Can they guess the length of a minute? Carry out different activities for one minute. How many times can they jump in sixty seconds?

# Key Instant Recall Facts

## Year 3 – Spring 2

### I know the multiplication and division facts for the 4 times table.

By the end of this half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts **instantly**.

$4 \times 1 = 4$	$1 \times 4 = 4$	$4 \div 4 = 1$	$4 \div 1 = 4$
$4 \times 2 = 8$	$2 \times 4 = 8$	$8 \div 4 = 2$	$8 \div 2 = 4$
$4 \times 3 = 12$	$3 \times 4 = 12$	$12 \div 4 = 3$	$12 \div 3 = 4$
$4 \times 4 = 16$	$4 \times 4 = 16$	$16 \div 4 = 4$	$16 \div 4 = 4$
$4 \times 5 = 20$	$5 \times 4 = 20$	$20 \div 4 = 5$	$20 \div 5 = 4$
$4 \times 6 = 24$	$6 \times 4 = 24$	$24 \div 4 = 6$	$24 \div 6 = 4$
$4 \times 7 = 28$	$7 \times 4 = 28$	$28 \div 4 = 7$	$28 \div 7 = 4$
$4 \times 8 = 32$	$8 \times 4 = 32$	$32 \div 4 = 8$	$32 \div 8 = 4$
$4 \times 9 = 36$	$9 \times 4 = 36$	$36 \div 4 = 9$	$36 \div 9 = 4$
$4 \times 10 = 40$	$10 \times 4 = 40$	$40 \div 4 = 10$	$40 \div 10 = 4$
$4 \times 11 = 44$	$11 \times 4 = 44$	$44 \div 4 = 11$	$44 \div 11 = 4$
$4 \times 12 = 48$	$12 \times 4 = 48$	$48 \div 4 = 12$	$48 \div 12 = 4$

#### Key Vocabulary

What is 4 **multiplied by** 6?

What is 8 **times** 4?

What is 24 **divided by** 4?

They should be able to answer these questions in any order, including missing number questions e.g.  $4 \times \bigcirc = 16$  or  $\bigcirc \div 4 = 7$ .

#### Top Tips

The secret to success is practising **little** and **often**. Use time wisely. Can you practise these KIRFs while walking to school or during a car journey? You don't need to practise them all at once: perhaps you could have a fact family of the day. If you would like more ideas, please speak to your child's teacher.

What do you already know? – Your child will already know many of these facts from the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

Double and double again – Multiplying a number by 4 is the same as doubling and doubling again. Double 6 is 12 and double 12 is 24, so  $6 \times 4 = 24$ .

Buy one get three free – If your child knows one fact (e.g.  $12 \times 4 = 48$ ), can they tell you the other three facts in the same fact family?

# Key Instant Recall Facts

## Year 3 – Summer 1

### I can count in 50s

By the end of this half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts **instantly**.

Children need to be able to count in 50s

$1 \times 50 = 50$

$50 \div 50 = 1$

$2 \times 50 = 100$

$100 \div 50 = 2$

$3 \times 50 = 150$

$150 \div 50 = 3$

$4 \times 50 = 200$

$200 \div 50 = 4$

$5 \times 50 = 250$

$250 \div 50 = 5$

$6 \times 50 = 300$

$300 \div 50 = 6$

$7 \times 50 = 350$

$350 \div 50 = 7$

$8 \times 50 = 400$

$400 \div 50 = 8$

$9 \times 50 = 450$

$450 \div 50 = 9$

$10 \times 50 = 500$

$500 \div 50 = 10$

#### Key Vocabulary

How many 50s make 300?

Multiply 50 by 6?

What are 4 lots of 50?

They should be able to answer these questions in any order, including missing number questions e.g.  $50 \times \bigcirc = 150$  or  $\bigcirc \div 50 = 7$ .

#### Top Tips

Try counting on in 50s from 0 or any multiple of 50.  
Can your child use their 5x table to help with counting in 50s?

Buy one get three free – If your child knows one fact (e.g.  $3 \times 50 = 150$ ), can they tell you the other three facts in the same fact family?

# Key Instant Recall Facts

## Year 3 – Summer 2

### I know the multiplication and division facts for the 8 times table.

By the end of this half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts **instantly**.

$8 \times 1 = 8$	$1 \times 8 = 8$	$8 \div 8 = 1$	$8 \div 1 = 8$
$8 \times 2 = 16$	$2 \times 8 = 16$	$16 \div 8 = 2$	$16 \div 2 = 8$
$8 \times 3 = 24$	$3 \times 8 = 24$	$24 \div 8 = 3$	$24 \div 3 = 8$
$8 \times 4 = 32$	$4 \times 8 = 32$	$32 \div 8 = 4$	$32 \div 4 = 8$
$8 \times 5 = 40$	$5 \times 8 = 40$	$40 \div 8 = 5$	$40 \div 5 = 8$
$8 \times 6 = 48$	$6 \times 8 = 48$	$48 \div 8 = 6$	$48 \div 6 = 8$
$8 \times 7 = 56$	$7 \times 8 = 56$	$56 \div 8 = 7$	$56 \div 7 = 8$
$8 \times 8 = 64$	$8 \times 8 = 64$	$64 \div 8 = 8$	$64 \div 8 = 8$
$8 \times 9 = 72$	$9 \times 8 = 72$	$72 \div 8 = 9$	$72 \div 9 = 8$
$8 \times 10 = 80$	$10 \times 8 = 80$	$80 \div 8 = 10$	$80 \div 10 = 8$
$8 \times 11 = 88$	$11 \times 8 = 88$	$88 \div 8 = 11$	$88 \div 11 = 8$
$8 \times 12 = 96$	$12 \times 8 = 96$	$96 \div 8 = 12$	$96 \div 12 = 8$

#### Key Vocabulary

What is 8 **multiplied by** 6?

What is 8 **times** 8?

What is 24 **divided by** 8?

They should be able to answer these questions in any order, including missing number questions e.g.  $8 \times \bigcirc = 16$  or  $\bigcirc \div 8 = 7$ .

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Songs and Chants – You can buy Times Tables CDs or find multiplication songs and chants online. If your child creates their own song, this can make the times tables even more memorable.

Double your fours – Multiplying a number by 8 is the same as multiply by 4 and then doubling the answer.  $8 \times 4 = 32$  and double 32 is 64, so  $8 \times 8 = 64$ .

Five six seven eight – fifty-six is seven times eight ( $56 = 7 \times 8$ ).

Use memory tricks – For those hard-to-remember facts, [www.multiplication.com](http://www.multiplication.com) has some strange picture stories to help children remember.