



Dear Parents and Carers

We are continuing 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. KIRFs are designed to be a set of facts that need to be learnt thoroughly as they build on each other year on year. ***It is important that the children aim to know their KIRF inside out, back to front and with instant recall.***

This half term the children will be expected to know all the doubles and halves of numbers to 10. They should be able to answer double and half questions and solve problems **confidently and consistently** as well as recite the doubles and halves. Because we have already done a lot of work on this in Year R the children will be expected to be able to answer the questions in a variety of ways including missing number and word problems.

They will be having their initial assessment at school during the week starting 13th January and a copy of their achievements will be sent home when it is completed. They will be asked 30 questions for the initial assessment and 30 similar questions for the final assessment. They will do lots of practical activities to develop their confidence at school but need to practice very regularly at home to ensure instant recall.

You can also help them by giving them problems to solve and using the language everyday e.g. Give your sister half of these sweets. How much is half of 10p? How many would double that amount be? If I gave you double the amount of fish fingers, how many would you have? Please cut four apples into halves. How many halves do you (or will you) have? If we bought two bags of apples and there were 4 apples in each bag, how many apples would we have altogether?

Thank you.

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