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Maths Homework Spring Term

Dear Parents

KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) are designed to support the development of the mental skills that underpin much of our Maths work in school. They are particularly useful when calculating; be it adding, subtracting, multiplying or dividing.

Each half term, children will be given Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) to practise and learn at home to support their learning at school, this will be their Maths homework for the term. These will be sent home on A5 sheets, with a KIRF for each half-term on each side (these are assessed each term) and include practical ideas for parents / helpers to assist children in grasping the key facts. It is important that children know these thoroughly and can recall specific facts instantly.

We strongly encourage you to engage with your children in the learning of their KIRFs; fun, practical ideas are included on your sheet and should be undertaken regularly as part of their homework schedule. 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 leave Tackley Primary with a much stronger foundation of mathematical understanding to build upon.

Today, your child will be coming home with the 'Spring' KIRFs sheets. The sheets will also be available on the school website should you need an additional copy. We hope that you enjoy working alongside and supporting your children with this mathematics work.

Towards the end of the Spring Term we intend to create a parent working party to review the KIRFs homework and will be asking for your feedback as part of this.

Should you have any questions about the KIRFs programme, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Sonya Barnett
Maths Lead

