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Dear Parents / Carers,

As a school we like to review our practice to ensure that it is at its best and we have done just that with the way we are learning mental maths facts across school. After talking to parents, children and staff about the system that we were using called KIRFS, we decided that improvements could be made and so we will be using Rapid Recall Facts instead as a way of ensuring children learn key mathematical facts.

#### What is Rapid Recall?

Rapid Recall is a whole school approach and will be used from Reception to Y6. There are 7 steps in Rapid Recall and each step is split into sub-levels. E.g. 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 etc. The number of each step is not linked to the year groups in school. For each sub-level there is a different mental maths fact to learn and these progress in difficulty. For example number bonds to 10 all the way through to squared numbers.

#### How does it work?

Every child in school will be given a personalised Rapid Recall Fact. This will be shared with parents in their Brain Builder book so that you can support your child in learning their fact at home. Please focus on the highlighted fact. The children will be tested on their fact in class twice a week. Facts in Step 1 will be tested verbally but for facts in all other Steps children will write down their answers.

#### Rapid Recall Facts in Steps 2-7:

- Children will have a set amount of time (linked to their age) to complete 24 questions about their Rapid Recall Fact.
- Children need to get 100%, 3 times in a row to move onto the next fact.
- Staff record the scores and children know how well they have done in each test.
- Teachers will monitor the scores and put support in place as needed.
- As children move onto a new fact, this will again be recorded in your child's Brain Builder book.

We hope that by using Rapid Recall, children will be able to progress faster in their learning of mental maths facts and it will give children greater confidence to apply them in their Maths lessons.

Don't hesitate to come into school if you have any questions about how Rapid Recall will work. We are looking forward to hearing your feedback at the Parent Coffee Morning on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00 AM.

Kind regards,



Mrs Hodgson

