Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs)

Year 2 Summer 2 – Time



Each half term we will be sending home mathematical recall facts. The goal is to recall these instantly resulting in a stronger foundation of mathematical knowledge.

The last of these is about telling the time.

Top Tips

- Try to tell the time throughout the day
- Create a poster about time rules, o'clock, half past etc.
- Link it to their day. What time do you wake up? When do we have lunch?
- Make connections across maths. If I count around the numbers on the clock I count in 5s. The hands will make half, quarter, three quarter and full turns.
- KEEP GOING Practice makes perfect

If you feel that your child has become confident with telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes, then word problems or an open-ended question or statement are great ways to apply their knowledge. Here are some examples.

I start my journey at 4 o'clock. It takes me 3 hours to arrive. What time do I arrive?

Children need to be able to tell the time using a clock with hands. This target can be broken down into several steps.

- I can tell the time to the nearest hour.
- I can tell the time to the nearest half hour.
- I can tell the time to the nearest quarter hour.
- I can tell the time to the nearest five minutes.

Key Vocabulary

Twelve o'clock

Half past two

Quarter past three

Quarter to nine

Five past one

Twenty-five to ten





Here's a great interactive clock - https://www.topmarks.co.uk/time/teaching-clock