



## Key Instant Recall Facts

At Norbreck Primary Academy, we know how important it is that children know certain key facts in maths. We are developing a new approach to help support your child so that they can become more secure in their recall of the key facts for their year group, enabling them to approach more complex maths with confidence.

### What are these key facts and why are they important?

These are facts that children need to secure during their primary years. They include facts such as number bonds and times tables. They are particularly useful when calculating, adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing but also underpin many other areas of mathematics. For example, to find equivalent fractions in Year 6, children need to be able to rapidly recall their knowledge of common multiples (numbers in particular times tables). We have noticed that without regular rehearsal, these facts can be forgotten so it is essential they are practised regularly and embedded in children's long-term memory so they can be recalled quickly and accurately.

### How will key fact home learning work?

Every half term, your child will be set home learning which focuses on a particular set of facts. This will be shared via Seesaw and will also be available on our school website under the maths section. Each home learning sheet explains what the focus is for the half term and gives examples of the key facts that need to be learnt, as well as key vocabulary and questions to ask your child and top tips for learning them. Learning these facts shouldn't be time-consuming – they could be practised anywhere: in the car, walking to school, at the dinner table. The most important thing is regular practice. Little and often will support your child in retaining these facts for the long term! Please feel free to share images on Seesaw of your child practising these facts in whichever well helps them the best.

Children will also be taught these facts in school as they always have been; however, each half term, extra attention will be paid to a set focus. Teachers will also assess the children to make sure they are being retained.

Thank you for your support in developing your child to be a confident mathematician. We strongly believe that with quick fact recall, your child will become much more confident when working with number and be able to access the curriculum year-on-year with more confidence and enjoyment.