



Key Instant Recall Facts

Year 3 Spring 1

Targets:

By the end of the term, you child should be able to

- Recall facts about durations of time

Key Vocabulary:

Number of days in each month

There are 60 seconds in a minute.

There are 60 minutes in an hour.

There are 24 hours in a day.

There are 7 days in a week.

There are 12 months in a year.

There are 365 days in a year.

There are 366 days in a leap year.

January	31	July	31
February	28/29	August	31
March	31	September	30
April	30	October	31
May	31	November	30
June	30	December	31

Questions to ask

What day comes after 30th April?

What day comes before 1st February?

How many minutes in an hour?

How many days in the year?

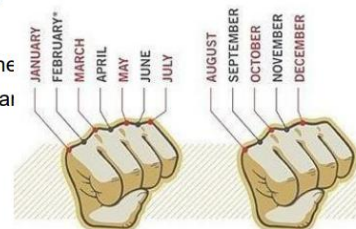
What's different about a leap year?

Activities to try at home

Rhymes and memory games –

'30 days has September,
April, June and November.

All the rest have 31,
except February, it's the one
which only has 28 days clear
and 29 in each leap year.'



● KNUCKLE BUMPS = 31 DAYS
● KNUCKLE GAPS = 30 DAYS * EXCEPT FEBRUARY = 29/28 DAYS

Use your knuckles –

When's your birthday – What month is your mum/dad/brother/sisters birthday? How many days are there in it?
What month comes before your mum/dad/brother/sisters birthday?
Which month comes afterwards? How many days are in those months?

Top Tips

The secret to success is practising **little** and **often**. Use time wisely. Can you practise these KIRFs while walking to school or during a car journey? You don't need to practise them all at once: perhaps you could have a fact of the day. If you would like more ideas, please speak to your child's teacher.

Use rhymes and memory games - The rhyme, Thirty days hath September, can help children remember which months have 30 days. There are poems describing the months of the year in order.

Use calendars - If you have a calendar for the new year, your child could be responsible for recording the birthdays of friends and family members in it. Your child could even make their own calendar.

How long is a minute? - Ask your child to sit with their eyes closed for exactly one minute while you time them. Can they guess the length of a minute? Carry out different activities for one minute. How many times can they jump in sixty seconds?