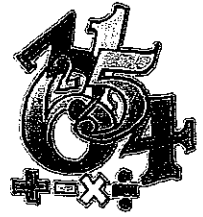




Windy Ridge School Maths Week 14 - 18 August 2017



Monday 14 August 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Today your child has brought home a list of basic facts to practise for Maths Week. Their facts are aligned with the stage they are working at in Numeracy.

***A definition of basic facts** "Any number or mathematical fact or idea that can be instantly recalled without having to resort to a strategy to derive it." (Ministry of Education)*

It is essential for students to become proficient at recalling these quickly and accurately. Automatic recall allows for effective problem solving and greatly supports their learning progression.

"Students need to progress to the point where they automatically recall the basic facts while they focus their full attention to other aspects of the mathematics. Having to revert to even the simplest of strategies takes up valuable brain processing room." (Ministry of Education)

Your child has already sat a practise test in class, and on the Monday following Maths Week (21st August), they will sit a second timed test of their basic facts list. Certificates will be awarded for high achievement and for high levels of improvement. Every student who participates will receive a participation certificate.

Regular practice to rote learn facts is one of the best methods of instant recall. Please encourage and support your child to learn their facts for the next week.

Thank you for your support.

Jane Brown