

Key Instant Recall Facts

Year 3 – Summer 2

Recall facts about durations of time.

By the end of this half term, children should know the following facts. The aim is for them to recall these facts instantly.

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.

Number of days in each month

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

Children also need to know the order of the months in a year. They should be able to apply these facts to answer questions, such as:

What day comes after 30th April?

Or What day comes before 1st February?

I go on holiday on 25th June for 10 days. On what date do I return?

Which date is 14 days after Christmas Day?

- Use rhymes and memory games– This traditional rhyme can help children remember which months have 30 days: Thirty days hath September, April, June, and November, All the rest have thirty-one, Except February, twenty-eight days clear, And twenty-nine in each leap year.
- Use the knuckles trick – This video explains how to use the knuckles and depressions can remind us of which months have 31 days. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6Ma0D-fN38>
- 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?