

Mathematics Vocabulary Progression Document

This document is designed to assist with the teaching of mathematical vocabulary across EYFS, KS1 and KS2 and is aligned with the White Rose Maths schemes of learning.

The document identifies in which year group vocabulary should be explicitly taught and introduced. However, language should be revisited in subsequent year groups to ensure children are consolidating their understanding where necessary.

Some vocabulary might be introduced earlier (shapes for instance) if necessary or as part of an activity, however this document ensures coverage is progressive.

	Number - Number and place value								
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
count	sort	count in steps	ascending	negative numbers	ten thousands	millions			
subitise	represent	count in multiples	descending	roman numerals	one hundred thousands	ten millions			
order/ordinal	multiples	place value	10 or 100 more	1000 more	powers of				
compare	partitioning	estimate	10 or 100 less	1000 less	integer				
forwards	ones	compare	hundreds	thousands					
backwards	tens			round					
numerals									
digit									
one more									
one less									
equal to									
more than									
less than (fewer)									

	Addition and subtraction								
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
add	addition/add	sum	column addition	4-digit number					
plus	subtraction	3-digit number	column subtraction	operations					
altogether	difference	commutative	exchange	methods					
total	equals		estimate						
take away /minus	facts								
number bonds	problems								
part	missing number problems								
whole	2-digit number								
digit	inverse								

	Multiplication and division								
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
double	multiplication	multiplication tables	exchange	factor pairs	multiples	multi-digit numbers			
half	division	commutative	mathematical statements	formal written layout	factors	long division			
twice as many	arrays	repeated addition	missing number problems	distributive law	prime numbers				
equal			integer scaling problems	remainders	square numbers				
unequal			correspondence problems		cube numbers				
share			derived facts		short division				
group					product				
odd					dividend				
even					divisor				
					quotient				
					operations				

	Fractions/Decimals/Percentages								
Reception	Year 1	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6							
	whole	three quarters	tenths	decimal equivalence	fifth				
	half	third		hundredths	thousandths				
	quarter	equivalent fractions		convert	mixed numbers				
	equal parts	unit fractions		proper fractions	per cent %				
		non unit fractions		improper fractions	factors				
		numerator		decimal point	integer				
		denominator			complements				
		one whole							

	Ratio and proportion								
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
						relative size			
						missing values			
						integer multiplication			
						percentages			
						scale factor			
						unequal sharing & grouping			

	Algebra							
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
						formulae		
						linear number sequences		
						algebraically		
						equation		
						unknowns		
						combinations		
						variables		

	Measurement (Measure and Length)								
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
measure	compare	standard units	millimetre mm	kilometres km	decimal notation	conversion			
wide(er)		estimate	perimeter	rectilinear figure	scaling	miles			
narrow(er)		order		area	metric units	formulae			
compare		record results			imperial units	parallelograms			
long(er)(est)		centimetre cm			inches	triangles			
short(er)(est)		metre m			compound shape	feet			
length					irregular shapes				
					square centimetres				
					square metres				

	Measurement (Height, Weight and Capacity)								
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
height	mass	kilogram kg			cubic centimetre	cubic metre			
long(er)/short(er)	volume	gram g			pounds	cubic millimetre			
tall(er)/short(er)		quarter full			pints	cubic kilometre			
weight		three quarters full				gallons			
capacity		litres I				stones			
heavy/light		millilitres ml				ounces			
heavier than		temperature							
lighter than		Celsius							
big/bigger/biggest									
full/empty									
more than									
less than									
half/half full									

	Measurement (Time)								
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
time	chronological order	intervals of time	analogue clock	convert					
quicker	days of the week	quarter past/to	roman numerals						
slower	months of the year	duration	12-hour clock						
earlier	month		24-hour clock						
later	year		a.m./p.m.						
before	o'clock		noon						
after	half past		midnight						
first	second		leap year						
next			digital						
today									
yesterday									
tomorrow									
morning									
afternoon									
evening									
day									
week									
hour									
minutes									

	Measurement (Money)							
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
	money	value						
	coins	change						
	notes							
	pounds £							
	pence p							

	Geometry – Properties of Shape								
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
2-d shapes	sides	pentagon	right-angle triangle	isosceles	regular polygon	radius			
rectangle	corners	hexagon	heptagon	equilateral	irregular polygon	diameter			
square	properties	line of symmetry	octagon	scalene		circumference			
circle	pyramids	properties	polygon	trapezium		dimensions			
triangle	faces	cylinder	properties	rhombus					
characteristics		edges	prism	parallelogram					
3-d shapes		vertices		kite					
cuboids		vertex		geometric shapes					
cubes				quadrilaterals					
cone									
spheres									
curved									
straight			_						
flat									

	Geometry – Properties of shape (2)								
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
			orientations		reflex angles				
			angles		degrees				
			acute angle		one whole turn				
			obtuse angle		angles on straight line				
			turn		angles around a point				
			right angles		vertically opposite				
			half turn		missing angles				
			three quarters of a turn						
			greater than right angle						
			less than right angle						
			horizontal lines						
			vertical lines						
			perpendicular lines						
			parallel lines						

Geometry – Position and direction									
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
over	position	clockwise/anti-clockwise		co-ordinates	reflection	four quadrants			
under	direction	straight line		first quadrant		co-ordinate plane			
between	movement	rotation		grid					
around	whole turn	arrange		translation					
through	quarter turn	sequences		plot					
on	half turn			polygon					
into	three-quarter turn			axis					
next to									
behind									
beneath									
order									
repeat									
patterns									
on top of									

Statistics									
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
		pictograms	table	time graph	timetable	pie chart			
		tally chart	bar chart	discrete data	two-way tables	mean			
		block diagram	one-step problem	continuous data					
		category	two-step problem	line graph					
		sorting		comparison problem					
		totalling		sum problem					
		comparing		difference problem					
		horizontal		calculate					
		vertical		interpret					