

Mathematics Vocabulary Progression document (YR-Y6)

This document is designed to assist with the teaching of vocabulary across EYFS, KS1 and KS2 and is aligned with the White Rose schemes of learning. This 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. This document is fully editable so language can be moved into earlier or later yeargroups 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	2		
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	Revisiting all vocab from previous years	Revisiting all vocab from previous years
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					
equation	inverse					
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 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6				
half	whole	three quarters	tenths	decimal equivalence	111(11	Revisiting all vocab from previous years				
whole	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	Revisiting all vocab from previous years	Revisiting all vocab from previous years	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 l				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	Revisiting all vocab from previous years	Revisiting all vocab from previous years
quicker	days of the week	quarter past/to	roman numerals			
slower	months of the year	duration	12-hour clock			
earlier	month	analogue	24-hour clock			
later	year	digital	a.m./p.m.			
before	o'clock	noon	noon			
after	half past		midnight			
first	second		leap year			
next			digital			
today						
yesterday						
tomorrow						
morning						
afternoon						
evening						
day						
week						
hour						
minutes						
days of the week						
months of the year						
Year						

	Measurement (Money)								
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
money	money	value		_		Revisiting all vocab from previous years			
coins	coins	change							
pennies	notes								
pence	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						

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Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
			orientations	Revisiting all vocab from previous years	reflex angles	Revisiting all vocab from previous years
			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	Revisiting all vocab from previous years	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				
	pictogram	pictograms	table	time graph	timetable	pie chart				
	Tally 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						