



Mathematics Vocabulary Progression document (EYFS-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.

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	expression							
digit	equation							
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	product	cube numbers				
share			derived facts		short division				
group					multiplicative				
odd					dividend				
even				_	divisor	_			
_					quotient				
					operations				

	Fractions/Decimals/Percentages								
Reception	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 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					
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					