Maths Vocabulary Progression



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	1000 more or less	ten thousands	millions				
subitise	represent	count in multiples	descending	round	one hundred thousands	ten millions				
order/ordinal	multiples	place value	10 or 100 more	negative numbers	powers of					
compare	partitioning	estimate	10 or 100 less	roman numerals	integer					
forwards		compare	hundreds	thousands						
backwards		ones								
numerals		tens								
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	2-digit number							
whole	inverse							
digit								

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

	Fractions, Decimals and 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 fraction	percent %					
		non unit fractions		improper fraction	factors					
		numerator		decimal point	integer					
		denominator			complements					
	_	one whole								

	Fractions, Decimals and Percentages							
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		

			Algebr	a		
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
						formulae
						linear number sequence
						algebraically
						equation
						unknowns
						combinations
						variables

		Meas	surement: meas	ure and length		
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
measure	compare	standard units	millimetre mm	kilometre 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 shape	-
					square centimetres cm²	
					square metres m²	

		Measurement	height, we	ight and cap	nacity	
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
height	mass	kilogram kg			cubic centimetre cm ³	cubic metre m³
long(er)/short(er)	volume	gram g			pounds	cubic millimetre mm³
tall(er)/short(er)		quarter full			pints	cubic kilometre km³
weight		three quarters full				gallons
capacity		litres l				stones
heavy/light		millilitres ml				ounces
heavier than		temperature				
lighter than		Celsius				
big/bigger/biggest						
(half) full/empty						
more than						
less than						

	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		am/pm						
before	o'clock		noon						
after	half past		midnight						
first	second		leap year						
next			digital						
today			<u> </u>						
yesterday									
tomorrow									
morning									
afternoon									
evening									
day									
week									
hour									
minutes									

	Measurement: money								
Reception	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			
2d 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	prism	rhombus					
characteristics		edges		parallelogram					
3d shapes		vertices		kite					
cuboids		vertex		geometric shapes					
cubes				quadrilaterals					
cone									
sphere									
curved									
straight									
flat									

	Geometry: angles and lines									
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 of 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		co-ordinates	reflection	four quadrants		
under	direction	anti-clockwise		first quadrant	-	co-ordinate plane		
between	movement	straight line		grid				
around	whole turn	rotation		translation				
through	quarter turn	arrange		plot				
on	half turn	sequences		polygon				
into	three-quarters 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	table	time graph	timetable	pie chart			
		tally chart	bar chart	discrete data	two-way tables	mean			
		block diagram	one-step problem	continuous data		average			
		category	two-step problem	line graph		_			
		sorting		comparison problem					
		totalling		sum problem					
		comparing		difference problem					
		horizontal		calculate					
		vertical		interpret					
		Venn diagram		•					
		Carroll diagram							