

Mathematics Vocabulary Progression document (EYFS-Y6)

This document is designed to assist with the teaching of vocabulary across EYFS, KSI and KS2 and is aligned with the White Rose schemes of learning, RFPS long-term overviews and knowledge organisers.

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 year groups 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								
EYFS	Year I	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

EYFS	Year I	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

EYFS	Year I	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								
EYFS	Year I	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	percent (%)				
		non-unit fractions		improper fractions	factors				
		numerator		decimal point	integer				
		denominator			complements				
		one whole							

	Ratio and Proportion							
EYFS	Year I	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
						relative size		
						missing values		
						integer multiplication		
						percentages		
						scale factor		
						unequal sharing &		
						grouping		

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

	Measurement (Measure and Length)								
EYFS	Year I	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)							
EYFS	Year I	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)

EYFS	Year I	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	oʻclock		noon				
after	half past		midnight				
first	second		leap year				
next			digital				
today							
yesterday							
tomorrow							
morning							
afternoon							
evening							
day							
week							
hour							
minutes							

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

Geometry — Properties of Shape

EYFS	Year I	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)								
EYFS	Year I	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									
EYFS	Year I	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 plan				
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									
EYFS	Year I	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					