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'Following Jesus in all we do'

**MATHEMATICS Vocabulary Progression**

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Maths vocabulary for EYFS

Number and place value	Addition and subtraction	Measure	Geometry (position and direction)	Geometry (properties of shape)	Fractions	General/problem solving
Number	Number bonds, number line	Full, half full, empty	Position	Group, sort	Whole	Listen, join in
Zero, one, two, three to twenty, and beyond	Add, more, plus, make, sum, total, altogether	Holds	Over, under, underneath, above, below, top, bottom, side	Cube, cuboid, pyramid, sphere, cone, cylinder, circle, triangle, square	One half, two halves	Start from, start with, start at
None	Inverse	Container	on, in, outside, inside	Shape		Look at
Count (on/up/to/from/down)	Double	Weigh, weighs, balances	around, in front, behind	Flat, curved, straight, round		Put
Before, after	Half	Heavy, heavier, heaviest, light, lighter, lightest	Front, back	Solid		Arrange
More, less, least, greater	Subtract, take away, minus	Time	Before, after	Corner (point, pointed)		Find, choose, collect, use, make, build
Ones, tens		Days of the week: Monday, Tuesday, etc.	Beside, next to,	Side, edge		Count, work out
Numeral		Seasons	Between, middle,			number line, number cards
		Day, weekend	Corner			Counters, cubes, dice, dominoes
		Morning, afternoon				
		Bedtime, dinnertime, playtime				
		Today, yesterday, tomorrow				
		Next, last				
		Hour, o'clock, half past				
		How long will it take to...?				
		Once, twice				
		First, second, third, etc.				
		Estimate, close to, about the same as, just over, just under				
		Too many, too few, not enough, enough				
		Length, width, height				
		Long, longer, longest, short, shorter shortest, tall, taller, tallest, high, higher, highest				
		Money, coin, penny, pence, pound, price, cost, pay				
		How much? How many?				
		Total				

Number and place value	Addition and subtraction	Multiplication and division	Measure	Geometry (position and direction)	Geometry (properties of shape)	Fractions	General/problem solving
Zero, one, two, three to twenty, and beyond	Near double	Odd, even	Scales	Opposite	Hollow	Equal parts, four equal parts	Say, think, imagine, remember
many, few, fewer, fewest, smallest, lesser	Halve	Count in twos, threes, fives	Spring, summer, autumn, winter	Apart	Corner (point, pointed)	A quarter, two quarters	Point to
Equal to, the same as	Equals, is the same as (including equals sign)	Count in tens (forwards from/backwards from)	Week, month, year	Edge, centre	Face		Place, fit
Odd, even	Difference between	How many times?	Birthday, holiday	Direction	Make, build, draw		Rearrange
Pair	How many more to make..? How many more is...than..? How much more is..?	Lots of, groups of	Evening, night, midnight	Journey			Change, change over
Ten more/less		Once, twice, three times, five times	Before, after	Left, right, up, down, forwards, backwards, sideways			Split, separate
Digit	How many fewer is...than..? How much less is..?	Multiple of, times, multiply,	Now, soon, early, late	Across			Carry on, continue, repeat & what comes next?
Figure(s)		Repeated addition	Quick, quicker, quickest, quickly, fast, faster, fastest, slow, slower, slowest, slowly	Close, far, near			Tell me, describe, pick out, talk about, explain, show me
Compare		Double, halve	Old, older, oldest, new, newer, newest	Along, through			Read, write, record, trace, copy, complete, finish, end
(In) order/a different order		Share, share equally	Takes longer, takes less time	To, from, towards, away from			Fill in, shade, colour, tick, cross, draw, draw a line between, join (up), ring, arrow
Size		Group in pairs, threes, etc.	Clock, watch, hands	Movement			Cost
Value		Equal groups of	How long ago? How long will it be to...? How often?	Slide, roll, turn, whole turn, half turn			Answer, check same number(s)/different number(s)/missing number(s)
Between, halfway between		Divide, left, left over	Always, never, often, sometimes, usually	Stretch, bend			Number facts, number track, number square,
Above, below			Low, wide, narrow, deep, thick, thin				Abacus, blocks, rods, die, pegs, peg board
			Far, near, close				Same way, different way, best way, another way
			Metre, ruler, metre stick				In order, in a different order
			Buy, sell, spend, spent, change, dear(er), costs more, costs less, cheaper, costs the same as				Not all, every, each

Maths vocabulary for year 2							
Number and place value	Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division	Measure	Geometry (position and direction)	Geometry (properties of shape)	Fractions	Data/statistics	General/problem solving
Numbers to one hundred	Array, row, column	Quarter past/to	Rotation	Size	Three quarters, one third, a third	Count, tally, sort	Predict, prove
Hundreds	Multiply by	m/km, g/kg, ml/l	Clockwise, anticlockwise	Bigger, larger, smaller	Equivalence, equivalent	Vote	Describe the pattern, describe the rule
Partition, recombine	Divided by	Temperature (degrees C)	Straight line	Symmetrical, line of symmetry		Graph, block graph, pictogram,	Find, find all, find different
			Ninety degree turn, right				

Hundred more/less	Inverse		angle	Fold Match Mirror line, reflection Pattern, repeating pattern		Represent Group, set, list, table Label, title Most popular, most common, least popular, least common	Investigate
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### Maths vocabulary for year 3

Number and place value	Addition and subtraction	Multiplication and division	Measure	Geometry (position and direction)	Geometry (properties of shape)	Fractions	Data/statistics
Numbers to one thousand	Column addition and subtraction	Product Multiples of four, eight, fifty and one hundred	Leap year Twelve-hour/twenty-four-hour clock Roman numerals I to XIII	Greater/less than ninety degrees Orientation (same orientation, different orientation) Perimeter and area	Horizontal, perpendicular and parallel lines Quadrilaterals Triangles	Numerator, denominator Unit fraction, non-unit fraction Compare and order Fifth, two fifths, four fifths, tenths Equivalent	Chart, bar chart, frequency table, Carroll diagram, Venn diagram Axis, axes Diagram

### New maths vocabulary for year 4

Number and place value	Multiplication and division	Measure	Geometry (position and direction)	Geometry (properties of shape)	Fractions and decimals	Data/statistics
Tenths, hundredths Decimal (places) Round (to nearest) Thousand more/less than Negative integers Count through zero Roman numerals (I to C)	Multiplication facts (up to 12x12) Division facts Inverse Derive	Convert	Coordinates Translation Quadrant X-axis Y-axis Perimeter and area	Quadrilaterals Triangles Right angle, acute and obtuse angles	Equivalent decimals and fractions	Continuous data Line graph

### New maths vocabulary for year 5

Number and place value	Addition and subtraction	Multiplication and division	Measure	Geometry (position and direction)	Geometry (properties of shape)	Fractions, decimals and percentages
Powers of 10	Efficient written method	Factor pairs  Composite numbers, prime number, prime factors, square number, cubed number  Formal written method	Volume  Imperial units, metric units	Reflex angle  Dimensions	Regular and irregular Polygons	Proper fractions, improper fractions, mixed numbers  Percentage  Ratio, proportion

### New maths vocabulary for year 6

Number and place value	Addition and subtraction	Multiplication and division	Geometry (position and direction)	Geometry (properties of shape)	Fractions, decimals and percentages	Algebra	Data/statistics
Numbers to ten million	Order of operations	Order of operations  Common factors, common multiples	Four quadrants (for coordinates)	Vertically opposite (angles)  Circumference, radius, diameter	Degree of accuracy  Simplify	Linear number sequence  Substitute  Variables  Symbol  Known values	Mean  Pie chart  Construct