Vocabulary

This below is designed to assist with the teaching of vocabulary across EYFS, KS1 and KS2 and is aligned with the White Rose schemes of learning, long-term overviews and knowledge organisers.

This list 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 list ensures coverage is progressive as the children move through school.

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						
digit						
one more						
one less						
equal to						
more than						
ss 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	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			
	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 I				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 – 2 Properties of shape						
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				

			eometry – Position nd Direction	n		
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 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						
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			