

Year 3 Mathematics Curriculum

Numeracy and mathematics

Teachers should use every relevant subject to develop pupils' mathematical fluency. Confidence in numeracy and other mathematical skills is a precondition of success across the national curriculum.

Teachers should develop pupils' numeracy and mathematical reasoning in all subjects so that they understand and appreciate the importance of mathematics. Pupils should be taught to apply arithmetic fluently to problems, understand and use measures, make estimates and sense check their work. Pupils should apply their geometric and algebraic understanding, and relate their understanding of probability to the notions of risk and uncertainty. They should also understand the cycle of collecting, presenting and analysing data. They should be taught to apply their mathematics to both routine and non-routine problems, including breaking down more complex problems into a series of simpler steps.

Number and place value	Number addition and subtraction	Number multiplication and division	Number Fractions	Measurement	Geometry- Properties of shapes.	Statistics
count from 0 in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100; find 10 or 100 more or less than a given number	add and subtract numbers mentally, including: -a three-digit number and ones -a three-digit number and tens -a three-digit number and hundreds	recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables	count up and down in tenths; recognise that tenths arise from dividing an object into 10 equal parts and in dividing one-digit numbers or quantities by 10	measure, compare, add and subtract: lengths (m/cm/mm); mass (kg/g); volume/capacity (l/ml)	draw 2-D shapes and make 3-D shapes using modelling materials; recognise 3-D shapes in different orientations and describe them	interpret and present data using bar charts, pictograms and tables
recognise the place value of each digit in a three-digit number (hundreds, tens, ones)	add and subtract numbers with up to three digits, using formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction	write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using the multiplication tables that they know, including for two-digit numbers times one-digit numbers, using mental and progressing to formal written methods	recognise, find and write fractions of a discrete set of objects: unit fractions and non-unit fractions with small denominators	measure the perimeter of simple 2-D shapes	recognise angles as a property of shape or a description of a turn	solve one-step and two-step questions [for example, 'How many more?' and 'How many fewer?'] using information presented in scaled bar charts and pictograms and tables.
compare and order numbers up to 1000	estimate the answer to a calculation and use inverse operations to check answers	solve problems, including missing number problems, involving multiplication and	recognise and use fractions as numbers: unit fractions and non-unit fractions with	add and subtract amounts of money to give change, using both £ and p in practical contexts	identify right angles, recognise that two right angles make a half-turn, three make three quarters	

		division, including positive integer scaling problems and correspondence problems in which n objects are connected to m objects.	small denominators		of a turn and four a complete turn; identify whether angles are greater than or less than a right angle	
identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations	solve problems, including missing number problems, using number facts, place value, and more complex addition and subtraction.		recognise and show, using diagrams, equivalent fractions with small denominators	tell and write the time from an analogue clock, including using Roman numerals from I to XII, and 12-hour and 24-hour clocks	identify horizontal and vertical lines and pairs of perpendicular and parallel lines.	
read and write numbers up to 1000 in numerals and in words			add and subtract fractions with the same denominator within one whole [for example $5/7 + 1/7 = 6/7$]	estimate and read time with increasing accuracy to the nearest minute; record and compare time in terms of seconds, minutes and hours; use vocabulary such as o'clock, a.m./p.m., morning, afternoon, noon and midnight		
solve number problems and practical problems involving these ideas.			compare and order unit fractions, and fractions with the same denominators	know the number of seconds in a minute and the number of days in each month, year and leap year		
			solve problems that involve all of the above.	compare durations of events [for example to calculate the time taken by particular events or tasks].		

Guidance

Number:

Pupils now use multiples of 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 50 and 100.

They use larger numbers to at least 1000, applying partitioning related to place value using varied and increasingly complex problems, building on work in year 2 (for example, $146 = 100 + 40 + 6$ and $146 = 130 + 16$).

Using a variety of representations, including those related to measure, pupils continue to count in ones, tens and hundreds, so that they become fluent in the order and place value of numbers to 1000.

Addition and Subtraction:

Pupils practise solving varied addition and subtraction questions. For mental calculations with two-digit numbers, the answers could exceed 100.

Pupils use their understanding of place value and partitioning, and practise using columnar addition and subtraction with increasingly large numbers up to three digits to become fluent

Multiplication and Division:

Pupils continue to practise their mental recall of multiplication tables when they are calculating mathematical statements in order to improve fluency. Through doubling, they connect the 2, 4 and 8 multiplication tables.

Pupils develop efficient mental methods, for example, using commutativity and associativity (for example, $4 \times 12 \times 5 = 4 \times 5 \times 12 = 20 \times 12 = 240$) and multiplication and division facts (for example, using $3 \times 2 = 6$, $6 \div 3 = 2$ and $2 = 6 \div 3$) to derive related facts (for example, $30 \times 2 = 60$, $60 \div 3 = 20$ and $20 = 60 \div 3$).

Pupils develop reliable written methods for multiplication and division, starting with calculations of two-digit numbers by one-digit numbers and progressing to the formal written methods of short multiplication and division.

Pupils solve simple problems in contexts, deciding which of the four operations to use and why. These include measuring and scaling contexts, (for example, four times as high, eight times as long etc.) and correspondence problems in which m objects are connected to n objects (for example, 3 hats and 4 coats, how many different outfits?; 12 sweets shared equally between 4 children; 4 cakes shared equally between 8 children).

Fractions:

Pupils connect tenths to place value, decimal measures and to division by 10.

They begin to understand unit and non-unit fractions as numbers on the number line, and deduce relations between them, such as size and equivalence. They should go beyond the $[0, 1]$ interval, including relating this to measure.

Pupils understand the relation between unit fractions as operators (fractions of), and division by integers.

They continue to recognise fractions in the context of parts of a whole, numbers, measurements, a shape, and unit fractions as a division of a quantity.

Pupils practise adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator through a variety of increasingly complex problems to improve fluency.

Measurements:

Pupils continue to measure using the appropriate tools and units, progressing to using a wider range of measures, including comparing and using mixed units (for example, 1 kg and 200g) and simple equivalents of mixed units (for example, 5m = 500cm).

The comparison of measures includes simple scaling by integers (for example, a given quantity or measure is twice as long or five times as high) and this connects to multiplication.

Pupils continue to become fluent in recognising the value of coins, by adding and subtracting amounts, including mixed units, and giving change using manageable amounts. They record £ and p separately. The decimal recording of money is introduced formally in year 4.

Pupils use both analogue and digital 12-hour clocks and record their times. In this way they become fluent in and prepared for using digital 24-hour clocks in year 4.

Geometry- Properties of shapes:

Pupils' knowledge of the properties of shapes is extended at this stage to symmetrical and non-symmetrical polygons and polyhedra. Pupils extend their use of the properties of shapes. They should be able to describe the properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes using accurate language, including lengths of lines and acute and obtuse for angles greater or lesser than a right angle. Pupils connect decimals and rounding to drawing and measuring straight lines in centimetres, in a variety of contexts.

Statistics:

Pupils understand and use simple scales (for example, 2, 5, 10 units per cm) in pictograms and bar charts with increasing accuracy. They continue to interpret data presented in many contexts.