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## Talking...Maths

## A guide to maths vocabulary



This booklet is intended to explain some common maths vocabulary used to teach and explain maths ideas at Twydall Primary. Terms are explained relative to the learning of different year groups although this is not to be taken as a firm guideline. Pupils in any year group should obviously know vocabulary from previous years and will have some exposure to upcoming vocabulary.

There is some overlap and repetition between ideas as the language is used in different contexts as pupils continue to progress through the school. Additionally, some vocabulary is continually emphasised to ensure it is securely grasped.

## Year 1

## Number Facts and Place Value

Number sentence an equation made out of numbers

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\text { e.g. } 4+6=10 \text { or } 17-3=14
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Operation means add, subtract, multiply or divide. These are the 4 operations in maths. Digit means a numerical symbol ( $1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,0$ ) A number is made up of digits.
A digit is not a number. They are different.
Partition means split the number into the values of each digit e.g 27 is 20 and 7 .
It is usually written as a number sentence: $27=20+7$

## Addition and Subtraction

Sum means add
Total means add
Altogether means add
How many means to find the total of a group of items
Difference means take away
Calculate means work it out
Fraction means part of a whole each of which are equal is size.
Double begin with a given number then add on the same number.

## Measurement and Statistics

Block graph means a simple bar graph made from blocks

Pictogram means a graph where picture represent the data. For example if recording eye colour you could draw coloured eyes to pile up to make a graph. You can also extend the task by one car on the graph representing 2 cars in real life, so half a car on the graph would equal one real car. In this case a key is needed.

Capacity means the maximum amount that can be contained in a 3D shape.
Carrol Diagram is a two way table to sort information.


Venn diagrams is used to show relationships between and amongs $\dagger$ sets, groups of items that share something in common.

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## Year 2

## Number Facts and Place Value

Partition means split the number into the values of each digit e.g 120 is 100 and 20. It is usually written as a number sentence: $120=100+20$

Tens boundary means a multiple of 10 . For example $12+9$ crosses a tens boundary as the answer is greater than 20 which is the next multiple of 10 from 12.
Hundreds boundary means a multiple of 100 . For example $184+23$ crosses a hundreds boundary as the answer is greater than 200 which is the next multiple of 100 from 184.

Double Multiplying a given number by 2 .
Calculation means use one of the 4 operations to create number sentences
Difference means subtract
Multiple means a number in a particular times table e.g. 50 is a multiple of 10 as it is in the $10 x$ table.

## Measurement and Statistics

Calculate means work it out
Tally means count using a bar and gate to total collected data in groups of up to 5 .

## Calculating, Measuring and Geometry

Inverse means the opposite. For example $x$ is the inverse operation to $\div$ Operation means $+-x$ or $\div$
Multiple of means in the times table of. For example 20 is a multiple of 5 as it is in the $5 x$ table
Remainder means the number that is left over if a number does not divide exactly by another

## Year 3

## Number Facts and Place Value

Digit means a numerical symbol (1234567890) A number is made up of digits. A digit is not a number. They are different. Eg. 753 is made up of the digits 7,5 and 3.

Inverse means the opposite e.g. addition is the inverse of subtraction
Estimate means make a sensible guess e.g. $16 \times 9$. Estimate it will be slightly less than $16 \times 10$ which is 160

Product means multiply for example the product of 6 and 2 is 12
Fraction means part of a whole. If a whole is split into sixths then the whole will now consist of 6 equally sized pieces.
Unit fraction means a fraction where the numerator (top number) is 1.

## Measurement and Statistics

Frequency table shows the number of times that certain things e.g. marks, occur within a set of data

| Mark | Tally | Frequency |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 4 | II | 2 |
| 5 | II | 2 |
| 6 | IIII | 4 |
| 7 | 冊 | 5 |
| 8 | IIII | 4 |
| 9 | II | 2 |
| 10 | I | 1 |

Capacity means the amount something can hold, usually measured in ml or I

## Calculating, Measuring and Geometry

Remainder means the number that is left over if a number does not divide exactly by another

Approximate means a logical answer that is not accurate e.g. $1.2 \times 4.9$ will be approximately 5 as $1 \times 5=5$

## Quadrilateral means a 4 sided shape

Vertex means a point where 2 sides or 2 edges meet (used for 2D and 3D
shapes) Plural: vertices
Diagonal means a straight line that joins to non-adjacent vertices (corners) within a shape

Ascend means go up


Descend means go down
Interval means the marked division of a scale that are of an equal and known value

## Year 4

## Number Facts and Place Value

Calculation means using an operation to work out an
answer.
Product means multiply.
Tenths means the value of the digit in the column directly after the decimal point for example the number 6.78 contains 7 tenths.
Hundredths means the value of the digit in the $2^{\text {nd }}$ column after the decimal point for example the number 6.78 contains 8 hundredths.
Quotient means the number obtained as the result of a division calculation. For example the quotient of 45 and 3 is 15 .
Factor means a whole number (integer) that will divide exactly into another number without any remainders e.g. 5 is a factor or 10
Divisor means the quantity by which another quantity is divided
e.g. in $17 \div 4$, the 4 is the divisor

Numerator means the number on the top of a fraction
Denominator means the number on the bottom of a fraction
Mixed Number or Mixed Fraction means a whole number and a fraction combined e.g. $2 \frac{1}{2}$
Proper fraction means any fraction where the numerator (top number) is less than the denominator (bottom number) e.g. $\frac{1}{4}$ or $5 / 6$ or 20/100
Improper fraction means any fraction where the numerator (top number) is greater than the denominator (bottom number) e.g. 6/4 or $9 / 6$ or 100/24

## Measurement and Statistics

Regular means the sides and angles of a shape are all equal
Irregular means the sides and angles of a shape are not all equal
Concave means a shapes that curves inwards e.g. the inside of a sphere
Convex means a shape that curves outwards e.g. the outside of a
sphere
Polygon means a 2D shape with 3 or more sides

## Calculating, Measuring and Geometry

Decimal point means the point or dot used to separate the whole number part of a decimal number from the fractional part
Perimeter means the distance around the outside of a 2 D shape
Area means the space within the perimeter of a 2 D shape. The formula for the area of a rectangle is length $x$ width

## Year 5

## Number Facts and Place Value

Consecutive means next door numbers without gaps e.g. 141, 142 and 143 are consecutive.
Ascending means ordering a set of numbers from smallest to biggest.
Descending means ordering a set of numbers from biggest to smallest.
Integer means a whole number (also includes 0 ).
Square Number means the answer to a number times itself e.g. 64 is square as it is the answer to $8 \times 8$

## Measurement and Statistics

Equation a maths statement where 2 sides are equal e.g. $72+52=124$
Parallel means two sides that will not get any closer together or any further apart.
E.g. a square has 2 sets of parallel sides.

Quotient means the answer once you have divided one number by another
For example: $\quad$ dividend $\div$ divisor $=$ quotient $\quad 12 \div 3=4 \quad 4=$ quotient
Percentage means out of 100 . So $25 \%$ means 25 out of 100 .
Equivalent means the same size as
e.g. $2 \times 6$ is equivalent to $13-1 ; \frac{2}{4}$ is equivalent to $\frac{1}{2}$

## Calculating, Measuring and Geometry

Acute means an angle less than $90^{\circ}$.
Obtuse means an angle greater than $90^{\circ}$ but less than $180^{\circ}$.
Parallel means the same distance apart, never touching.
Perpendicular means at right angles $\left(90^{\circ}\right)$ to another line.
Reflective symmetry means a type of symmetry where on half is the reflection of the other half. The image could be folded down the middle and the 2 sides would match perfectly.
Line of symmetry means the line you would fold down so that the 2 sides would match exactly.
Translation means moving a shape without rotating, resizing or flipping it. The shape should look exactly the shape just in a different position on a grid. (Sliding) Origin means the starting point. It is 0 on a number line and $(0,0)$ on a coordinates grid.

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## Year 6

## Number Facts and Place Value

Equation a maths statement where 2 sides are equal e.g. $32+52=40+44$
Formula means a statement, usually an equation that states a rule, fact or principle e.g. area of a rectangle $=$ length $\times$ width

Prime Number means a number with only 2 factors, 1 and itself e.g. 23 has only 1 and Prime Factor means a factor of a number that is also prime. For example, the following numbers are all factors of $36-1,2,3,4,6,9,8,16,32$. The prime factors are 2 and 3. Circumference means the distance around the outside of a circle
Diameter means the distance across the middle of the circle
Radius means the distance from the edge of the circle to the centre
Product means multiple. The product of 4 and 3 is 12
Mean means the average of a numerical set of data. It is calculated by adding up all of the amounts within the set of data and dividing your total by the amount of numbers added. For example: $2,4,5,6,6,2,3,2,5,6$

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Mean }=(2+2+2+3+4+5+5+6+6+6) \div 10 \\
& =41 \div 10=4.1
\end{aligned}
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## Calculating, Measuring and Geometry

Numerator means the number on the top of a fraction Denominator means the number on the bottom of a fraction.

Factor means an integer that will divide exactly into another number without any remainders. For example 3 is a factor of 12 .
Common denominator means that 2 or more fractions will have the same denominator.
E.g. $\frac{3}{4}$ and 7/8. If I multiply $\frac{3}{4}$ by 2 then I will get $6 / 8$. Now both fractions have a common denominator.
Ratio means the relative sizes of 2 or more values. For example in a class there are 6 boys and 4 girls so there is a ratio 6:4 (boys : girls) or simplified this is 3:2.

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