## Requirements for Using Mathematics

### Across the curriculum, at a level appropriate to their ability, pupils should be enabled to:

- choose the appropriate materials, equipment and mathematics to use in a particular situation;
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- work systematically and check their work;
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### Levels of Progression in USING MATHEMATICS across the curriculum: Primary (Levels 1–5)

The colours used in this document provide a means by which progression in the Requirements may be tracked across the levels.

#### Level 3

In structured activities, in familiar and accessible contexts, pupils can:

- suggest different ways an activity might be approached;
- select and use the appropriate materials, equipment and mathematics required;
- use a range of appropriate mathematical notation;
- organise their work and know how to check its accuracy;
- use mathematics to solve simple two-stage problems;
- identify and explain patterns and relationships and make predictions;
- identify, collect and record the information required;
- present their findings clearly using a range of appropriate mathematical formats;
- explain their findings;
- use appropriate mathematical language to discuss and describe their way of working and respond to questions.

#### Level 4

In activities with some structure, in familiar and some unfamiliar contexts and situations, pupils can:

- decide how an activity might be approached and compare their approaches with others;
- identify and use appropriately the materials, equipment and mathematics required;
- use a range of appropriate mathematical techniques and notation;
- organise their own work and work systematically;
- review their work and check for accuracy;
- use a range of problem-solving strategies;
- use a range of efficient mental calculation strategies;
- investigate patterns and relationships, using their findings to make predictions;
- investigate general statements to see if they are true;
- find, organise and interpret relevant information;
- present information clearly;
- compare methods of presentation;
- use appropriate mathematical language to discuss their work and explain their thinking.

#### Level 5

In activities with some structure, in familiar and some unfamiliar contexts and situations, pupils can:

- plan and decide how an activity might be approached;
- identify and use efficiently the materials, equipment, mathematics and strategies required;
- use a range of appropriate mathematical techniques and notation;
- plan and work systematically and efficiently;
- review their work, considering if their findings are reasonable and making changes where appropriate;
- use a range of problem-solving strategies, suggesting and trying out different approaches when difficulties arise;
- make and test predictions;
- make general statements based on findings and test using new examples;
- summarise their findings;
- identify, obtain, process and interpret information appropriate and sufficient for the activity;
- present information accurately and appropriately including the use of mathematical language, symbols and diagrams;
- use appropriate mathematical language to express and communicate ideas accurately.

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### Level 3

- understand, use, add and subtract whole numbers up to at least 1000;
- understand and use the concept of place value in whole numbers;
- use quick recall of number facts up to 20;
- add and subtract mental two-digit numbers within 100, and approximate to the nearest 10 or 100;
- identify and describe simple number patterns within the 100 square;
- know 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 multiplication facts;
- understand that multiplication is commutative;
- explore and use division in practical situations;
- understand the simple fractions in context;
- use number skills in the context of money up to £10;
- choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate, measure and record length, capacity, volume, weight, time and temperature;
- read, write, order and compare whole numbers up to 10 000; use knowledge of place value to multiply and divide whole numbers by 10 and 100;
- use quick recall of number facts up to 20;
- read and interpret timetables;
- understand the relationship between addition and subtraction to check calculations;
- use multiplication tables to divide;
- know the eight points of the compass;
- recognise and draw lines of symmetry in a variety of 2-D shapes;
- work out perimeters of simple shapes;
- understand and use place value to two decimal places;
- estimate and measure length, weight/mass, time and temperature, working to an appropriate degree of accuracy;
- understand the relationship between metric units;
- add and subtract common measures;
- estimate area and volume of shapes by counting squares/cubes;
- use grid references in practical situations;
- calculate perimeters of a range of shapes;
- estimate, measure, draw and label angles up to 360 degrees;
- use coordinates in the first quadrant;
- collect and record relevant data for a given activity;
- collect, group, record and present data with given class intervals;
- present and interpret data using a range of graphs, tables, diagrams, spreadsheets and databases;
- collect, organise, record and represent data;
- design and use a data collection sheet;
- construct, label and interpret a range of graphs, tables, diagrams, spreadsheets and databases;
- understand, calculate and use mean and range;
- place events in order of likelihood.

### Level 4

- read, write and order whole numbers within 10 000; use knowledge of place value to multiply and divide whole numbers by 10 and 100;
- understand place value to two decimal places;
- approximate within 10 000 to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000; estimate answers to calculations and approximate by rounding;
- add, subtract, multiply and divide whole numbers using a range of mental, written and calculator methods;
- add and subtract numbers with up to two decimal places;
- use the relationship between addition and subtraction to check calculations;
- know multiplication facts up to 10 x 10 and derive associated division facts;
- understand and use multiples and factors;
- use fractions to describe quantities;
- perform simple calculations involving unitary fractions;
- understand equivalence of fractions;
- understand and use simple percentages;
- interpret and apply simple rules expressed in words;
- interpret a calculator display when solving money problems;
- make choices about spending and value for money;
- know different ways in which payments for goods can be made;
- estimate and use place value to three decimal places;
- use knowledge of place value to multiply and divide numbers by 10, 100 and 1000;
- round decimals to the nearest whole number;
- multiply and divide whole numbers by up to two decimal places by a whole number;
- check calculations by applying inverse operations;
- understand and use negative numbers in practical contexts;
- understand and use square, cube and prime numbers;
- understand the relationship between common fractions, decimals and percentages;
- calculate fractions and percentages of quantities, including money;
- use understanding of equivalence to add and subtract fractions;
- devise and use rules for generating sequences in words and/or symbolic form;
- express and use formulae in words and/or symbolic form;
- make informed choices about personal budgeting and spending.

### Level 5

- read, write and order whole numbers of any size;
- multiply and divide whole numbers by up to two decimal places by a whole number;
- understand and use place value to three decimal places;
- round decimals to the nearest whole number;
- multiply and divide whole numbers by up to two decimal places by a whole number;
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