Year 4 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 addition and subtraction	Number multiplication and division	Number Fractions	Measurement	Geometry- Position and direction	Statistics
add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction where appropriate	recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 × 12	recognise and show, using diagrams, families of common equivalent fractions	Convert between different units of measure [for example, kilometre to metre; hour to minute]	compare and classify geometric shapes, including quadrilaterals and triangles, based on their properties and sizes	interpret and present discrete and continuous data using appropriate graphical methods
estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation	use place value, known and derived facts to multiply and divide mentally, including: multiplying by 0 and 1; dividing by 1; multiplying together three numbers	count up and down in hundredths; recognise that hundredths arise when dividing an object by one hundred and dividing tenths by ten.	measure and calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear figure (including squares) in centimetres and metres	identify acute and obtuse angles and compare and order angles up to two right angles by size	solve comparison sum and difference problems using information presented in bar charts, pictograms, tables and other graphs.
solve addition and subtraction two-step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why.	recognise and use factor pairs and commutativity in mental calculations	solve problems involving increasingly harder fractions to calculate quantities, and fractions to divide quantities, including non-unit fractions where the answer is a whole number	find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares	identify lines of symmetry in 2-D shapes presented in different orientations	
	multiply two-digit and three-digit numbers	add and subtract fractions with the	estimate, compare and calculate	complete a simple symmetric figure with	

	by a one-digit number using formal written layout	same denominator	different measures, including money in pounds and pence	respect to a specific line of symmetry.	
	solve problems involving multiplying and adding, including using the distributive law to multiply two digit numbers by one digit, integer scaling problems and harder correspondence problems such as n objects are connected to m objects.	recognise and write decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundredths	read, write and convert time between analogue and digital 12- and 24-hour clocks	describe positions on a 2-D grid as coordinates in the first quadrant	
		recognise and write decimal equivalents to $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$	solve problems involving converting from hours to minutes; minutes to seconds; years to months; weeks to days.	describe movements between positions as translations of a given unit to the left/right and up/down	
		find the effect of dividing a one- or two-digit number by 10 and 100, identifying the value of the digits in the answer as ones, tenths and hundredths		plot specified points and draw sides to complete a given polygon.	
		round decimals with one decimal place to the nearest whole number			
		compare numbers with the same number of decimal places up to two decimal places			
		solve simple measure and money problems involving fractions and			

| | | decimals to two decimal places. | | | |

Guidance

Number:
Pupils continue to practise both mental methods and columnar addition and subtraction with increasingly large numbers to aid fluency

Multiplication and Division:
Pupils continue to practise recalling and using multiplication tables and related division facts to aid fluency.
Pupils practise mental methods and extend this to three-digit numbers to derive facts, (for example 600 ÷ 3 = 200 can be derived from 2 x 3 = 6).Pupils practise to become fluent in the formal written method of short multiplication and short division with exact answers .Pupils write statements about the equality of expressions (for example, use the distributive law 39 × 7 = 30 × 7 + 9 × 7 and associative law (2 × 3) × 4 = 2 × (3 × 4)). They combine their knowledge of number facts and rules of arithmetic to solve mental and written calculations for example, 2 x 6 x 5 = 10 x 6 = 60.
Pupils solve two-step problems in contexts, choosing the appropriate operation, working with increasingly harder numbers. This should include correspondence questions such as the numbers of choices of a meal on a menu, or three cakes shared equally between 10 children.

Fractions:
Pupils should connect hundredths to tenths and place value and decimal measure.
They extend the use of the number line to connect fractions, numbers and measures.
Pupils understand the relation between non-unit fractions and multiplication and division of quantities, with particular emphasis on tenths and hundredths.
Pupils make connections between fractions of a length, of a shape and as a representation of one whole or set of quantities. Pupils use factors and multiples to recognise equivalent fractions and simplify where appropriate (for example, $\frac{6}{9} = \frac{2}{3}$ or $\frac{1}{4} = \frac{2}{8}$).
Pupils continue to practise adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator, to become fluent through a variety of increasingly complex problems beyond one whole.
Pupils are taught throughout that decimals and fractions are different ways of expressing numbers and proportions.
Pupils' understanding of the number system and decimal place value is extended at this stage to tenths and then hundredths. This includes relating the decimal notation to division of whole number by 10 and later 100.
They practise counting using simple fractions and decimals, both forwards and backwards.
Pupils learn decimal notation and the language associated with it, including in the context of measurements. They make comparisons and order decimal amounts and quantities that are expressed to the same number of decimal places. They should be able to represent numbers with one or two decimal places in several ways, such as on number lines.

Measurements:
Pupils build on their understanding of place value and decimal notation to record metric measures, including money.
They use multiplication to convert from larger to smaller units.
Perimeter can be expressed algebraically as 2(a + b) where a and b are the dimensions in the same unit.
They relate area to arrays and multiplication.

Geometry- Properties of shapes:

Pupils continue to classify shapes using geometrical properties, extending to classifying different triangles (for example, isosceles, equilateral, scalene) and quadrilaterals (for example, parallelogram, rhombus, trapezium).

Pupils compare and order angles in preparation for using a protractor and compare lengths and angles to decide if a polygon is regular or irregular.

Pupils draw symmetric patterns using a variety of media to become familiar with different orientations of lines of symmetry; and recognise line symmetry in a variety of diagrams, including where the line of symmetry does not dissect the original shape.

Pupils draw a pair of axes in one quadrant, with equal scales and integer labels. They read, write and use pairs of coordinates, for example (2, 5), including using coordinate-plotting ICT tools.

Statistics:

Pupils understand and use a greater range of scales in their representations.

Pupils begin to relate the graphical representation of data to recording change over time.