Year 6

Small Steps Guidance and Examples

Block 1: Place Value
Welcome


We have listened to all the feedback over the last 2 years and as a result of this, we have made some changes to our primary schemes. *They are bigger, bolder and more detailed than before.*

The new schemes still have the *same look and feel* as the old ones, but we have tried to provide more detailed guidance. We have worked with enthusiastic and passionate teachers from up and down the country, who are experts in their particular year group, to bring you additional guidance. *These schemes have been written for teachers, by teachers.*

*We all believe that every child can succeed in mathematics.* Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the work. It is only with your help that we can make a difference.

We hope that you find the new schemes of learning helpful.

If you have any feedback on any part of our work, do not hesitate to get in touch. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook to keep up-to-date with all our latest announcements.

**White Rose Maths Team**

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This release of our schemes includes

- New overviews, with subtle changes being made to the timings and the order of topics.
- New small steps progression. These show our blocks broken down into smaller steps.
- Small steps guidance. For each small step we provide some brief guidance to help teachers understand the key discussion and teaching points. This guidance has been written for teachers, by teachers.
- A more integrated approach to fluency, reasoning and problem solving.
- Answers to all the problems in our new scheme.
- This year there will also be updated assessments.
- We are also working with Diagnostic Questions to provide questions for every single objective of the National Curriculum.
Meet the Team

The schemes have been put together by a wide group of passionate and enthusiastic classroom practitioners. The development of the schemes has been led by the following people who work across Trinity MAT.

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How to use the Small Steps

We were regularly asked how it is possible to spend so long on particular blocks of content and National Curriculum objectives. We know that breaking the curriculum down into small manageable steps should help children understand concepts better. Too often, we have noticed that teachers will try and cover too many concepts at once and this can lead to cognitive overload. In our opinion, it is better to follow a small steps approach.

As a result, for each block of content we have provided a “Small Step” breakdown. **We recommend that the steps are taught separately** and would encourage teachers to spend more time on particular steps if they feel it is necessary. Flexibility has been built into the scheme to allow this to happen.

Teaching Notes

Alongside the small steps breakdown, we have provided teachers with some brief notes and guidance to help enhance their teaching of the topic. The “Mathematical Talk” section provides questions to encourage mathematical thinking and reasoning, to dig deeper into concepts.

We have also continued to provide guidance on what varied fluency, reasoning and problem solving should look like.
Assessments

Alongside these overviews, our aim is to provide an assessment for each term’s plan. Each assessment will be made up of two parts:

Part 1: Fluency based arithmetic practice
Part 2: Reasoning and problem solving based questions

Teachers can use these assessments to determine gaps in children’s knowledge and use them to plan support and intervention strategies.

The assessments have been designed with new KS1 and KS2 SATs in mind. New assessments will be released over the course of next year.

For each assessment we will aim to provide a summary spreadsheet so that schools can analyse their own data. We hope to work with Mathematics Mastery to allow schools to make comparisons against other schools. Keep a look out for information next year.
Teaching for Mastery

These overviews are designed to support a mastery approach to teaching and learning and have been designed to support the aims and objectives of the new National Curriculum.

The overviews:

- have number at their heart. A large proportion of time is spent reinforcing number to build competency
- ensure teachers stay in the required key stage and support the ideal of depth before breadth.
- ensure students have the opportunity to stay together as they work through the schemes as a whole group
- provide plenty of opportunities to build reasoning and problem solving elements into the curriculum.

For more guidance on teaching for mastery, visit the NCETM website

https://www.ncetm.org.uk/resources/47230

Concrete – Pictorial - Abstract

We believe that all children, when introduced to a new concept, should have the opportunity to build competency by taking this approach.

Concrete – children should have the opportunity to use concrete objects and manipulatives to help them understand what they are doing.

Pictorial – alongside this children should use pictorial representations. These representations can then be used to help reason and solve problems.

Abstract – both concrete and pictorial representations should support children’s understanding of abstract methods.

We have produced a CPD unit for teachers in schools;

https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/the-importance-of-concrete-professional-development-11476476
Additional Materials

In addition to our schemes and assessments we have a range of other materials that you may find useful.

KS1 and KS2 Problem Solving Questions
For the last two years, we have provided a range of KS1 and KS2 problem solving questions in the run up to SATs. There are over 150 questions on a variety of different topics and year groups.

Other schemes of learning
As well as having schemes for Y1-Y6 we developed a range of other schemes of learning

- Schemes for reception
- Mixed aged schemes
- Year 7 – 9 schemes for secondary

Calculation policy/guidance
We also have our calculation policy for the four operations. This can be found on our TES page.
Our Partnerships

tes
www.tes.com

Over the last 12 months we have developed a partnership with tes. Working with Mathematics Mastery we have created a detailed breakdown of the National Curriculum. Watch this space for exciting developments.
https://www.tes.com/teaching-resources/teaching-for-mastery-in-primary-maths

Diagnostic Questions
www.diagnosticquestions.co.uk

From September 2017, we have written two sets of questions for every National Curriculum objective from Y1 to Y6. These are hosted free of charge on @mrbartonmaths Diagnostic Questions website.
Training

As well as free training, Trinity Teaching School Alliance offers paid for training to schools regionally, nationally and occasionally internationally. Over the last year we have delivered training to over 150 schools and have had over 1,000 people attend our face to face training.

As part of our ‘Jigsaw’ package we offer the following twilight courses:

- CPA
- Bar Modelling
- Reasoning and Problem Solving
- Mathematical Talk and Questioning
- Variation and Depth

If you would like any more information about our courses then email the team at support@whiterosemaths.com

License Partners

We also work with a growing number of Teaching Schools around the country to deliver our training. All of our providers have been specially selected and they are as passionate about improving maths education as we are. All our providers offer our twilight bar modelling training course. If you want to see who your local provider is or would like to become a license partner then visit http://whiterosemaths.com/licencees/
FAQs

We have bought one of the new textbook schemes, can we still use these curriculum plans?

Many schools are starting to make use of mastery textbooks used in places like Singapore and China. The schemes have been designed to work alongside these textbooks. We recommend that you follow the textbook order and use our materials for additional support and guidance.

If we spend so much time on number work, how can we cover the rest of the curriculum?

Children who have an excellent grasp of number make better mathematicians. Spending longer on mastering key topics will build a child’s confidence and help secure understanding. This should mean that less time will need to be spent on other topics.

In addition, schools that have been using these schemes already have used other subjects and topic time to teach and consolidate other areas of the mathematics curriculum.

Do you recommend a particular textbook to use?

Unfortunately we are unable to recommend a particular textbook. We do however recommend that schools and teachers do their research and speak to schools who have already invested.

Should I teach one small step per lesson?

Each small step should be seen as a separate concept that needs teaching. You may find that you need to spend more time on particular concepts. Flexibility has been built into the curriculum model to allow this to happen. This may involve spending more than one lesson on a small step, depending on your class’ understanding.

Will you be providing grade boundaries for your assessments?

No, we will not be releasing guidance on grade boundaries. We suggest the assessments are used to find out what children can and cannot do, which will help inform future planning.
FAQs continued ...

**How do I use the fluency, reasoning and problem solving questions?**

The questions are designed to be used by the teacher to help them understand the key teaching points that need to be covered. They should be used as inspiration and ideas to help teachers plan carefully structured lessons.

**What is same day intervention?**

A growing number of schools are doing different types of same day intervention. Some schools are splitting a lesson into two parts and other schools are working with small groups of students at other times during the day. The common goal is to keep up, rather than catch up.

**Where is the textbook breakdown from Surrey Hub?**

Unfortunately this is no longer available.

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**How do I reinforce what children already know if I don’t teach the topic again?**

The scheme has been designed to give sufficient time for teachers to explore concepts in depth, rather than covering it superficially and then coming back to it several times.

We understand though that schools will rightly want to ensure that students revisit concepts and ensure fluency in number.

The schemes interleave prior content in new concepts. For example when children look at measurement we recommend that there are lots of questions that practice the four operations and fractions. This helps children make links between topics and understand them more deeply.

We also recommend that schools look to reinforce number fluency throughout the year. This could be done as mental and oral starters or in additional maths time during the day.
School to School Support

In addition to our training we also have access to some SLEs who (through the Teaching School) can help support individual schools with improving their maths teaching.

To find out more details or the costs of any of our training, please contact one of the Operations and Communications team at support@whiterosemaths.com

#MathsEveryoneCan

At White Rose Maths we believe that everyone can succeed in Maths. We encourage anyone who uses our schemes to share in this belief and do all that they can to convince the children they teach that this is the case.

Release Dates

June 2017
- First part of Autumn term schemes

July 2017
- Second part of Autumn term schemes
- Mixed-age plans for Autumn

August 2017
- Diagnostic Questions for Autumn

November 2017
- New Autumn assessments

December 2017
- Spring schemes
- Diagnostic Questions for Spring

February 2018
- New Spring assessments

March 2018
- Summer schemes
- Summer Diagnostic Questions

May 2018
- New Summer assessments
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- **Number- Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division**
- **Fractions**
- **Geometry- Position and Direction**
- **Consolidation**

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- **Number- Decimals**
- **Number- Percentages**
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<td><strong>Number- addition subtraction, multiplication + division</strong></td>
<td><strong>Solve addition and subtraction multi step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Multiply multi-digit number up to 4 digits by a 2-digit number using the formal written method of long multiplication.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Divide numbers up to 4 digits by a 2-digit whole number using the formal written method of long division, and interpret remainders as whole number remainders, fractions, or by rounding as appropriate for the context.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Divide numbers up to 4 digits by a 2-digit number using the formal written method of short division, interpreting remainders according to the context.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Perform mental calculations, including with mixed operations and large numbers.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Identify common factors, common multiples and prime numbers.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Use their knowledge of the order of operations to carry out calculations involving the four operations.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Solve problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Use estimation to check answers to calculations and determine in the context of a problem, an appropriate degree of accuracy.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Number: Decimals</strong>&lt;br&gt;Identify the value of each digit in numbers given to 3 decimal places and multiply numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000 giving answers up to 3 decimal places.&lt;br&gt;Multiply one-digit numbers with up to 2 decimal places by whole numbers.&lt;br&gt;Use written division methods in cases where the answer has up to 2 decimal places.&lt;br&gt;Solve problems which require answers to be rounded to specified degrees of accuracy.</td>
<td><strong>Number: Percentages</strong>&lt;br&gt;Solve problems involving the calculation of percentages [for example, of measures and such as 15% of 360] and the use of percentages for comparison.&lt;br&gt;Recall and use equivalences between simple fractions, decimals and percentages including in different contexts.&lt;br&gt;Solve problems involving the percentage of a quantity or of two quantities, expressed in whole numbers or as fractions or decimals.&lt;br&gt;Solve problems involving the calculation of percentages.&lt;br&gt;Solve problems involving the calculation of percentages of measures and such as 15% of 360.&lt;br&gt;Recognise how to use percentages for comparison.&lt;br&gt;Recall and use equivalences between simple fractions, decimals and percentages including in different contexts.&lt;br&gt;Recognise how to use percentages for comparison.</td>
<td><strong>Number: Algebra</strong>&lt;br&gt;Use simple formulae.&lt;br&gt;Generate and describe linear number sequences.&lt;br&gt;Express missing number problems algebraically.&lt;br&gt;Find pairs of numbers that satisfy an equation with two unknowns.&lt;br&gt;Enumerate possibilities of combinations of two variables.</td>
<td><strong>Measurement</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Converting Units</strong>&lt;br&gt;Solve problems involving the calculation and conversion of units of measure, using decimal notation up to three decimal places where appropriate.&lt;br&gt;Convert between standard units, converting measurements of length, mass, volume and time from a smaller unit of measure to a larger unit, and vice versa, using decimal notation to up to 3dp.&lt;br&gt;Convert between miles and kilometres.</td>
<td><strong>Measurement: Perimeter, Area and Volume</strong>&lt;br&gt;Recognise that shapes with the same areas can have different perimeters and vice versa.&lt;br&gt;Recognise when it is possible to use formulae for area and volume of shapes.&lt;br&gt;Calculate the area of parallelograms and triangles.&lt;br&gt;Calculate, estimate and compare volume of cubes and cuboids using standard units, including cm³, m³ and extending to other units (mm³, km³).</td>
<td><strong>Number: Ratio</strong>&lt;br&gt;Solve problems involving the relative sizes of two quantities where missing values can be found by using integer multiplication and division facts.&lt;br&gt;Solve problems involving similar shapes where the scale factor is known or can be found.&lt;br&gt;Solve problems involving unequal sharing and grouping using knowledge of fractions and multiples.</td>
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