



Geometry knowledge and skills progression

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Vocabulary Properties of Shapes note vocabulary is progressive - years should be using prior years' mathematical terms and vocabulary as well as the vocabulary shown in the current year group	Group, sort Cube, cuboid, pyramid, sphere, cone, cylinder, circle, triangle, square Shape Flat, curved, straight, round Hollow, solid Corner (point, pointed) Face, side, edge Make, build, draw	Size Bigger, larger, smaller Symmetrical, line of symmetry Fold Match Mirror line, reflection Pattern, repeating pattern	Horizontal, perpendicular and parallel lines	Quadrilaterals Triangles Right angle, acute and obtuse angles	Regular and irregular Polygons	Vertically opposite (angles) Circumference, radius, diameter
Properties of Shapes	recognise and name common 2-D and 3-D shapes, including: - 2-D shapes [for example, rectangles (including squares), circles and triangles] - 3-D shapes [for example, cuboids (including cubes), pyramids and spheres]	• identify and describe the properties of 2-D shapes, including the number of sides and line symmetry in a vertical line • identify and describe the properties of 3-D shapes, including the number of edges, vertices and faces • identify 2-D shapes on the surface of 3-D shapes [for example, a circle on a cylinder and a triangle on a pyramid] • compare and sort common 2-D and 3-D shapes and everyday objects	draw 2-D shapes and make 3-D shapes using modelling materials; recognise 3-D shapes in different orientations and describe them recognise angles as a property of shape or a description of a turn identify right angles, recognise that two right angles make a half-turn, three make three quarters of a turn and four a complete turn; identify whether angles are greater than or less than a right angle identify horizontal and vertical lines and pairs of perpendicular and parallel lines	compare and classify geometric shapes, including quadrilaterals and triangles, based on their properties and sizes identify acute and obtuse angles and compare and order angles up to two right angles by size identify lines of symmetry in 2-D shapes presented in different orientations complete a simple symmetric figure with respect to a specific line of symmetry	identify 3-D shapes, including cubes and other cuboids, from 2-D representations know angles are measured in degrees: estimate and compare acute, obtuse and reflex angles draw given angles, and measure them in degrees (°) accurately use a protractor to measure degrees identify: - angles at a point and one whole turn (total 360°) - angles at a point on a straight line and a turn (total 180°) - other multiples of 90° use the properties of rectangles to deduce related facts and find missing lengths and angles distinguish between regular and irregular polygons based on reasoning about equal sides and angles	draw 2-D shapes using given dimensions and angles recognise, describe and build simple 3-D shapes, including making nets compare and classify geometric shapes based on their properties and sizes and find unknown angles in any triangles, quadrilaterals, and regular polygons illustrate and name parts of circles, including radius, diameter and circumference and know that the diameter is twice the radius recognise angles where they meet at a point, are on a straight line, or are vertically opposite, and find missing angles
Vocabulary Position and Direction note vocabulary is progressive - years should be using prior years' mathematical terms and vocabulary as well as the vocabulary shown in the current year group	Position Over, under, underneath, above, below, top, bottom, side on, in, outside, inside around, in front, behind Front, back Before, after Beside, next to, Opposite Apart Between, middle, edge, centre Corner Direction	Rotation Clockwise, anticlockwise Straight line Ninety degree turn, right angle	Greater/less than ninety degrees Orientation (same orientation, different orientation)	Coordinates Translation Quadrant X-axis Y-axis Perimeter and area	Reflex angle Dimensions	Four quadrants (for coordinates)
Position and Direction	describe position, direction and movement, including whole, half, quarter and three-quarter turns	order and arrange combinations of mathematical objects in patterns and sequences use mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement, including movement in a straight line and distinguishing between rotation as a turn and in terms of right angles for quarter, half and three-quarter turns (clockwise and anti-clockwise)	interpret and present data using bar charts, pictograms and tables 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	describe positions on a 2-D grid as coordinates in the first quadrant describe movements between positions as translations of a given unit to the left/right and up/down plot specified points and draw sides to complete a given polygon	identify, describe and represent the position of a shape following a reflection or translation, using the appropriate language, and know that the shape has not changed	describe positions on the full coordinate grid (all four quadrants) draw and translate simple shapes on the coordinate plane, and reflect them in the axes