

Maths Policy



Mathematics Policy

Objectives:

Mathematics is essential to everyday life, it is a tool for pupils to use in order to equip themselves with the basic skills essential to understand and change the world. At Acorns we aim to provide a high quality mathematical education that gives pupils the foundation for understanding their world and the ability to reason mathematically.

The Aims of mathematics within Acorns School are:

- To promote enjoyment and enthusiasm for learning through practical activity, exploration and discussion.
- To develop logical thinking and reasoning skills through a natural curiosity and investigative approach.
- To promote confidence and competence so that pupils are 'proud' of their achievements.
- To develop a thorough knowledge and understanding of numbers and the number system.
- To develop the ability to solve problems through decision making and reasoning in a range of contexts.
- To develop a practical understanding of the ways in which information is gathered and presented.
- To develop a practical understanding of shape and space and develop measuring skills in a range of contexts.
- To develop knowledge of money and how to use it as well as the skills associated with budgeting and saving.
- To encourage the use of current mathematical language.
- To understand the importance of mathematics in everyday life.
- To provide meaningful experiences which reflect the DFE Mathematics Programme of Study at a level appropriate to the ability of the pupils.

Early Years Mathematics

In early years mathematics follows the EYFS statutory framework.

See WWW.gov.uk/EYFSframework .

The pupils are provided with mathematical opportunities through an 'enabling environment' and work towards ELGS at the end of the foundation stage.

Programme of Study Key Stage 1 & 2

The Programme of Study for Mathematics sets out year-by-year areas of learning for key stage 1 and 2, Acorns school has the flexibility to introduce content at an earlier or later stage than set out in the programme of study though we endeavor to cover all content by the end of each key stage. All children are taught mathematics at a level appropriate to their ability and individual numeracy target and all teaching is differentiated accordingly.

Reference should be made to www.gov.uk/.../national-curriculum-in-england-mathematics for details of DFE Programme of Study.

Planning

Planning is based on having a thorough understanding of the pupils needs gained through effective and rigorous assessment and tracking combined with high expectations and an ambition for all children to achieve.

We carry out curriculum planning in mathematics in three phases (long-term, medium-term and short-term).

The National Curriculum Programme of study gives a detailed outline of what is to be taught each term and this constitutes our long-term plans.

Our medium-term plans, which are adopted from the programmes of study, give details of the main teaching objectives for each term and details of what is to be taught. These medium-term plans are submitted to the senior management and governing curriculum panel for approval at the beginning of each term.

Class teachers complete weekly plans for the teaching of mathematics, these give specific learning objectives for each lesson and details of how the lesson will be taught, how support staff will be utilised and how differentiation will take place within the lesson in order to support pupils IEP targets.

We endeavor at all times to set work that is challenging, motivating and which encourages the pupils to talk about what they are learning.

Method of Delivery

Each teacher is responsible for the delivery of mathematics in their class and is supported by a TA3 and two TA2s. The school uses a variety of teaching and learning styles in mathematics lessons. Daily mathematics lessons offer the opportunity for:

- Whole class teaching
- Group work
- Paired work
- Individual teaching
- Experiential and sensory work

Pupils engage in:

- Development of mental strategies.
- Practical work
- Investigational work
- Problem solving
- Mathematical discussion
- Written methods
- Consolidation of basic skills

At Acorns school we recognise the importance of establishing a secure foundation in mental calculation and the recall of number facts before standard written methods are introduced. Where appropriate, we offer opportunities for pupils to apply and develop their mathematical skills across the whole curriculum through the provision of quality, concrete, active experiences, e.g. multi sensory experiences, structured play, environmental visits etc, this will allow pupils to revisit, practice and consolidate different areas of mathematics and apply them within different contexts.

Teacher' expectations will ensure that all tasks will have clearly identified learning outcomes and are matched to pupils' abilities and individual mathematics targets.

Classroom Organisation

Classroom organisation is determined by several factors:

- the individual needs of the pupils
- the number of pupils

- the nature of the activity
- the diverse range of resources available [human and physical eg standing frames, wheelchairs, etc]

A multi-disciplinary approach is adopted when the needs of the pupils are such that input from the Speech and Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist and/or Physiotherapist is required.

Peripatetic teachers for pupils with a hearing and/or visual impairment support a small number of pupils.

Assessment

Assessment occurs throughout the lesson through questioning, observation of pupils at work and marking of work. Daily assessment by the teacher in consultation with TA staff enable weekly plans to be adjusted if required; these short term assessments are closely matched to the teaching objectives and pupil's progress towards meeting their IEP targets.

Medium term assessments measure progress against the medium term planning objectives and help teachers plan the next unit of work. We use termly assessments to assess pupils' progress towards achieving their IEP targets.

Teachers make long-term assessments towards the end of the school term; at Acorns School we use the BSquared assessment tool. Pupils are tracked, and graphs are produced to show the progress made year on year. The percentage gain in attainment is set by the GLD primary forum whereby progress can be measured with other GLD primary schools and national benchmarks.

In early years teachers had also assess using the Lancashire Tracker which is based on 'Development Matters', but this has been incorporated into BSquared.

Acorns school attends regular GLD moderation forums to ensure the accuracy of our internal assessment. Internal moderation also takes place across Key Stages through the school year.

Every pupil at Acorns has an annual review of their 'Educational Healthcare Plan' or 'Statement of Educational Needs;' the class teacher is responsible for assessing the past years targets, reporting on these targets and setting new individual targets for the coming year.

Reporting and Recording

A record of progress in Mathematics is provided by:

- Ongoing classroom assessment evident in the pupils work, teacher comments and feedback.
- Progress in recorded P levels
- Progress recoded in assessment and monitoring file.
- Early year's age related assessment bands. EYFS
- Reporting to parents is done on a biannual basis through an interim progress report and end of year report.
- Parents can, at any time make an appointment with the Head teacher, Deputy Head Teacher or class teacher to discuss their child's progress in Mathematics.
- Ongoing assessment provides a clear picture of how the pupil is performing in his / her IEP and located on the unit document.
- Governors receive a yearly report outlining progress made in each subject area. The Assessment Governor is encouraged to look at the BSquared data and discuss individual pupils progress.
- School reports P level data to the local authority.

Contribution of Mathematics to teaching in other Curriculum areas

English

Mathematics contributes to the teaching of English in our school by promoting the skills of speaking and listening, reading and writing. We encourage pupils to talk about their mathematical activities, to use mathematical vocabulary and to question and explain their mathematical findings. Children enjoy stories and rhyme that rely on counting and sequencing as well as encountering vocabulary, graphs and charts when using non-fiction texts.

Information and communication technology

Pupils use and apply mathematics in a variety of ways when solving problems using ICT. Pupils have access to I pads, tablets, PC and whiteboard as well as a range of switches to activate ICT devices. We have a range of software designed to help develop skills in each of the areas of mathematics.

Science

During science lessons, pupils are given opportunities to apply their numeracy and data handling skills when recording, creating graphs or collecting scientific measurements. Whole class discussion of data also highlights the importance of clear recording of information. Pupils are also able to use a wide range of measuring devices in real-life context. Children are given the opportunity to use and read measuring cylinders, weighing scales and a variety of other instruments.

PHSE

Mathematics contributes to the teaching of personal, social and health education and citizenship. Children are encouraged and given opportunities to become increasingly independent in their own learning. The planned activities that pupils do within the classroom encourage them to work together and respect each other's views. We also present pupils with the

opportunities to experience and learn in 'real life' situations e.g. shopping and spending money, mini enterprise activities.

Governing Body

The governors' curriculum committee regularly looks at the planning and implementation of Mathematics across the key stages. They are invited to attend relevant school Inset training and to observe the teaching of mathematics lessons.

Each class has an allocated link governor, with which they have regular contact.

Reporting to Parents

Parents are welcomed into school to discuss their children's work with the class teacher. Parent's evenings are held in the summer term this enables parents to discuss their child's achievements and progress. Each pupil has an Annual Review to which parents are invited to attend and discuss their child's achievements and progress and to contribute to the setting of Annual Review Targets. Parents receive an Interim progress report sent home early in the Spring term and Annual Report at the end of each Summer Term this details the work covered by each pupil and the attainment target specific to their son / daughter.

Equal Opportunities

The Governors and staff are committed to provide the full range of opportunities for all pupils regardless of gender, disability, ethnicity, social, cultural or religious background. All pupils have access to the curriculum and the right to a learning environment which dispels ignorance, prejudice or stereotyping.

Mathematics Co-ordinator

Specific responsibilities – (Carried out in consultation with the Headteacher and in co-operation with colleagues and Governors).

1. To have shared responsibility for the development of numeracy across the EYFS, Key Stages 1 and 2 and maintaining/improving standards.
2. Successfully implement the Mathematics Action Plan.
3. Be responsible for the regular review of whole school maths policy in consultation with staff and Head teacher.
4. Development of schemes of work to ensure continuity and progression of numeracy skills and knowledge from nursery to Year 6.
5. Advise and work alongside colleagues in the classroom, to support, monitor and develop numeracy.
6. Organise INSET on numeracy for staff.
7. Advise about useful numeracy activities, resources, courses and reading.
8. Attend INSET training and keep up with current developments in primary numeracy.
9. Liaise with other GLD schools on numeracy matters.
10. Liaise with teachers on assessment in numeracy.
11. Organise and review resources and advise staff on their use and storage.
12. Participate in the school's support programme for NQTs.
13. To analyse assessment data to measure children's progress in numeracy.

TO WHOM RESPONSIBLE:

Head teacher

Governors

DFE National Curriculum Primary Mathematics Programme of Study as set out year by year for Key Stage 1 & 2 September 2016

www.gov.uk/.../national-curriculum-in-england-mathematics for details of DFE Programme of Study.

Year 1

Number place value

Number addition and subtraction

Number multiplication and division

Fractions

Measurement

Geometry: Properties of shape

Position and direction

Year 2

All of the above plus: Statistics/ Data

Lower key stage 2

Years 3

All of the above plus:

Year 4

All of the above plus:

Fractions including decimals

Upper Key Stage 2 Years 5 & 6

Year 5

All the above including:

Decimals and percentages

Year 6

All the above including:

Ratio and proportion

Algebra

Early Years

Mathematics is presented through play, exploration, active learning and creativity. The pupils learn mathematics through number, shape, space and measure at this stage.

WWW.gov.uk/EYFSframework .