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Maths Curriculum Progression

Geometry – Position and Direction								
Patterns								
Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Show an interest in shape and space by making arrangements with objects Show interest in shape by talking about shapes or arrangements	Use familiar objects and common shapes to create and recreate patterns ELG: Recognise, create and describe patterns	Recognise and create repeating patterns with objects and shapes	Order and arrange combinations of mathematical objects in patterns and sequences					
Position and direction								
Use positional language	Can describe their relative position such as 'behind' or 'next to' ELG: Use everyday language to talk about position and to solve problems	Describe position and direction, including half, quarter and three-quarter turns.	Use mathematical vocabulary to describe position, 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)					
Coordinates (including reflection and translation)								

				Describe positions on a square grid labelled with letters and numbers	Describe positions on a 2-D grid as coordinates in the first quadrant	Describe positions on the first quadrant of a coordinate grid	Describe positions on the full coordinate grid (all four quadrants)
					Plot specified points and draw sides to complete a given polygon	Plot specified points and complete shapes	
					Describe movements between positions as translations of a given unit to the left/right and up/down	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	Draw and translate simple shapes on the coordinate plane, and reflect them in the axes
Vocabulary							

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