



Foundation Phase pedagogy

Children should be given opportunities to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding through:

- a developmentally appropriate curriculum where the seven (six in Welsh-medium settings/schools) Areas of Learning complement each other and work together
- continuous and enhanced provision and focused activities in the indoor and outdoor learning environments
- different types of play and a range of planned activities, including those that are child-initiated
- experiences that allow them to adopt a variety of roles, including leadership within a small group, paired learning or working within a team
- different resources, including ICT
- active learning opportunities that build on prior experiences and support them to become independent thinkers and learners
- activities that allow them to use their senses, be creative and imaginative
- tasks and challenges that encourage problem solving and discussion.

Range of experiences

Children should be given opportunities to:

- experience a mathematically-rich environment that allows them to explore and develop mathematical concepts and language
- develop practical mathematical skills in a range of contexts
- communicate in a range of mathematical contexts for a variety of purposes and audiences
- practise, develop and refine their mathematical skills within all aspects of provision, including continuous provision, and through all Areas of Learning
- experience and use a range of media and stimuli including emerging technologies
- understand and use a range of measures and recognise and use shapes within play and structured activities.

Key

Within the table, text taken from the LNF will appear as non-bold. Text that has been extended from the LNF or that is a specific Mathematical Development Area of Learning skill will appear as bold. These skills are further identified by the following icons.

Extended skill ▲ **Area of Learning skill** ❖ When combined with the LNF statements, these skills form the Foundation Phase Mathematical Development Area of Learning.

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Foundation Phase Mathematical Development Area of Learning



| Strands | Elements | Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Children are able to: | Children are able to: | Children are able to: | Children are able to: |
| Developing numerical reasoning | Identifying processes and connections | transfer mathematical skills to play and classroom activities | | | |
| | | identify steps to complete the task or reach a solution | | | |
| | | select appropriate mathematics and techniques to use | | | |
| | | select and use relevant number facts and mental strategies | | | |
| | | select appropriate equipment and resources | | | |
| | | use knowledge and practical experience to inform estimations | | | |
| | Represent and communicate | use everyday and mathematical language to talk about their own ideas and choices | | | |
| | | present work orally, pictorially and in written form, and use a variety of ways to represent collected data | | | |
| | | devise and refine informal, personal methods of recording, moving to using words and symbols in number sentences | | | |
| | Review | use checking strategies to decide if answers are reasonable | | | |
| | | interpret answers within the context of the problem and consider whether answers are sensible | | | |
| | | interpret information presented in charts and diagrams and draw appropriate conclusions | | | |



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| | | Children are able to: | Children are able to: | Children are able to: | Children are able to: |
| Using number skills | Use number facts and relationships | listen to and join in with rhymes, songs, stories and games that have a mathematical theme ❖ | recite a range of number rhymes and songs ❖ | | |
| | | realise that anything can be counted, not just objects, e.g. claps, steps ❖ | | | |
| | | count reliably up to 5 objects | count reliably up to 10 objects | count reliably up to 20 objects | count sets of objects by grouping in 2s, 5s or 10s |
| | | recite numbers from 0 to 10 forwards and backwards using songs and rhymes ❖ | recite numbers up to 20, forwards and backwards, and from different starting points ❖ | recite numbers up to 100, forwards and backwards and from different starting points ❖ | recite numbers beyond 100, forwards and backwards and from different starting points ❖ |
| | | recognise numbers 0 to 5 and relate a number 0 to 5 to its respective quantity | read and write numbers to at least 10 | read and write numbers to at least 20 forming and orientating them correctly ▲ | read and write numbers to at least 100 ▲ |
| | | use mark making to represent numbers in play activities that can be interpreted and explained ❖ | | | |
| | | compare and order numbers to at least 5 | compare and order numbers to at least 10 | compare and order numbers to at least 20 | compare and order 2-digit numbers |
| | | demonstrate an understanding of one-to-one correspondence by matching pairs of objects or pictures | understand that zero means 'none' ❖ | demonstrate an understanding of place value, e.g. one 10 and four units equal 14, up to at least 20 ❖ | demonstrate an understanding of place value up to at least 100 ❖ |
| | use number facts up to 5 ❖ | use number facts within 10, i.e.: – doubling and halving, e.g. $4 + 4$ – bonds of 10, e.g. $6 + 4$ | use mental recall of number facts to 10 to derive other facts, i.e.: – doubling and halving, e.g. <i>derive $40 + 40$ from knowing $4 + 4$</i> – bonds of 10, e.g. <i>derive $60 + 40$ from knowing $6 + 4$</i> | | |

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| | | Children are able to: | Children are able to: | Children are able to: | Children are able to: |
| Using number skills | Use number facts and relationships | | | recall doubles and near doubles up to 10 ❖ | recall doubles up to 20 ❖ |
| | | | | recognise and understand odd and even numbers up to 20 ❖ | recognise and understand odd and even numbers up to 100 ❖ |
| | | | count in 2s to 10 and in 10s to 100 ❖ | count in 2s, 10s and 5s to 100 ❖ | count on in 2s, 5s and 10s from any given number ❖ |
| | | | | | recall and use 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables |
| | | | | | begin to link multiplication with simple division, e.g. <i>grouping and sharing in 2s, 5s and 10s</i> ❖ |
| | | use the terms 'first', 'second', 'third' and 'last' in daily activities and play ❖ | use ordinal numbers to 10 in daily activities and play ❖ | use ordinal numbers to 20 in practical situations ❖ | use and record ordinal numbers in practical situations ❖ |
| | | | begin to read number words ❖ | read and write number words to 10 ❖ | read and write number words to 100 ❖ |
| | Fractions, decimals, percentages and ratio | | | find halves in practical situations | find halves and quarters in practical situations |
| | | | | recall halves up to 10 ❖ | partition 2-digit numbers and know the value of each digit ❖ |
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| | | Children are able to: | Children are able to: | Children are able to: | Children are able to: |
| Using number skills | Calculate using mental and written methods | understand and use the concept of 'one more' in their play | mentally recall 'one more' of a number within 10 ❖ | mentally recall 'one more' of a number within 20 ❖ | mentally add 10 or 20 to a given number up to 100 ❖ |
| | | understand and use the concept of 'one less' in their play | mentally recall 'one less' of a number within 10 ❖ | mentally recall 'one less' of a number within 20 ❖ | mentally subtract 10 or 20 from a given number up to 100 ❖ |
| | | | combine two groups of objects to find 'how many altogether?' | use 'counting on' strategies to add two collections, starting with the larger number, e.g. $8 + 5$ | find small differences within 20 by using 'counting on' strategies |
| | | | take away objects to find 'how many are left?' | add and subtract numbers involving up to 10 objects | use mental recall of number facts to 10 and place value to add or subtract larger numbers, e.g. $24 + 4$, $30 + 5$, $34 + 10$ |
| | | | | use a range of strategies to mentally solve problems within 10 ❖ | find a small difference between two numbers by counting on, e.g. $44 - 28 = \square$ ❖ |
| | | use counting to solve simple mathematics problems in everyday and play situations ❖ | solve simple problems in a practical situation that involve simple addition and subtraction up to 5 ❖ | solve one-step problems that involve addition and subtraction, including missing number problems, e.g. $7 + \square = 9$, using concrete objects and pictorial representations ❖ | solve one- and two-step problems that involve addition and subtraction, multiplication and simple division including missing number problems, e.g. $40 - \square = 19$ ❖ |
| | | | | use known facts to solve simple problems within 10, e.g. doubling and halving, number bonds ❖ | use partitioning strategies to double and halve 2-digit numbers ❖ |
| | | | | use known number facts when adding three single digit numbers and realise addition can be done in any order ❖ | understand that multiplication is repeated addition, e.g. $2 + 2 + 2$ is the same as 'three twos' ❖ |
| | | | | | add/subtract 9 or 11 from given number by adding/subtracting 10 and adjusting ❖ |

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| | | Children are able to: | Children are able to: | Children are able to: | Children are able to: |
| Using number skills | Calculate using mental and written methods | | talk about addition and subtraction instructions in play activities ❖ | understand and use the mathematical symbols for addition, subtraction and equals ❖ | understand and use mathematical symbols for addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and equals ❖ |
| | | | | understand and use the different mathematical terms for addition and subtraction, e.g. <i>add, combine, find the difference</i> ❖ | understand and use the different mathematical terms for addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and equals, e.g. <i>find the total, share, goes into</i> ❖ |
| | Estimate and check | | make a sensible estimate of up to 10 objects that can be checked by counting ❖ | make a sensible estimate of a number of objects that can be checked by counting | use checking strategies: – repeat addition in a different order – use halving and doubling within 20 |
| | | | | make a sensible estimate of measurement in length, height, weight and capacity that can be checked using non-standard measures ❖ | make a sensible estimate of measurement in length, height, weight and capacity that can be checked using standard measures ❖ |
| | Manage money | demonstrate an awareness of the purpose of money through role play | use 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins to pay for items | use different combinations of money to pay for items up to 20p | use different combinations of money to pay for items up to £1 |
| | | | | find totals and give change from 10p | find totals and give change from multiples of 10p |
| Using measuring skills | Length, weight/mass, capacity | compare, sort and order two objects in terms of size, weight or capacity by direct observation | use direct comparisons with: – length, height and distance, e.g. <i>longer/shorter than</i> – weight/mass, e.g. <i>heavier/lighter than</i> – capacity, e.g. <i>holds more/less than</i> | use non-standard units to measure: – length, height and distance – weight/mass – capacity | use standard units to measure: – length, height and distance: metres, half metres or centimetres – weight/mass: kilograms or 10 gram weights – capacity: litres |
| | | | | | use symbols related to length, weight/mass and capacity ❖ |



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| | | Children are able to: | Children are able to: | Children are able to: | Children are able to: |
| Using measuring skills | Time | | | | read hours and minutes on a 12-hour digital clock |
| | | anticipate events related to elements of daily routines and use the terms 'before' and 'after' | use the concept of time in terms of their daily activities | use the concept of time in terms of their daily and weekly activities and the seasons of the year | |
| | | sing/chant the days of the week ❖ | sing/chant the days of the week, months and seasons of the year in meaningful contexts, e.g. when changing the class calendar ❖ | understand and order the days of the week, the months and seasons of the year in meaningful contexts ❖ | record the days of the week, the months and seasons of the year ❖ |
| | | | demonstrate a developing sense of how long tasks and everyday events take | use standard units of time to read 'o'clock' using both analogue and 12-hour digital clocks | read 'half past', 'quarter past' and 'quarter to' on an analogue clock |
| | Temperature | use words that describe temperature during everyday activities, e.g. <i>hot/cold</i> | use direct comparisons when describing temperature, e.g. <i>hot/cold</i> | use descriptive words for a range of temperatures, e.g. <i>cooler/warmer</i> | compare daily temperatures using a thermometer (°C) |
| | Area and volume Angle and position | follow two-step instructions for simple movements within games and play activities | move in given directions | make whole turns and half turns | recognise half and quarter turns, clockwise and anti-clockwise |
| | | | | | recognise that a quarter turn is a right angle |
| demonstrate an awareness of prepositions and movement during their own physical activities ❖ | | use prepositions to describe position ❖ | describe position, direction and movement ❖ | use mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement ❖ | |



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| | | Children are able to: | Children are able to: | Children are able to: | Children are able to: |
| Using geometry skills | Shape | recognise and use the names for 2D shapes (<i>circle, square and triangle</i>) within play activities and the environment ❖ | recognise and name common 2D shapes (<i>circle, square, triangle and rectangle</i>) and some 3D shapes (<i>cube, cuboid and sphere</i>) within play activities and the environment ❖ | recognise and name common 2D shapes (<i>square, triangle, rectangle, circle and semi-circle</i>) and 3D shapes (<i>cube, cuboid, cone and sphere</i>) in order to begin to compare and sort ❖ | recognise and name regular and irregular 2D and 3D shapes, understand and use the properties of shape ❖ |
| | | use and build with 2D and 3D shapes within play-based activities ❖ | use 2D and 3D shapes to make models and pictures ❖ | use 2D and 3D shapes and describe how they fit together ❖ | make increasingly more complex or accurate models with 3D shapes and tessellate 2D shapes ❖ |
| | Movement | use a variety of media to develop concept of symmetry ❖ | complete a simple symmetrical picture through a variety of media ❖ | recognise and complete a symmetrical picture or simple shape ❖ | identify a line of symmetry for 2D shapes and complete symmetrical pictures ❖ |
| Using data skills | Collect and record data Present and analyse data Interpret results | sort and match sets of objects by recognising similarities | sort and classify objects using one criterion | sort and classify objects using more than one criterion | sort and classify objects using more than two criterion ❖ |
| | | use mark making to begin to record collections | record collections using marks, numbers or pictures | collect information by voting or sorting and represent it in pictures, objects or drawings | gather and record data from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – lists and tables – diagrams – block graphs – pictograms where the symbol represents one unit |
| | | | | make lists and tables based on data collected | extract and interpret information from lists, tables, diagrams and graphs |
| | Pattern | copy a range of simple patterns and sequences visually and aurally, e.g. clapped patterns, threading activities. ❖ | recognise and repeat three object/colour/clapped patterns and sequences. ❖ | demonstrate an understanding of repeating patterns, including shape and number, by describing, reproducing and extending. ❖ | order and identify patterns in combinations of mathematical objects, including number and number tables, and discuss the relationship between them. ❖ |