

Abbey Academies Trust



Every Child Matters

Mathematics Curriculum Statement

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Every Child Matters within a loving and caring Christian environment

As a RRS (Rights Respecting School – UNICEF) this upholds the following articles from the UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child):
Article 29: Every child has the right to be the best they can.

Why we believe mathematics is important

Mathematics is an essential part of everyday life and its application forms part of our everyday society, even if it is not explicit. Maths is a creative and highly inter-connected subject which provides solutions to some of the world's most intriguing problems. It is essential to everyday life, critical to science, technology and engineering, and necessary for financial literacy and most forms of employment. We provide a high-quality mathematics education aiming to give a foundation for understanding the world and the ability to reason mathematically.

We aim for our pupils to:

- reach their full potential- every child can achieve in maths
- foster a positive attitude towards mathematics, recognising its creativity and the relevance of it in everyday life
- become fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics
- solve increasingly complex problems
- reason mathematically by following a line of enquiry, conjecturing, identifying relationships, generalising and using mathematical language
- develop mathematical thoughts and ideas. We aim for pupils to be able to give clear and coherent mathematical reasons for their answers and to provide mathematical justifications, arguments or proof using mathematical language

How do we do this?

The current National curriculum document says:

'The expectation is that the majority of pupils will move through the programmes of study at broadly the same pace. However, decisions about when to progress should always be based on the security of pupils' understanding and their readiness to progress to the next stage. Pupils who grasp concepts rapidly should be challenged through being offered rich and sophisticated problems before any acceleration through new content. Those who are not sufficiently fluent with earlier material should consolidate their understanding, including through additional practice, before moving on.' (National curriculum page 3)

- All pupils are taught in mixed attainment groups as we believe it is important to have high expectations for all pupils so that they are exposed to knowledge, skills and discussion relevant for their age group.
- Pedagogic practices that keep the class working together on the same topic, whilst addressing the needs for all pupils are used, including for some to gain greater depth and proficiency and understanding.
- Maths No Problem textbooks and workbooks have been used to support teaching and learning from Year 1 to Year 3 and CPD alongside this implementation has deepened the whole staffs knowledge and understanding of 'maths mastery'.
- Long term gaps are prevented through speedy intervention.
- More time is spent teaching topics to allow for the development of depth and sufficient practice to embed learning.
- Pupils are supported and challenged through varied and frequent practice with increasingly complex problems over time.
- Pupils are provided with well-structured classroom activities involving interaction and dialogue (between teacher and pupils, and between pupils themselves). They may be presented orally, using equipment and/or as part of a group activity.
- The encouragement of discussion, debate and the sharing of ideas and strategies adds to both the quality of the assessment information gained and the richness of the teaching and learning situation.
- Progress in mathematics learning each year is assessed according to the extent to which pupils are gaining a deep understanding of the content taught for that year, resulting in sustainable knowledge and skills.

Other relevant documents:

- Calculation policy
- Curriculum overview for mathematics
- Teaching and Learning Policy
- Curriculum Policy