

**Fleet Infant School**  
**Reasoning**  
**in Maths**

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**Maths Curriculum Meeting for Parents**



# What does reasoning look like?

Its quite hard to pinpoint...

Good **'because'** statements



Requires children to make use of **all the mathematical skills** they have acquired so far.



Helps maths to make **more sense**



## It's in the National Curriculum

"The second aim of the new mathematics National Curriculum in England (DfE, 2013) is that all pupils will: Reason mathematically by following a line of enquiry, conjecturing relationships and generalisations and developing an argument, justification or proof using mathematical language"

# What do we encourage the children to use?

## NUMICON



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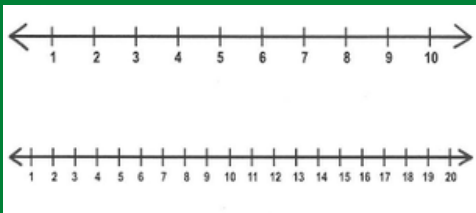
## BEAD STRINGS



## 100 SQUARE

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
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91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

## NUMBER LINE

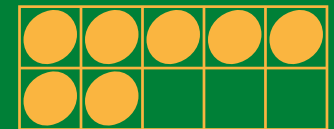


## MULTI LINK



## DRAWINGS & JOTTINGS

$$5+5=10$$



# Progression in reasoning

**1** **STEP ONE**  
**DESCRIBING** Simply tells what they did.

**2** **STEP TWO**  
**EXPLAINING** Offers some reasons for what they did. These may or may not be correct. The argument may yet not hang together coherently. This is the beginning of inductive reasoning.

**3** **STEP THREE**  
**CONVINCING** Confident that their chain of reasoning is right and may use words such as 'I reckon' or 'without doubt'. The underlying mathematical argument may or may not be accurate yet is likely to have more coherence and completeness than the explaining stage. This is called inductive reasoning.

**4** **STEP FOUR**  
**JUSTIFYING** A correct logical argument has a complete chain of reasoning to it and it uses words such as 'because', 'therefore', 'and so', 'that leads to'...

**5** **STEP FIVE**  
**PROVING** A watertight argument that is mathematically sound, often based on generalisations and underlying structure. This is also called deductive reasoning.

# Working towards the expected standard

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The pupil can:

- read and write numbers in numerals up to 100
- partition a two-digit number into tens and ones to demonstrate an understanding of place value, though they may use structured resources<sup>1</sup> to support them
- add and subtract two-digit numbers and ones, and two-digit numbers and tens, where no regrouping is required, explaining their method verbally, in pictures or using apparatus (e.g.  $23 + 5$ ;  $46 + 20$ ;  $16 - 5$ ;  $88 - 30$ )
- recall at least four of the six<sup>2</sup> number bonds for 10 and reason about associated facts (e.g.  $6 + 4 = 10$ , therefore  $4 + 6 = 10$  and  $10 - 6 = 4$ )
- count in twos, fives and tens from 0 and use this to solve problems
- know the value of different coins

### Reason about Addition and subtraction -1

**"I know that  $4 + 6 = 10$  so  $6 + 4 = 10$ ."**

### Reason about Addition and subtraction -2

**"I know that  $4 + 6 = 10$  so  $6 + 4 = 10$  because addition can be done in any order."**

# Working at the expected standard

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The pupil can:

- read scales\* in divisions of ones, twos, fives and tens
- partition any two-digit number into different combinations of tens and ones, explaining their thinking verbally, in pictures or using apparatus
- add and subtract any 2 two-digit numbers using an efficient strategy, explaining their method verbally, in pictures or using apparatus (e.g.  $48 + 35$ ;  $72 - 17$ )
- recall all number bonds to and within 10 and use these to reason with and calculate bonds to and within 20, recognising other associated additive relationships (e.g. If  $7 + 3 = 10$ , then  $17 + 3 = 20$ ; if  $7 - 3 = 4$ , then  $17 - 3 = 14$ ; leading to if  $14 + 3 = 17$ , then  $3 + 14 = 17$ ,  $17 - 14 = 3$  and  $17 - 3 = 14$ )

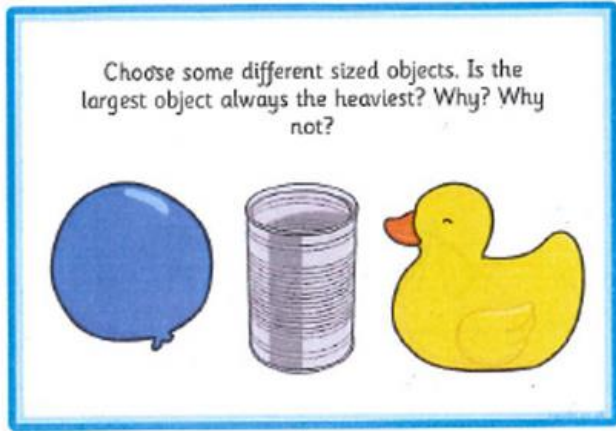
**Reason about Addition and subtraction - 1**

**"26 could be 20 and 6 or 10 and 16."**

**Reason about Addition and subtraction - 2**

**"26 could be 20 and 6 or 10 and 16. I know this because I moved a ten"**

# Example



I think the biggest object will/will not always be the heaviest because It might look heavy BUT it might not. ✓

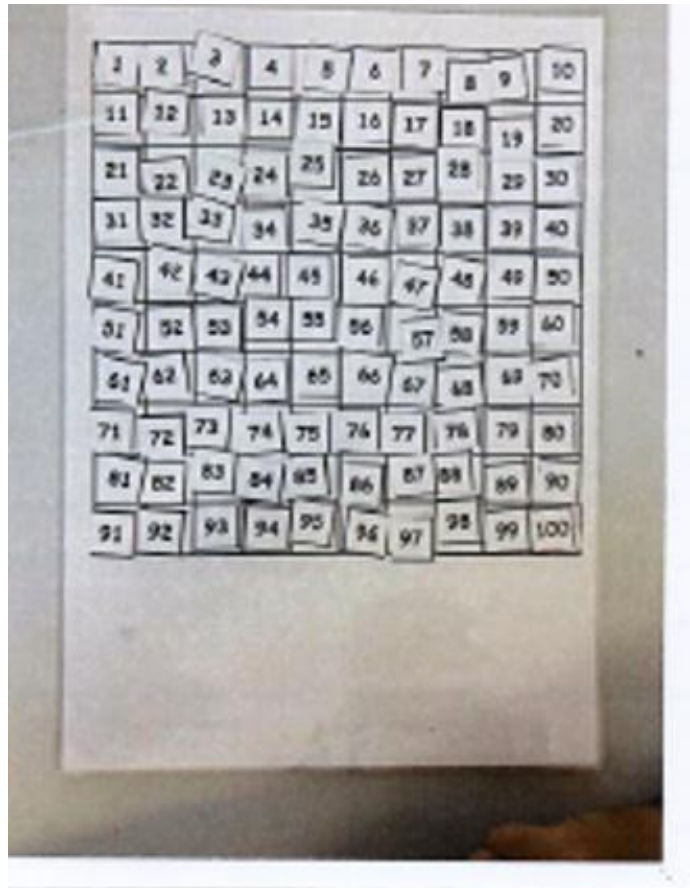
I think the biggest object will/will not always be the heaviest because if <sup>it</sup> was a <sup>balloon</sup> that was big and that is light Super reasoning 😊

I think the biggest object will/will not always be the heaviest because a <sup>small</sup> stone in my garden is pile heavy. ✓ Great reasoning 😊

# Example

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LO: To complete the jigsaw of the 100



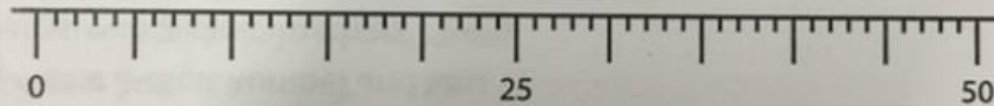
Explain your thinking:

I placed the numbers by using my mental maths. "16 is under 6 as it is 1 more 10"

# Place value

Place these numbers on the number line:

10, 48, 30



Here is part of a number square.

What is the largest number on the whole square?

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16		
19	20	21			
25	26				
31	32				

# Example

LO: to use place value and number knowledge to solve a problem.

Ⓟ kb

47 is 3 tens  
and 17  
ones.



Ben and Holly

No. You have  
to have 4 tens.  
So 47 is 4 tens  
and 17 ones.

Who is right?

Ben ✓

How do you know? Write below in your book.

because if you have 4 tens and 17 ones, you will  
end up with 57. ✓

# Example

## Mastery with Greater Depth

Amy thinks of a number. Her number:

- is an even number
- is between 20 and 25
- has two different digits.

What is her number?

24



24

Explain your reasoning.

because the only numbers it can be are 22 and 24 and 24 has 2 different numbers ✓

Explain your thinking:

11/10/18

16 - 10 = 6  
I know its right  
as 16 has 1 ten  
and when you  
take away 10 you  
are left with  
6 units

# Example

Morning Task 21-9-18

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"The pattern is the units stay the same and the tens change"

Colour the number 10 more		⊕ 10
5	15	
10	20	

**Whats the next number  
in the sequence?**

**50,45,40,35,30, \_?**

**Why?**

**500,450,400,350,300, \_?**

# Reasoning about fractions



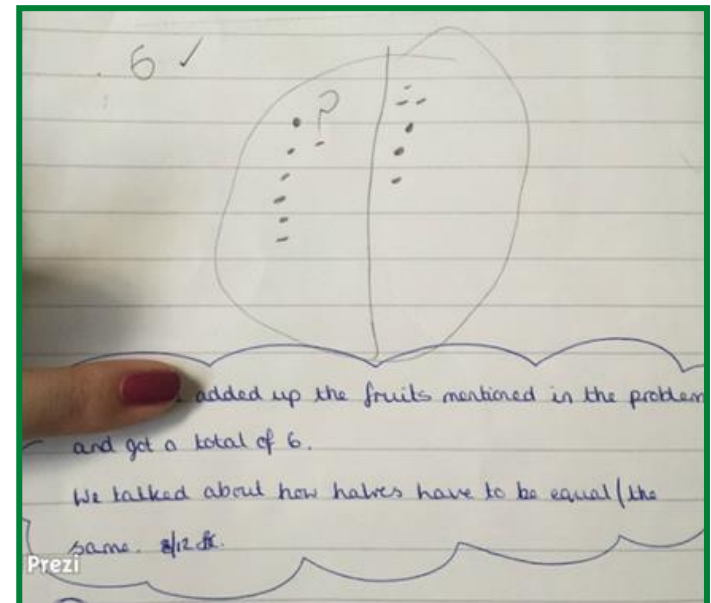
Here is a bowl of fruit.

**Half** of the pieces of fruit in the bowl are apples. There are also 3 oranges, 2 pears and a banana

How many apples are there in the bowl?

If, instead, **one quarter** were apples, and **one quarter** were orange and there were also 4 bananas, 3 pears and 3 plums

How many would be apples?





16	15
5	10

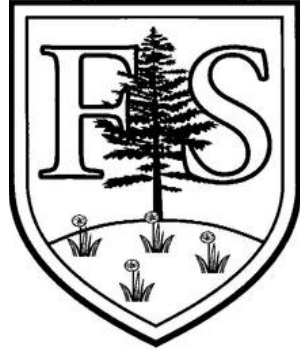
**16**

**15**

**5**

**10**

# Thank You



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