**Mathematics vocabulary progression**

As a school we chose to adopt the Oxford Vocabulary Framework (OVF) for Maths (2024) in order to provide an expected list of words that children will encounter in their reading and writing and general classroom class room discussions as they progress through the school.

Using the Oxford Vocabulary Framework, recent analysis of the 2023 KS2 English and Maths SATs papers have again highlighted the importance of ensuring a solid understanding of Tier 2 words:

• 31% of the KS2 Reading paper and Reading Answer booklet were made up of Tier 2 words

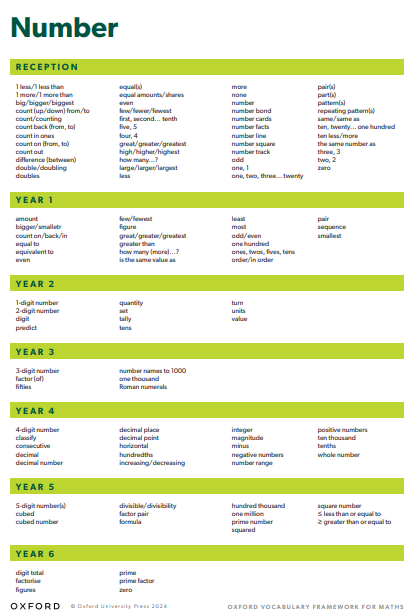
• Tier 2 words made up 25–27% of the language used in Maths papers

• Examples of these words include: appropriate, decide, compare, complete, estimate.

• If children do not have a solid foundation of these Tier 2 words, they will struggle to access, let alone answer, the question.

• This carries right on up to KS4.

The following presents a list of words from the OVF that are specific to maths, from Reception to Year 6, according to their maths strand and year group. The words are accompanied by age-appropriate definitions, taken from the suite of Oxford Children’s Dictionaries.



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