## Mathematics Mastery vocabulary list

## Reception

| Reception | Definition | Example |
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| Above | Used to describe a higher position than another object. | The Maths Meetings board is above the sink. |
| Add | Carry out the process of addition. | I can add two numbers together to find a total. |
| Addition | The operation to combine at least two numbers or quantities to form a further number or quantity, the sum or total. Addition is the inverse operation to subtraction. | Three plus seven is equal to ten. This is an addition equation. |
| Altogether | In total. | That will be $£ 2$ altogether please. |
| Balance | A measuring tool used to weigh objects. It has two dishes hanging on a bar. Both dishes will be level when the contents weigh the same. Also, as a verb, indicates equivalence and equality. | The objects in the balance are unequal in weight because the dish on the right side is lower down that the dish on the left side. <br> The two objects balance which means they have the same mass. |
| Before | In front of or prior to. | The number ' 3 ' comes before ' 5 ' on the number line. |
| Below | Used to describe a lower position than another object. | The sink is below the Maths Meetings board. |
| Between | Indicates a position in relation to two other places or objects on either side. | The teacher is standing between two tables. |
| Capacity | The amount of liquid a container can hold. | This cup is full to capacity because it cannot hold any more water. |
| Circle | The name of a 2-D shape. A circle has a curved side. |  |
| Clock | A tool used to measure time. | The clock shows us that the time is now 2 o'clock. |
| Compare | Look for similarities and/or differences between at least two objects or sets. | I can compare these two sets this set has more. |


| Corner | A point where two or more lines meet. The correct mathematical term is vertex (vertices). | The table has four corners (vertices). |
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| Cost | A monetary value assigned to a good or service. | This apple costs 10p. What coin could I use to pay for it? |
| Count | Assigning one number name to each of a set of objects to determine how many there are. | I counted the children in the group - there are four so we will need four pencils. |
| Cube | A 3-D shape with six identical square faces. |  |
| Cuboid | A 3-D shape with six rectangular faces. |  |
| Curved surface | A non-plane surface of a 3-D shape. Both cones and cylinders have curved surfaces. | The cone has a curved surface. |
| Cylinder | A 3-D shape with two circular faces joined by a curved surface. | $\square$ |
| 2-D | Abbreviation for two-dimensional. A figure is two-dimensional if it lies on a plane. | A square is a 2-D shape. |
| 3-D | Abbreviation for threedimensional. A solid is threedimensional and occupies space. | A cylinder is a 3-D shape. |
| Describe | To express mathematical features, qualities and details in words. | Can you describe the properties of a cube? |
| Difference | The numerical difference between two numbers or sets of objects. It is found by comparing the quantity of one set of objects with another. | The difference between ten and six is four. |
| Direction | The orientation of a line in space. | Which direction should we jump - forwards or backwards? |
| Distance | A measure between two points or things. | The distance between my house and the school is longer than that between the school and the train station. |
| Double | To multiply by two or add a value to itself. | Ten is double five. |
| Edge | A line segment joining two vertices of a plane figure (2-D shape) and the intersection of two plane faces (in a 3-D shape). | A triangle has three edges and a cube has 12 edges. |
| Empty | Containing nothing. Most commonly used in the context of measures. | There is no more water left in the jug - it is empty. |
| Equal | Indicates equivalence between two values and can be expressed with the symbol ' $=$ '. The symbol is read as 'is equal to' which means the | My sets are equal because there are four bears in this set and there are four bears in this set. |


|  | same as. Expressions on either side of the symbol have the same value. |  |
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| Face | One of the plane surfaces of a solid shape. | A cube has six faces. |
| Fewer | A lesser amount - used when counting discrete objects, i.e. countable objects such as, pens, teddies, counters, etc. | There are fewer buttons on my coat than yours. |
| First | Comes before all others in time or position. | First I brush my teeth. Then I go to bed. |
| Flat | A level surface. | The table has a flat rectangular surface. |
| Full | Contains/holds as much or as many as possible; has no empty space. | The juice carton is not full because I drank some. |
| Group | To make equal size groups. This is one model for division. | I will group the crayons equally so that each person gets two. |
| Half | One of two equal parts of a shape, quantity or object. | I have shared the dolls into two equal groups - I have half and you have half. |
| Intersection of sets | Where the two subsets overlap in a Venn diagram. Objects or values which belong to both subsets are placed here. | The number 4 belongs in the intersection because it is even and less than 5 . |
| Last | Comes after all others in time or order. | Rory is the last person in the line. |
| Length | A linear measurement. | The length of my snake is shorter than yours. |
| Less | A smaller amount or not as much. | I have 15p and you have 7p. you have less money than me. |
| Line | A set of adjacent points that has length but no width. | I have drawn a line matching the number four with the four ducks. |
| Long | An adjective used to describe length. | I have a long piece of string. |
| Mass | A measure relating to the amount of matter within a given object. | The mass of the school bag is greater than the mass of the book. |
| Measure | To find the size of something in a given unit. | How might we measure how much flour we need to bake a cake? |
| Minus | A name for the symbol '-', which denotes the operation of subtraction. | Three minus one is equal to two. |
| More | A greater amount. | I have six apples and you have two. I have more. |
| Next | Comes immediately after the present one in order. | The next shape in my pattern is a square. |
| Number bond | A pair of numbers with a given total. | Five and four make a number bond to nine. |
| Number line | A linear, continuous representation of number. Each number occupies a point on the line, and there is an equal interval between each number. | This number line starts at zero and ends at ten. |


| Number track | A linear, discrete representation of number. Each number is positioned in a square on the track. | I can count from one to ten, moving a counter along this number track. |
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| Order | Describes the placement of items according to given criteria or in a pattern. <br> As a verb, to place items according to given criteria or in a pattern. | I have ordered the bears from smallest to biggest. |
| Pair | A set of two things used together. | Socks come in a pair - one for each foot. |
| Pattern | A systematic arrangement of numbers, shapes or other elements according to a rule. | The pattern is red, blue, red, blue, red blue. |
| Plus | The word representing the operation of addition. It is also the name for the symbol ' + '. | Five apples plus two apples are equal to seven apples. |
| Rectangle | A quadrilateral with four right angles. |  |
| Second | 1. A unit of time. <br> 2. An ordinal number. | Mohsin is second in the line today. |
| Sequence | A series of numbers or other elements which follow a rule. | The number 3 is next in the sequence because each number is one less than the one before. |
| Set | A defined group of objects, numbers or other elements. | I have placed all the purple counters in this set because they are all the same colour. |
| Share | To distribute fairly between a given number of recipients. This is one model for division. | I will share the crayons equally between the people at the table. |
| Short | An adjective used to describe length. | This string will not reach to the door. It is too short. |
| Side | A straight line that forms part of the boundary of a shape. | This shape has four straight sides. |
| Size | An element's overall dimensions or magnitude. | The size of my shoe is smaller than my teacher's. |
| Sort | To organise a set of elements into specified categories. | I will sort these objects based on their size. |
| Square | A quadrilateral with four equal length sides and four right angles. |  |
| Straight | A line or movement uniform in direction, without bends or curves. | The walls of the school are straight. |
| Subtract | Carry out the process of subtraction. | Nine subtract three is equal to six. |
| Subtraction | The inverse operation to addition. | We are taking some away so it is a subtraction question. |
| Sum | The result of one or more additions. | The sum of five and three is eight. |
| Surface | An outer boundary of a 3-D object. | This cone has a curved surface. |
| Take away | Used in the reduction structure of subtraction. To remove a number of items from a set. | He ate three of the sweets so we need to take away three counters. |


| Tall | Measuring a specific distance from <br> top to bottom. | Our class teacher is not as tall as <br> our head teacher. |
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| Time | Related to duration. Measured in <br> seconds, minutes, hours, days, <br> weeks, months, years etc. | After lunch it will be time for <br> P.E. |
| Total | The sum found by adding. | There are a total of five people <br> at this table. |
| Triangle | A polygon with three sides. |  |
| Venn diagram | Two or more circles which <br> represent given sets and intersect <br> according these. |  |
| Vertex (pl. <br> vertices) | The point at which two or more <br> lines intersect. | This shape has five vertices. |
| Weight | The force exerted on an object by <br> gravity. Weight therefore changes <br> with a change in gravitational <br> force. Used interchangeably with <br> mass until KS2. | The weight of this book is <br> heavier than the pencil. |
| Zero | The number before one. It is <br> neither positive nor negative. | Zero comes before one on the <br> number track. |

