

# Mathematics 

## Fractions

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# Parts of a Fraction 



## Defining a Fraction



Equal Parts of a Whole


A Division

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\text { 아 } \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{2} \frac{3}{4} 1
$$

A Number
$\frac{1}{4}$ of 16
10: $8: 8: 8$
A Fraction of an Amount


More than a Whole


An
Equivalence

## EYFS FRACTIONS

| Curriculum Objectives |
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| *Children will solve problems |
| including halving. |
| What is half of 8 ? |
| Half of 8 is 4 |

## YEAR 1 FRACTIONS



## YEAR 2 FRACTIONS

## Curriculum Objectives

*Children can recognise, find, name and write fractions $1 / 21 / 3 / 4$ $2 / 43 / 4$ of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity.
*Children can write simple fractions for example, $1 / 2$ of $6=$ 3.
*Children can recognise the equivalence of $1 / 2$ and $2 / 4$.
*Children should count in fractions up to 10 , starting from any number and using the and equivalence on the number line (for example, 1, $11 / 4,12 / 4,13 / 4$ 2)

## Strategies and Images

Shading fractions of a shape
As well as finding $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a shape, the children may be asked to shade the fractions shown below..


The shape might be split into more parts as shown in the example below. If shading $\frac{3}{4}$ they will be taught to shade 3 parts for every 4 parts there are.


To shade $\frac{3}{4}$ of a shape split into 8 parts, you would need to shade 6 parts out of 8 . $\frac{3}{4}$ of 8 is 6 .


Children will use sharing circles to find fractions of objects. To find a third they need 3 circles and will share out practical objects first.

Once confident with practical resources, they will move onto drawing the sharing circles and drawing dots or counters in them.

$\frac{1}{3}$ of $12=4$
What is $\frac{2}{3}$ of $12 ?$
They will then learn how to find $\frac{2}{3}$ of a quantity. They will recognise
that to do this they will need to count how many there are in 2 out of
the 3 groups.
What is $\frac{1}{2}$ of $80 ?$
When challenged with higher numbers, instead of sharing out objects
or drawing dots, children can share out ten sticks.
Ehildren will use visual representations and diagrams to show that one
half is the same as two quarters.

## YEAR 3 FRACTIONS

Curriculum Objectives
*Children can recognise, find and write fractions of a discrete set of objects: unit fractions and non-unit fractions with small denominators.
*Children can recognise and use fractions as numbers: unit fractions and non-unit fractions with small denominators.
*Children can count up and down in tenths; recognise that tenths arise from dividing an object into 10 equal parts and in dividing one-digit numbers or quantities by 10 .
*Children can add and subtract fractions with the same denominator within one whole [for example, $5 / 7+1 / 7=6 / 7$ ]
*Children can compare and order unit fractions, and fractions with the same denominators.
*Children can recognise and show, using diagrams, equivalent fractions with small denominators.

## Strategies and Images

Shading fractions of a shape
Children will learn to shade shapes to represent a range of different unit fractions (where the numerator is 1 ) and non-unit fractions (where the numerator is bigger than 1).


How many ways can you shade $\frac{1}{5}$ of the shape?


Children will show different ways to shade the same fraction of a shape using their fractions knowledge. Shading $\frac{1}{5}$ means shade 1 part out of every 5 parts. $\frac{1}{5}$ of 10 parts = shade 2 parts.

## Finding fractions of a number

Children will use their times table knowledge to help them find fractions of a number as shown below...

What is $\frac{1}{8}$ of 16 ?
To find $\frac{1}{8}$ you divide by the denominator (8).


What is $\frac{3}{5}$ of $25 ?$

$25 \div 5=5$ divide by the denominator
$5 \times 3=15$ times the answer by the top (numerator)
So... $\frac{3}{5}$ of $25=15$


## YEAR 4 FRACTIONS

## Curriculum Objectives

*Children can recognise and show, using diagrams, families of common equivalent fractions.
*Children can solve problems involving increasingly harder fractions to calculate quantities, and fractions to divide quantities, including nonunit fractions where the answer is a whole number.
*Children can add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.
*Children can count up and down in hundredths; recognise that hundredths arise when dividing an object by one hundred and dividing tenths by ten.
*Children can recognise and write decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundredths.
*Children can recognise and write decimal equivalents to $1 / 4$ $1 / 2$ and $3 / 4$.
*Children can find the effect of dividing a one- or two-digit number by 10 and 100, identifying the value of the digits in the answer as ones, tenths and hundredths.
*Children can round decimals with one decimal place to the nearest whole number.


They will also learn how to subtract fractions from whole numbers using diagrams to help them...


The 2 wholes will be split into 6 thirds. 5 thirds will be subtracted which leaves 1 third.
So... $2-\frac{5}{3}=\frac{1}{3}$

## Fractions of an amount

Children will continue to use the method of dividing by the denominator, times by the top to find fractions of a number.
What is $\frac{3}{4}$ of 48 ?

## 48

| 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
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$48 \div 4=12$ divide by the denominator
$12 \times 3=36$ times the answer by the top (numerator)
So... $\frac{3}{4}$ of $48=36$


## YEAR 5 FRACTIONS

## Curriculum Objectives

*Children can compare and order fractions whose denominators are all multiples of the same number.
*Children can identify, name and write equivalent fractions of a given fraction, represented visually, including tenths and hundredths.
*Children can recognise mixed numbers and improper fractions and convert from one form to the other and write mathematical statements > 1 as a mixed number.
*Children can add and subtract fractions with the same denominator and denominators that are multiples of the same number.
*Children can multiply proper fractions and mixed numbers by whole numbers, supported by materials and diagrams.
*Children can read and write decimal numbers as fractions [for example, $0.71=100$ $71]$
*Children can recognise and use thousandths and relate them to tenths, hundredths and decimal equivalents.
*Children can round decimals with two decimal places to the nearest whole number and to one decimal place.

Equivalent fractions
Children will find a variety of equivalent fractions and compare fractions whose denominators are multiples of the same number.

$\frac{5}{6}$ is equivalent to $\frac{10}{12}$


You need to do the same to the numerator as you do to the denominator!

## Mixed numbers and improper fractions

The children will learn how to convert improper fractions (where the numerator is bigger than the denominator) into mixed numbers by using their division knowledge as shown below..


## Adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators

Children will use their times table knowledge to identify the common denominator to help them add fractions with different denominators...

$\frac{1}{2}+\frac{7}{10}=?$


The answer can be written as an improper fractions ( $\frac{2}{10}$ ) or a mixed number ( $1 \frac{2}{10}$ )


## YEAR 6 FRACTIONS

## Curriculum Objectives

*Children can use common
factors to simplify fractions; use common multiples to express fractions in the same denomination.
*Children can compare and order fractions, including fractions $>1$.
*Children can add and subtract fractions with different denominators and mixed numbers, using the concept of equivalent fractions.
*Children can multiply simple pairs of proper fractions, writing the answer in its simplest form [for example, $1 / 4 \mathrm{x}$ $1 / 2=1 / 8$ ]
*Children can divide proper fractions by whole numbers [for example, $1 / 3 \div 2=1 / 6$ ]
*Children can associate a fraction with division and calculate decimal fraction equivalents [for example, 0.375 ] for a simple fraction [for example, 3/8]
*Children can identify the value of each digit in numbers given to three decimal places and multiply and divide numbers by 10,100 and 1000 giving answers up to three decimal places.
*Children can multiply one-digit numbers with up to two decimal places by whole numbers.

## Strategies and Images

Adding and subtracting mixed numbers
Children will expand on their knowledge of adding and subtracting fractions by moving onto adding and subtracting mixed numbers...


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3 \frac{1}{2}+1 \frac{1}{4}=?
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They will add the whole number and then add the fractions. Once complete they will find the mixed number answer.
For example, $3 \frac{1}{2}+1 \frac{1}{4}=4 \frac{3}{4}$

## Multiply fractions

Children will learn to multiply fractions with different denominators Firstly, they must multiply the numerators and the denominators.


Once they have found the answer they must put the fraction in its simplest form as shown below...


So... $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{2}{3}=\frac{2}{12}$ which is simplified to $\frac{1}{6}$

## Divide fractions by whole numbers

Children will use diagrams to help them understand the concept of dividing a fraction by a whole number.

$\frac{6}{7} \div 2=\frac{3}{7}$


