Numicon teaching progression: Number, Pattern and Calculating 6 and Geometry, Measurement and Statistics 6

The Numicon teaching progression chart gives an overview of the expected coverage over the school year and the recommended order for teaching the activity groups. Statistics work has been included within the Geometry and Measurement activity groups through appropriate contexts.

Two new strands have been included to meet the needs of Year 6 – Preparing for Formal Testing and Investigating. The Preparing for Formal Testing strand contains two activity groups designed for use at the start of the year, to inform teaching and learning throughout, as well as three activity groups to prepare children for the specific demands of formal tests. The Investigating activity groups are included at the end of the progression, for use when children have completed their work on the other strands. These allow children to explore key mathematical concepts in real-world contexts and deepen their understanding.

See the long- and medium-term planning documents for Number, Pattern and Calculating 6 and Geometry, Measurement and Statistics 6 for references to assessment milestone statements; a powerful tool for measuring children's progress.

Strand and activity group number	Activity group title
Preparing for Formal 1 Testing	Self-assessment and choosing imagery
Preparing for Formal 2 Testing	Problem solving strategies
Numbers and the 1 Number System	Working with numbers beyond a million and decimals
Calculating 1	Adding and subtracting negative numbers in context, and large numbers
Calculating 2	Multiplying and dividing
Measurement 1	Statistics, charts and graphs
Pattern and Algebra 1	Multiples, factors and primes
Numbers and the2Number System	Fractions
Calculating 3	Estimating, rounding and equivalence
Calculating 4	Column methods for adding and subtracting
Calculating 5	Percentages
Geometry 1	2D shapes and angles
Calculating 6	Exploring calculations: multi-step non-routine problems and order of operations
Calculating 7	Ratio and proportion
Measurement 2	Areas of 2D shapes
Calculating 8	Converting fractions and decimals
Pattern and Algebra 2	Exploring number sequences and relationships
Measurement 3	3D shapes – nets and surface area
Calculating 9	Written column methods of multiplying
Calculating 10	Introducing long written methods of dividing

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Strand and activity group number	Activity group title
Measurement 4	Volume and scaling
Calculating 11	Adding and subtracting with fractions
Calculating 12	Multiplying and dividing fractions
Pattern and Algebra 3	Using algebra to solve problems
Geometry 2	Circles
Calculating 13	Solving non-routine problems using all four operations
Geometry 3	Transformations in the four quadrants
Pattern and Algebra 4	Using symbols and letters for variables and unknowns
Preparing for Formal 3 Testing	Fluency in calculating with whole numbers and decimals
Preparing for Formal 4 Testing	Fluency in calculating with fractions and decimals
Preparing for Formal 5 Testing	Preparing to do maths in test conditions

NPC and GMS Investigating activity groups

The investigating activities are independent and can be followed in any order. You may choose to use some or all of the topics with your class, according to their interests and the time available.

NPC Investigating 1	Making squares
NPC Investigating 2	What did I do?
NPC Investigating 3	How many ways?
NPC Investigating 4	Decimal patterns
NPC Investigating 5	Which is the best value?
NPC Investigating 6	An enterprise project
GMS Investigating 1	Shape shifting
GMS Investigating 2	Macro maths
GMS Investigating 3	Interesting information