# **Early Years Foundation Stage Mathematics Vocabulary**

#### **Rote Counting**

number

zero, one, two, three... to twenty and beyond zero, ten, twenty... one hundred

none

count, count (up) to count on (from, to) count back (from, to) count forwards count backwards count down

count in ones, twos... tens...

pattern

before, after, between

### **Counting and Subitising**

number

zero, one, two, three... to twenty and beyond

zero, ten, twenty... one hundred

none

count, count (up) to count on (from, to) count back (from, to) count forwards count backwards count down

count in ones, twos... tens...

how many...?

pattern, arrangement

sensible guess estimate

# **Comparing Amounts**

number

zero, one, two, three... to twenty and beyond

compare order equal to the same as more, most

less, fewer, least, fewest

greater amount, greatest amount smaller amount, smallest amount

before, after lots, many

few

nearly, close to, about the same as

just over, just under

too many, too few, enough, not enough

#### **Number Sense and Place Value**

number

zero, one, two, three... to twenty and beyond

part – part – whole group of ten

pattern more. less

greater, lesser/smaller amount

# **Number Recognition**

read

identify, match

order

#### **Number Graphics**

represent

show, draw, make, write

own way explain thinking

# **Calculation – Addition**

part – part – whole add, and, combine

make, sum, total, altogether equals, equal to, is the same as

score double

one more, two more, ten more

... more than ... is ...

# **Calculation – Subtraction**

part – part – whole

take (away), leave, left (over)

how many have gone? how many more to make...?

how many more is ... than ...? equals, equal to, is the same as

one less/fewer, two less/fewer, ten less/fewer

Number Fractions	
share (sharing) equally	
equal parts	
half, halving	
double, doubling, adding same number	
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2-D Shape	3-D Shape
circle, triangle, square, rectangle, oblong	sphere, cube, cuboid, cone
flat, side, straight, curved	solid, face, flat, surface, curved
sharp, pointed, corner, vertex	edge
different size, position	sharp, pointed, corner, vertex
same, different	different size, position
pattern, repeating, symmetrical	same, different
recognise, identify, match	recognise, identify, match
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	roll
	build
Space	
on top, under(neath)	
in front of, behind, next to, between	
above, below	
first, last	
second, third, fourth	
forwards, backwards	
up, down, turn	
pattern, repeating	
next, after, before	
Statistics – Matching and Sorting	
same, different	
sort, match	
features	
in common	
Measurement – Distance	Measurement – Weight/Mass
measure	measure
size	size
compare, order	compare, order
guess, estimate	guess, estimate
nearly, close to, about the same as	nearly, close to, about the same as
just over, just under	just over, just under
length, width, height	weigh, balance
long, short, wide, narrow, tall	heavy, light
longer, longest	heavier, heaviest
wider, widest	lighter, lightest
narrower, narrowest	
taller, tallest	

#### Measurement - Volume and Capacity Measurement – Money measure money penny, pence, pound size compare 1p coin guess, estimate coins, notes, credit/debit card, online/internet nearly, close to, about the same as colour, shape, size just over, just under same, different full, empty pay, spend, price, cost half full buy, sell holds change container cheap, dear, expensive how much/many... total more, less, costs the same as **Measurement - Time** time lunch/dinner time, home time, tea time, play time, snack time, bed time morning, afternoon, evening, night before, after, yesterday, today, tomorrow day, week, month, year Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday longer, shorter faster, slower fastest, slowest clock, watch