Ratio and proportion

Pupils should be taught to:

- solve problems involving the relative sizes of two quantities where missing values can be found by using integer multiplication and division facts
- solve problems involving the calculation of percentages [for example, of measures, such as 15% of 360] and the use of percentages for comparison
- solve problems involving similar shapes where the scale factor is known or can be found
- solve problems involving unequal sharing and grouping using knowledge of fractions and multiples

Notes and guidance (non-statutory)

Pupils recognise proportionality in contexts when the relations between quantities are in the same ratio (for example, similar shapes, recipes).

Pupils link percentages or 360° to calculating angles of pie charts.

Pupils should consolidate their understanding of ratio when comparing quantities, size and scale drawings by solving a variety of problems. They might use the notation a:b to record their work.

Pupils solve problems involving unequal quantities e.g. 'for every egg you need three spoonfuls of flour', '3/5 of the class are boys'. These problems are the foundation for later formal approaches to ratio and proportion.

Algebra

Pupils should be taught to:

- use simple formulae
- generate and describe linear number sequences
- express missing number problems algebraically
- · find pairs of numbers that satisfy an equation with two unknowns
- enumerate possibilities of combinations of two variables

Notes and guidance (non-statutory)

Pupils should be introduced to the use of symbols and letters to represent variables and unknowns in mathematical situations that they already understand, such as:

- missing numbers, lengths, coordinates and angles
- formulae in mathematics and science
- equivalent expressions (for example, a + b = b + a)
- · generalisations of number patterns
- number puzzles (e.g. what two numbers can add up to)



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