National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics

Geometry: Position and Direction

	POSITION, DIRECTION AND MOVEMENT					
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
use positional	describe position,	use mathematical		describe positions on a	identify, describe and	describe positions on
language	direction and	vocabulary to describe		2-D grid as coordinates	represent the position	the full coordinate grid
	movement, including	position, direction and		in the first quadrant	of a shape following a	(all four quadrants)
	half, quarter and	movement including			reflection or	
	three-quarter turns.	movement in a straight		describe movements	translation, using the	draw and translate
		line and distinguishing		between positions as	appropriate language,	simple shapes on the
		between rotation as a		translations of a given	and know that the	coordinate plane, and
		turn and in terms of		unit to the left/right	shape has not changed	reflect them in the
		right angles for		and up/down		axes.
		quarter, half and three-				
		quarter turns				
		(clockwise and				
		anti-clockwise)				
				plot specified points		
				and draw sides to		
				complete a given		
				polygon		
	PATTERN					
spotting patterns		order and arrange				
and relationships		combinations of				
		mathematical objects				
		in patterns and				
		sequences				







