Geometry (Properties of Shape, Position and Direction and Angles and Lines) Progression

Year group	Objectives
EYFS	Shape 3 and 4-year-olds will be learning to:
	 Talk about and explore 2D and 3D shapes (for example, circles, rectangles, triangles and cuboids) using informal and mathematical language: 'sides', 'corners'; 'straight', 'flat', 'round'. Select shapes appropriately: flat surfaces for building, a triangular prism for a roof, etc. Combine shapes to make new ones – an arch, a bigger triangle. Talk about and identify the patterns around them. For example: stripes on clothes, designs on rugs and wallpaper. Use informal language like 'pointy', 'spotty', 'blobs', etc. Extend and create ABAB patterns – stick, leaf, stick, leaf. Notice and correct an error in a repeating pattern. Begin to describe a sequence of events, real or fictional, using words such as 'first', 'then'
	Children in reception will be learning to:
	 Select, rotate and manipulate shapes to develop spatial reasoning skills. Compose and decompose shapes so that children recognise a shape can have other shapes within it, just as numbers can. Continue, copy and create repeating patterns.
	Position and Direction
	 3 and 4-year-olds will be learning to: Understand position through words alone – for example, "The bag is under the table," – with no pointing. Describe a familiar route. Discuss routes and locations, using words like 'in front of' and 'behind'.
Year 1	 Shape Recognise and name common 2D and 3D shapes including rectangles (including squares), circles and triangles, cuboids (including cubes), pyramids and spheres Sorting shapes by their properties

	 Position and Direction describe position, direction and movement, including half, quarter and three-quarter turns.
Year 2	 Shape Identify and describe the properties of 2D shapes including the number of sides, vertices and lines of symmetry Identify and describe the properties of 3D shapes including the numbers of edges, faces and vertices Identify 2D shapes on a surface of the 3D shape Compare and sort common 2D and 3D shapes and everyday objects
	 Position and Direction use mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement including movement in a straight line and distinguishing between rotation as a turn and in terms of right angles for quarter, half and three-quarter turns (clockwise and anti-clockwise)
Year 3	 Shape Draw 2D and 3D shapes using modelling materials Recognise 3D shapes in different orientations and describe them Recognise angles as a property of shape or a description of a term Identify right angles, recognise that two right angles make a half turn, three make three quarters of a turn and four a complete turn Identify whether angles are greater than or less than a right angle Identify horizontal and vertical lines and pairs of perpendicular and parallel lines
Year 4	 Shape Compare and classify geometric shapes, including quadrilaterals and triangles, based on their properties and sizes Identify lines of symmetry in 2D shapes presented in different orientations
	 Angles and Lines Identify acute and obtuse angles and compare and order angles up to two right angles by size Complete a simple symmetric figure with respect to a specific line of symmetry
	 Position and Direction Describe positions on a 2D grid as co-ordinates in the first quadrant Describe movements between positions as translations of a given unit to the left/right and up/down Plot specified points and draw sides to complete a given polygon
Year 5	Shape

 Distinguish between regular and irregular polygons based on reasoning about equal sides and angles Use the properties of rectangles to deduce related facts and find missing lengths and angles Identify 3-D shapes, including cubes and other cuboids, from 2-D representations
 Angles and Lines Know angles are measured in degrees: estimate and compare acute, obtuse and reflex angles Draw given angles and measure in degrees Identify: angles at a point and one whole turn; angles at a point on a straight line and half a turn; other multiples of 90 degrees
 Position and Direction identify, describe and represent the position of a shape following a reflection or translation, using the appropriate language, and know that the shape has not changed
 Shape Draw 2D shapes using given dimensions and angles Compare and classify geometric shapes based on their properties and sizes Illustrate and name parts of circles including radius, diameter and circumference, and know that the diameter is twice the radius Recognise, describe and build simple 3D shapes including making nets Angles and Lines Find unknown angles in any triangles, quadrilaterals and regular polygons Recognise angles where they meet at a point, are on a straight line or are vertically opposite, and find missing angles Position and Direction describe positions on the full coordinate grid (all four quadrants) draw and translate simple shapes on the coordinate plane, and reflect them in the axes