



Information Handling

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This programme is extensively based on proven approaches and strategies defined within the First Steps in Mathematics resources, Maths Recovery and New Zealand programmes.

Unlike many resources that present mathematical concepts that have been logically ordered and prioritized by mathematicians or educators, First Steps in Mathematics follows a sequence derived from the mathematical development of real children. It is based on five years of research by a team of teachers from the Western Australia Department of Education and Training, and tertiary consultants led by Professor Sue Willis at Murdoch University. The First Steps in Mathematics project team conducted an extensive review of international research literature, which revealed gaps in the field of knowledge about students' learning in mathematics. Using tasks designed to replicate those in the research literature, team members interviewed hundreds of elementary school children in diverse locations. Analysis of the data obtained from these interviews identified characteristic phases in the development of students' thinking about mathematical concepts.

Maths Recovery, founded on years of research by Dr Robert Wright, Professor in Maths Education within Southern Cross University in Australia and colleagues, is now internationally renowned in responding to problems of children's failure in early numeracy and primary mathematics and has been used extensively by many nations, including New Zealand, to develop their own standards and teaching approaches in mathematics.

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GUIDANCE

The Fife Numeracy and Mathematics Progression (Information Handling) sets out a clear set of learning experiences and outcomes from the following Curriculum for Excellence numeracy/mathematics strands:

Data and Analysis

Ideas of Chance and Uncertainty

The purpose of this document is to provide a continuum of learning both within a level and through the Early, First, Second and Third levels. The developmental stages of learning in numeracy and mathematics are clearly documented and this will support teachers when identifying starting points for learners. The progression is intended to assist teachers as they plan their numeracy and mathematics curriculum.

The 'Points to Consider' and 'Suggested Written Recording' sections will be built up as feedback is received on this document.

Each strand is shown as a pyramid to show how learning and teaching progress within this. The skills at the base of the pyramids are required to be understood for further learning to be built upon and are not aligned to any particular year group (at First Level, statements in blue do *not* equate to Primary 2, for example). Pupils will progress through the pyramids as and when they are ready and able to do so.

The Fife Numeracy and Mathematics Progression focuses on developing increasingly sophisticated and refined mathematical understanding, fluency, logical reasoning, analytical thought and problem solving skills which can be applied in unfamiliar situations.

BACKGROUND NOTES

Bar Graphs

A common graph type that uses the lengths of columns or rows to represent frequencies or measurements of categories or groups. A wide range of data can be represented, with either axis being used for categories or groups, and the other axis calibrated as a scale to show a count, a percentage or a measurement. The lengths of the bars should be proportional to each other and where the data is about discrete categories, the columns or rows (bars) must be separated. Different sources of the same kind of data can be compared by putting two or more bars side by side and providing a key to show the meaning of adjacent bars. Also see Histograms.







Block Graphs

Similar to a line plot in that each piece of data is displayed in columns or rows of squares above or beside a baseline. Because each square counts as one, a second axis is not required, similarly to a Line Plot.

Histograms A variation of a bar graph used for continuous quantities, or categories that can be thought of as naturally ordered in time or quantity. Bars are generally vertical, with the columns touching to represent the continuity between the groups of data. If different intervals of data are used, the bars may be different widths, so that the area of the bars is proportional, as well as the length.



Line Graphs

Used when it is meaningful to think of the frequency or measurement varying, usually over time. Points are

plotted at intervals and the points joined to represent how the quantity changes between the data points. The base axis must be calibrated as a measurement scale so that every point on the line has meaning.





Which is the Most Popular Pet in the Class?

Dot Plots

Used to record or display frequency data. Dots, crosses or other equal-sized marks are used to represent each piece of data. They are placed above a baseline that has been labelled for each category or number. A second axis is not needed because each 'dot' represents one piece of data.

(acceleration)

Time



Travel to School	Number of Children
Car	6
Bus	11
Walk	9
Bike	3
Scooter	2

Frequency Tables or One Way Tables

Sets out related information in adjacent lists. Only the columns in one-way tables are labelled. The list of names or information in the first column links in rows to other information across the page.

Pictograms

Small pictures or icons that relate to different categories of data are placed equidistant from each other in rows or columns. Each icon may represent one or more pieces of data. A key will indicate if an icon means a quantity of data, in which case in between quantities are represented by parts of icons.





Pie Charts

Circular graph in which the area of the slices relate proportionally to the quantities in the categories. Its use only makes sense when each piece of data belongs in exactly one category of a clearly defined whole set of data. The quantities are normally shown as percentages.

Scatter Diagrams

Demonstrates visually how two different types of data are related.

Two different measures for the same person or thing are paired and plotted on a two-axis grid. Each axis relates to one type of measure, and a mark shows where the two measures intersect. A 'line of best fit' is sometimes used to emphasise strong relationships between the data. A broken scale is shown when values do not start at zero.



Stemplot of Data Set

Stem Plots (also called Stem and Leaf Plots)



Carroll Diagrams and Two-Way Diagrams

Information is shown in two or more categories in columns and rows, which may or may not need to be totalled. It is useful for showing how different types of frequency data might be related, for example, the different ways that boys and girls travel to school.

Criteria	Even Numbers	Not Even Numbers
Multiples of 3	6 12 18	15 21 39
Not multiples of 3	8 20 40	5 29 35



Venn Diagrams

Used to visually represent data that have overlapping categories. The number in each category is shown within an oval, and the number that is in more than one category is shown in the relevant overlapping sections.

Early Level Experiences and Outcomes ~ Information Handling

* The numeracy learner statements that are the responsibility of all are shown in italics.

I can collect objects and ask questions to gather information, organising and displaying my findings in different ways. MNU 0-20a Pg's 8 & 9

I can match objects and sort using my own and others' criteria, sharing my ideas with others. MNU 0-20b Pg's 8 & 9

I can use the signs and charts around me for information, helping me plan and make choices and decisions in my daily life. MNU 0-20c Pg's 8 & 9

Despite having no Experience and Outcome for Early Level, everyday language for chance and uncertainty need to be explored in order for this to be built upon at First Level.





Data gathering and analysis is an everyday skill. Opportunities across the curriculum and in real life situations should be maximised to give relevancy to the need to gather information and to interpret information. Data and Analysis skills will increase in sophistication as children develop. The Data and Analysis Pyramid statements should be revisited with increasing complexity as children's mathematical thinking develops.

Technology should be used to support data display and analysis where appropriate.



Early Level Overview *The numeracy learner statements that are the responsibility of all are shown in italics.

Key Aspect	Experiences and Outcomes	National Benchmarks
Data and Analysis Pg's 8 & 9	I can collect objects and ask questions to gather information, organising and displaying my findings in different ways. MNU 0-20a I can match objects and sort using my own and others' criteria, sharing my ideas with others. MNU 0-20b I can use the signs and charts around me for information, helping me plan and make choices and decisions in my daily life. MNU 0-20c	 Asks simple questions to collect data for a specific purpose. Collects and organises objects for a specific purpose. Applies counting skills to ask and answer questions, make relevant choices and decisions based on the data. Contributes to concrete or pictorial displays where one object or drawing represents one data value, using digital technologies as appropriate. Uses knowledge of colour, shape, size and other properties to match and sort items in a variety of different ways. Interprets simple graphs, charts and signs and demonstrates how they support planning, choices and decision.
Ideas of Chance	Despite having no Experience and	
and Uncertainty	Outcome for Early Level, everyday	
Po 10	language for chance and uncertainty	
rg 10	to be built upon at First Level.	

First Level Experiences and Outcomes ~ Information Handling

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I have explored a variety of ways in which data is presented and can ask and answer questions about the information it contains.

MNU 1-20a Pg's 13 & 14

I have used a range of ways to collect information and can sort it in a logical, organised and imaginative way using my own and others' criteria.

MNU 1-20b Pg's 13 & 14

Using technology and other methods, I can display data simply, clearly and accurately by creating tables, charts and diagrams, using simple labelling and scale.

MTH 1-21a Pg's 13 & 14

I can use appropriate vocabulary to describe the likelihood of events occurring, using the knowledge and experiences of myself and others to guide me. MNU 1-22a Pa 15 MNU 1-20a, MNU 1-20b & MTH 1-21a



e.g. mark paper strips with the 24 hours of the day, shade the time between going to bed and getting up, cut shaded parts and make a graph of the times in bed.

Fife Numeracy & Mathematics Progression Pyramid: First Level ~ Page 13

ame 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5	Frequency
)	0	2	3	6
	1	0	0	3
)	1	1	0	3
)	2	1	2	7
	1	0	1	6
	3	1	0	5

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CHANCE AND UNCERTAINTY AIM: Use previous experiences to describe the likelihood of everyday events occurring using MNU 1-22a appropriate vocabulary. Interpret the data which is gathered.

Use data to consider events, describing them as being more or less likely.

e.g. It is less likely that we will play rugby at break because most people want to play football.

Predict the likelihood of an outcome justifying reasonableness. e.g. is it probable, certain/uncertain

Identify situations where there is an element of luck.



e.g. When the raffle tickets are drawn at the Christmas Fayre.

Distinguish impossible from unlikely events using appropriate vocabulary.

e.g. We never go to the park after school but it isn't impossible - it could happen.

Identify situations which would not be fair.

e.q. If Danny's name is not on a lollipop stick the teacher can't choose him. It would be impossible to pull out his name.

Respond appropriately to everyday language associated with uncertainty.

e.g. will, won't might, could, couldn't, lucky, unlucky, fair, unfair, lucky, unlucky

Respond appropriately to, and use 'possible' and 'impossible' for describing familiar events and actions.

e.q. it is impossible for my dad to be younger than me.

> Use language such as 'won't happen', 'will happen' or 'might happen', 'always', 'never', sometimes'.

Identify possible outcomes for daily

events. e.g. After Dad picks me up

from school, we go to the shops, go

straight home or go to Gran's.

Compare events within their experience, describing them as being

more or less likely.

e.g. It is more likely that we will have an indoor break if it is raining..

> Describe familiar events as being more or less likely to

> > happen.

e.g. We are more likely to go to

Grandpa's house in the car than

the bus.

Talk about events recognising the nature of chance.



E.g. The new baby might be a girl or might be a boy.

Identify possible results of an action or event by collecting data.



e.g. Using an uneven spinner.

Identify possible and impossible results of a familiar simple action by thinking about the situation.



e.g. You might get a red or a green or a pink sweet because they are the colours we put in the bowl. You couldn't get a black one because we didn't put any in.

> Recognise and take into account the possibility of different results for repetitions of the same simple action.



First Level Overview *The numeracy learner statements that are the responsibility of all are shown in italics.

Key Aspect	Experiences and Outcomes	National Benchmarks
Data and Analysis	I have explored a variety of ways in which data is presented and can	 Asks and answers questions to extract key information from a variety of data sets including charts, diagrams, bar graphs and
Pg's 13 & 14	ask and answer questions about the	tables.
	information if contains. MNU 1-20a	• Selects and uses the most appropriate way to gather and sort data for a given purpose, for example, a survey, questionnaire or group tallies.
	I have used a range of ways to	Uses a variety of different methods, including the use of digital
	collect information and can sort it in a logical, organised and	technologies, to display data, for example, as block graphs, bar graphs, tables, Carroll diagrams and Venn diagrams.
	imaginative way using my own and	Includes a suitable title, simple labelling on both axes and an
	others' criteria.	appropriate scale where one unit represents more than one data value
	MNU 1-206	in graphs.
	Using technology and other methods, I can display data simply, clearly and accurately by creating tables, charts and diagrams, using simple labelling and scale. MTH 1-21a	
Idea of Chance and Uncertainty Pg 15	I can use appropriate vocabulary to describe the likelihood of events occurring, using the knowledge and experiences of myself and others to	 Uses mathematical vocabulary appropriately to describe the likelihood of events occurring in everyday situations, including, probable, likely/unlikely, certain/uncertain, possible/impossible, fair/unfair.
	guide me. MNU 1-22a	• Interprets data gathered through everyday experiences to make reasonable predictions of the likelihood of an event occurring.

Second Level Experiences and Outcomes ~ Information Handling

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Having discussed the variety of ways and range of media used to present data, I can interpret and draw conclusions from the information displayed, recognising that the presentation may be misleading. MNU 2-20a Pa's 18 & 19

I have carried out investigations and surveys, devising and using a variety of methods to gather information and have worked with others to collate, organise and communicate the results in an appropriate way.

MNU 2-20b Pg's 18 & 19

I can display data in a clear way using a suitable scale, by choosing appropriately from an extended range of tables, charts, diagrams and graphs, making effective use of technology.

MTH 2-21a/MTH 3-21a Pg's 18 & 19

I can conduct simple experiments involving chance and communicate my predictions and findings using the vocabulary of probability. MNU 2-22a Pa 20 DATA AND ANALYSIS AIM: Collects, organises and displays data with others in a variety of ways including through digital technology. Analyses, interprets and
MNU 2-20a, MNU 2-20b & MTH 2-21aAnalyses, interprets and
draws conclusions from data and communicates findings. Note: This pyramid appears across two pages.



Interpret and report on information provided in line graphs, informally describing trends in the data. Bath Time! 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 2 e.g. This shows that the bath lasted for 8 minutes. Interpret and report on information provided in Venn diagrams that have more than two circles. Blande Ha derthan Christin Julie Mary Sally Jan Paul Peter Bou Create simple spreadsheets. B C D E



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Experiences and Outcomes National Benchmarks Key Aspect Having discussed the variety of • Devises ways of collecting data in the most suitable way for the Data and Analysis ways and range of media used to aiven task. present data, I can interpret and • Collects, organises and displays data accurately in a variety of Pg's 18 & 19 draw conclusions from the ways including through the use of digital technologies, for example, creating surveys, tables, bar graphs, line graphs, information displayed, recognising frequency tables, simple pie charts and spreadsheets. that the presentation may be misleading. • Analyses, interprets and draws conclusions from a variety of MNU 2-20a data • Draws conclusions about the reliability of data taking into account, I have carried out investigations for example, the author, the audience, the scale and sample size and surveys, devising and using a used variety of methods to gather • Displays data appropriately making effective use of technology and information and have worked with chooses a suitable scale when creating graphs. others to collate, organise and communicate the results in an appropriate way. MNU 2-20b I can display data in a clear way using a suitable scale, by choosing appropriately from an extended range of tables, charts, diagrams and graphs, making effective use of technology. MTH 2-21a/MTH 3-21a

Key Aspect	Experiences and Outcomes	National Benchmarks
Idea of Chance and Uncertainty	I can conduct simple experiments involving chance and communicate my predictions and findings using the vocabulary of probability	 Uses the language of probability accurately to describe the likelihood of simple events occurring, for example, equal chance; fifty-fifty; one in two, two in three; percentage chance and 1:6. Plans and carries out simple experiments involving chance with
Pg 20	MNU 2-22a	 repeated trials, for example, what is the probability of throwing a double six if you throw two dice fifty times? Uses data to predict the outcome of a simple experiment and explains reasons for the prediction.

Third Level Experiences and Outcomes ~ Information Handling * The numeracy learner statements that are the responsibility of all are shown in italics. I can work collaboratively, making appropriate use of technology, to source information presented in a range of ways, interpret what it conveys and discuss whether I believe the information to be robust, vague or misleading. MNU 3-20a Pa's 24 & 25 When analysing information or collecting data of my own, I can use my understanding of how bias may arise and how sample size can affect precision, to ensure that the data allows for fair conclusions to be drawn. MTH 3-20b Pg's 24 & 25 I can display data in a clear way using a suitable scale, by choosing appropriately from an extended range of tables, charts, diagrams and graphs, making effective use of technology. MTH 2-21a/MTH 3-21a Pg's 24 & 25 I can find the probability of a simple event happening and explain why the consequences of the event, as well as its probability, should be considered when making choices. MNU 3-22a Pg 26

DATA AND ANALYSIS AIM: Source, interpret and analyse information taking reliability into account. Display data appropriately. Make effective use of technology to support information handling. Note: This pyramid appears across two pages. MNU 3-20a MNU 3-20b & MTH 3-21a





Identify information that is vague, robust or misleading.



e.g. This graph appears to show a great increase in house price. However as the scale does not start at zero, and does not indicate a broken scale, it is misleading.

Explore opportunities to use primary and secondary data and discuss limitations of using either.

Primary Data	Secondary Data	
Surveys	Newspapers	
Samplings	Journals	
Interviews	Demographic Data	
Focus Groups	Market Research Report	

Write or present an accurate summary of the information displayed in a range of tables and graphs.

e.g. what is shown by their line plot of ages of the caregivers of class members.

Use fractions or percentages to compare data.

e.q. Before, I got 26 balls from 50 tries, that's 52%. This time I got 24 from 40 tries, or 60%. They are close, but I may be improving a bit.



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Key Aspect	Experiences and Outcomes	National Benchmarks
Key Aspect Data and Analysis Pg's 24 & 25	Experiences and Outcomes I can work collaboratively, making appropriate use of technology, to source information presented in a range of ways, interpret what it conveys and discuss whether I believe the information to be robust, vague or misleading. MNU 3-20a When analysing information or collecting data of my own, I can use my understanding of how bias may arise and how sample size can affect precision, to ensure that the	 National Benchmarks Sources information or collects data making use of technology where appropriate. Interprets data sourced or given. Describes trends in data using appropriate language, for example, increasing trend. Determines if information is robust, vague or misleading by considering, for example, the validity of the source, scale used, sample size, method of presentation and appropriateness of how the sample was selected. Collects data by choosing a representative sample to avoid bias. Organises and displays data appropriately in a variety of forms, for example, compound bar and line graphs, and pie charts, making effective use of technology as appropriate.
	data allows for fair conclusions to be drawn. MTH 3-20b I can display data in a clear way using a suitable scale, by choosing appropriately from an extended range of tables, charts, diagrams and graphs, making effective use of technology. MTH 2-21a/MTH 3-21a	

Third Level Overview * The numeracy learner statements that are the responsibility of all are shown in bold and italics.

Key Aspect	Experiences and Outcomes	National Benchmarks
Idea of	I can find the probability of a	• Uses the probability scale of 0 to 1 showing probability as a fraction,
Chance and	simple event happening and	decimal fraction or percentage.
Uncertainty	explain why the consequences	• Demonstrates understanding of the relationship between the frequency of
	of the event, as well as its	an event happening and the probability of it happening.
Pg 26	probability, should be	• Calculates the probability of a simple event happening, for example, the
	considered when making	probability of selecting a face card from a standard deck of cards.
	choices.	 Identifies all of the mutually exclusive outcomes of a single event and
	MNU 3-22a	calculates the probability of each
		• Investigates real-life situations which involve making decisions on the
		likelihood of events occurring and the consequences involved.

Fourth Level Experiences and Outcomes

* The numeracy learner statements that are the responsibility of all are shown in bold italics.

I can evaluate and interpret raw and graphical data using a variety of methods, comment on relationships I observe within the data and communicate my findings to others.

MNU 4-20a Pg's 30 & 31

In order to compare numerical information in real-life contexts, I can find the mean, median, mode and range of sets of numbers, decide which type of average is most appropriate to use and discuss how using an alternative type of average could be misleading.

MTH 4-20b Pg's 30 & 31

I can select appropriately from a wide range of tables, charts, diagrams and graphs when displaying discrete, continuous or grouped data, clearly communicating the significant features of the data.

MTH 4-21a Pg's 30 & 31

By applying my understanding of probability, I can determine how many times I expect an event to occur, and use this information to make predictions, risk assessment, informed choices and decisions.

MNU 4-22a Pg 32



Discuss and explain how using an alternative type of average could be misleading.

> Calculates the mean, median, mode and range of a data set.



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IDEAS OF CHANCE & UNCERTAINTY AIM: C

MNU 4-22a

informed predictions about the

l	Jses two-way tables	s to calculate pr	obabilities of events.
		Blue Eyes	Not Blue Eyes
	Fair Hair	32	3
	Not Fair Hair	67	93

A person with fair hair is chosen at random. What is the probability that they do not have blue eyes?

Can identify and knows the difference between independent and dependent events.

Independent - The probability of one event happening isn't influenced by the outcome of another. E.g. pulling coloured balls from a bag and replacing afterwards. Probability of getting a blue ball next time has not changed from first time.

Dependent - Is the opposite. If the outcome of one event influences the probability of the other they aren't independent. E.g. pulling coloured balls from a bag and not replacing afterwards. Probability of pulling a certain colour

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Not Blue Eyes 3 93	e.g.	Chocolate Cream Pies Blackberry Pies Apple Pies Coconut Cream Pies Pumpkin Pies	1 1 6 3	Regan's Pie Shop rea pies they recently s flavour. Considering the dat the next 14 pies sol expect to be cocond	corded how many old in each a, how many of d would you it cream pies?
Calculates the probability of independent events. g. A bag contains 4 red balls, 5 blu and 5 yellow balls.) Find the probability of pulling ou ball at random. b) A blue ball is pulled from the b	endent ue balls t a blue ag and	<i>Calculates</i> e.g. If you r	ollec w	probability and deter occurrence of an ev d a fair die 45 times o ould expect to roll a 3	mines the expected ent. n how many occasions t or 4?
not replaced. What is the probabil pulling out a yellow ball next?	lity of		Calc pr	ulate and use obability of	Calculates both the probability and can e difference
calculate and use the probabili mutually exclusive and overlapp displaying an understanding of t numerical value of these p e.g. The probability of rolling a What is the probability of no	ties of opp bing events he meaning robabilitie 2 on a dice t throwing	oosite, s while g of the s. s is 1/6. a 2?	di unde the n nume the	e events while isplaying an erstanding of neaning of the erical value of e probability.	Explore, cor differences b experimental p out prac

ical and experimental in why there may be a ween these.

and discuss the en theoretical and abilities by carrying experiments.

Fourth Level Overview * The numeracy learner statements that are the responsibility of all are shown in bold and italics.

Key Aspect	Experiences and Outcomes	National Benchmarks
Data and Analysis Pg's 30 & 31	I can evaluate and interpret raw and graphical data using a variety of methods, comment on relationships I observe within the data and communicate my findings to others. MNU 4-20a	 Interprets raw and graphical data. Uses statistical language, for example, correlations, to describe identified relationships. Calculates the mean, median, mode and range of a data set. Selects the most appropriate statistical diagram to display a given data set, for example, stem and leaf. Justifies the most appropriate statistical diagram to display a given data set. Uses different types of charts to display discrete, continuous and grouped data appropriately.
	In order to compare numerical information in real-life contexts, I can find the mean, median, mode and range of sets of numbers, decide which type of average is most appropriate to use and discuss how using an alternative type of average could be misleading. MTH 4-20b	

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Key Aspect	Experiences and Outcomes	National Benchmarks
	I can select appropriately from a wide range of tables, charts, diagrams and graphs when displaying discrete, continuous or grouped data, clearly communicating the significant features of the data. MTH 4-21a	
Ideas of Chance and Uncertainty Pg 32	By applying my understanding of probability, I can determine how many times I expect an event to occur, and use this information to make predictions, risk assessment, informed choices and decisions. MNU 4-22a	 Calculates the probability and determines the expected occurrence of an event. Applies knowledge and skills in calculating probability to make predictions.

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