We have extensively covered the maths vocabulary that children in reception are expected to come across. The following lists are the new words that they should come across in school during year 1.

If a child does not respond to a mathematical question it may be because they do not understand the words or instructions used. Another difficulty can arise when a mathematical term has a different meaning in everyday English eg 'table'.

Words to do with number:

Units

exchange digit teens number ones tens roughly half-way between equal to twelfth eleventh thirteenth fourteenth fifteenth sixteenth seventeenth nineteenth eighteenth twentieth

(all these are frequently used when stating the date; eg it is the thirteenth of February.)

The attached pdf has all these words written twice: once so that they can be traced over and larger so that they can be cut out or used as 'flash cards' etc. ones

tens

exchange

digit

teens number

equal to

roughly

half-way between eleventh twelfth thirteenth fourteenth fifteenth

sixteenth
seventeenth
eighteenth
nineteenth
twentieth

ones

tens

units

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eleventh

twelfth

thirteenth

fourteenth

fifteenth

sixteenth

seventeenth

eighteenth

nineteenth

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