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Maths Vocabulary for Reception: Position, direction and movement

Words which describe the position and direction of objects are very important to use, enabling children to describe what is happening around them.

POSITION, DIRECTION AND MOVEMENT

position over, under above, below top, bottom, side on, in, outside, inside around in front, behind front, back before, after beside, next to, opposite apart between middle, edge corner direction left, right up, down forwards, backwards, sideways across close, far, near along through to, from, towards, away from movement slide roll turn stretch, bend

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