Year 3

Small Steps Guidance and Examples

Block 3: Properties of Shapes

White Rose Maths

Year 3 – Yearly Overview

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Autumn	Number – Place Value			Number – Addition and Subtraction					Number – Multiplication and Division			Consolidation
Spring	Number - Multiplication and Division			Measurement: Money	Statistics		Measurement: length and perimeter			Number - Fractions		Consolidation
Summer	Number – fractions			Measurement: Time			Geometry – Properties of Shapes		Measurement: Mass and Capacity			Consolidation

Overview

Small Steps

- Turns and angles
- Right angles in shapes
- Compare angles
- Draw accurately
- Horizontal and vertical
- Parallel and perpendicular
- Recognise and describe 2D shapes
- Recognise and describe 3D shapes
- Make 3D shapes

NC Objectives

Recognise angles as a property of shape or a description of a turn.

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.

Draw 2-D shapes and make 3-D shapes using modelling materials.

Recognise 3-D shapes in different orientations and describe them.

Turns and Angles

Notes and Guidance

Children recognise angles as a description of a turn. They practise making $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}$ and whole turns from different starting points moving in a clockwise and anti-clockwise direction in practical contexts. They need to be encouraged to listen to/follow instructions and also give instructions in order to use the correct mathematical language in different contexts.

Children understand that an angle is created when 2 straight lines meet at a point.

Mathematical Talk

If we start by facing _____ and make a _____ turn, what direction will we be facing?

If we face _____ and turn to face _____, what turn have we made?

If we face north and make a quarter turn clockwise, which direction will we be facing? What if we turn anti-clockwise?

What would the time be if the minute hand started at 1, then made a quarter of a turn?

Can you see any angles around the classroom?

Varied Fluency

1. Take children outside or into the hall where they can practise moving in turns themselves. Label 4 walls/points with, for example: North, South, East, West.

Give children instructions to encourage them to make $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}$ and whole turns from different starting points. Allow children the opportunity to give instructions too.
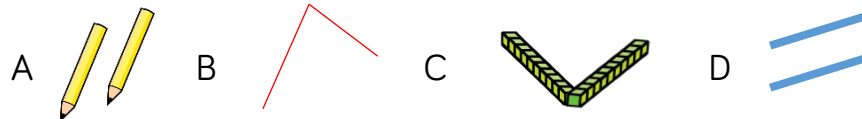
2. Look at the hands of the clock.
Turn the minute hand one quarter of a turn clockwise.
Where is the large hand pointing?
What is the new time?

What turn has the minute hand made?

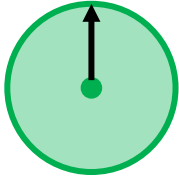3. When two straight lines meet at a point, they make an _____.
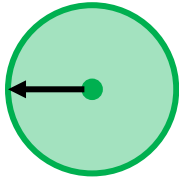Tick the images where you can see an angle.

A   B   C   D

Turns and Angles

Reasoning and Problem Solving

The arrow on a spinner started in this position.

After making a turn it ended in this position.

James says,

> The arrow has moved a quarter turn anti-clockwise.

Milly says,

> The arrow has moved a three-quarter turn clockwise.

Who do you agree with?

Both children are correct.

The letter 'X' has four angles.

Write your name in capital letters.
How many angles can you see in each letter?
How many angles are there in your full name?

Answers will vary depending on the child's name.

True or False?

Some shapes have no angles.
Prove it.

True – children may draw a circle, semi-circle, oval etc to prove it.

Right-angles in Shapes

Notes and Guidance

Children recognise that a right-angle is a quarter turn, 2 right-angles make a half-turn, 3 right-angles make three-quarters of a turn and 4 right-angles make a complete turn.

Children need to see examples in different orientations so that they understand a right angle does not have to be made up of a horizontal and vertical line.

Mathematical Talk

How many right-angles make a half turn/three-quarter turn/ full turn?

Where can you see a right-angle in the classroom/ around school/ outside?
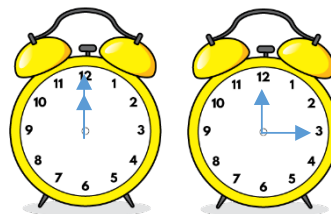
Which shapes contain right-angles?

Can you think of a shape which doesn't have any right-angles?

How many right-angles does a _____ have?

Can you draw a shape with _____ right-angles?

Varied Fluency

1 Give children a clock each so they can practice making turns. Start with the hands showing 12 o'clock, move the minute hand one quarter of a turn.
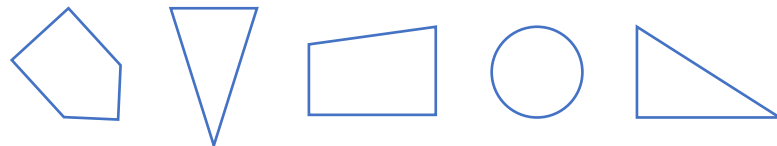
The angle between the hands is called a _____ angle.
One quarter turn is equal to a _____ angle.

2 Children can create a 'Right-angle Tester' E.g.

Then go on a 'Right-angle Hunt' around school.
Find and draw at least 3 right-angles you have seen around your school.

3 Sort the shapes based on the number of right-angles they have. Record your answer in a table.

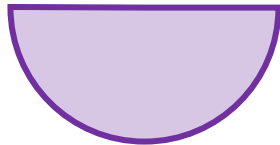# Right-angles in Shapes

Reasoning and Problem Solving

The letter 'E' has four right-angles.

How many other capital letters have four right-angles?

H, I (when drawn with horizontal lines top and bottom)

True or False?
This shape has two right-angles.

Explain your answer.

False. This shape has no angles and therefore no right-angles. Children could show this by using the corner of a page to show there aren't any right-angles.

How many right-angles can you see in this image?
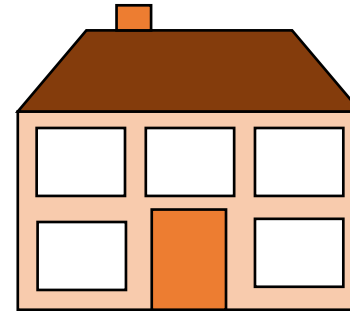
Can you create your own image with the same number of right-angles?

There are 34 right-angles.

Compare Angles

Notes and Guidance

Children identify angles which are greater or less than a right angle in shapes and turns by measuring, comparing and reasoning in practical contexts.

Children are introduced to the words 'acute' and 'obtuse' as a way of describing angles.

Mathematical Talk
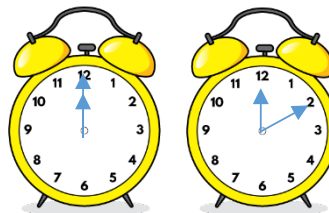
What is an acute/obtuse angle?

Can you give me a time where the hands on the clock make an acute/obtuse angle?

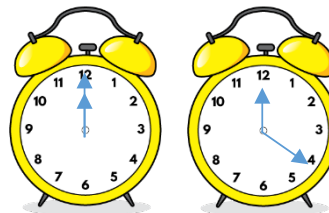Can you see an acute/obtuse angle around the classroom?

Can you draw me a shape that contains acute/obtuse angles?

Varied Fluency

1

The angle between the hands is _____ than a right angle.
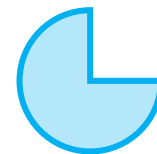This is called an _____ angle.

The angle between the hands is _____ than a right angle.
This is called an _____ angle.

Explore other times where the hands make an acute/obtuse angle.

2 Find and draw 3 acute angles and 3 obtuse angles you can see in your classroom.
Use your 'Right Angle Tester' to check.

3 Label the angles in these images.

Compare Angles

Reasoning and Problem Solving

The letter A has 3 acute angles and 2 obtuse angles. Label the angles.

A

Investigate how many different angles you can spot in the word ANGLE. Record your findings in a table.

Does your name contain more or less acute angles than the word ANGLE?

Acute angles – 5
Obtuse angles – 2
Right-angles - 5

Jack describes a shape.

My shape has 3 right angles and 2 obtuse angles.

What could Jack's shape look like?

Describe a shape in terms of it's angles for a friend to draw.

Possible answer:

Draw Accurately

Notes and Guidance

Children measure and draw straight lines accurately in centimetres and millimetres. They also practice rounding measurements to the nearest centimetre.

Make sure the children correctly position the '0' on the ruler when measuring/drawing the line.

Mathematical Talk

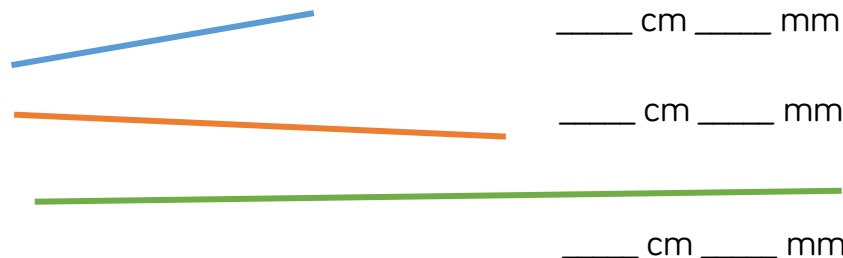Where should we position the ruler when measuring each line? Why?

How long is each line in millimetres?
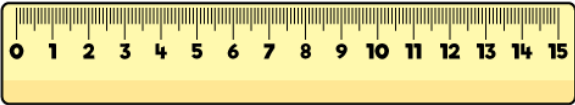
Why does 9 cm 9 mm round to 10 cm and not 9 cm ?

Do we round 10 cm 5 mm to 10 cm or 11 cm? Why?

Varied Fluency

1. Measure these lines. Record your measurements in *cm* and *mm*.

_____ cm _____ mm

_____ cm _____ mm

_____ cm _____ mm

2. Draw straight lines that measure exactly:
   a)   12 cm
   b)   8 cm 5 mm
   c)   9 cm 8 mm
   d)   14 cm 2 mm

3.

   This line measures 9 cm 9 mm

   It measures _____ *cm* to the nearest centimetre.
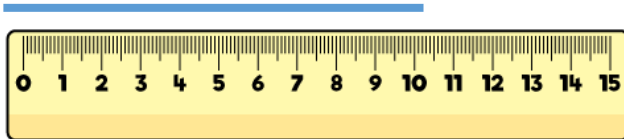   Draw a line for each of the measurements:
   a)   5 cm 2 mm
   b)   13 cm 8 mm
   c)   0 cm 9 mm
   d)   10 cm 3 mm
   What would each line measure to the nearest centimetre?

Draw Accurately
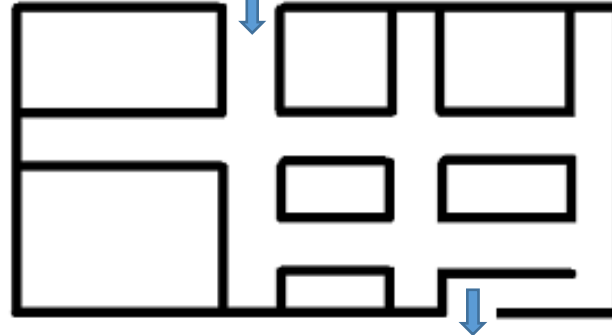
Reasoning and Problem Solving

Lola measures the line.

She says it is 10 cm 4 mm

Is Lola correct?
Explain why.

Lola is not correct because she has started measuring the line from the end of the ruler instead of from '0'
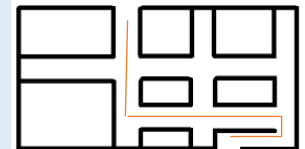

Use straight lines to show the route the car could take to get out of the maze.

Work out the length of the route to the nearest *cm*.

Is this the shortest route?

Possible answer:

The length of the route will depend on the size of the maze used.

Horizontal & Vertical

Notes and Guidance

Children identify and find horizontal and vertical lines in a range of practical contexts.
They identify horizontal and vertical lines of symmetry in shapes, symbols and capital letters.

Mathematical Talk

What can you use to help you remember what a horizontal line looks like? (The horizon)
Can you see horizontal and vertical lines around the classroom?
What do we call a line that is not horizontal or vertical?
Which shapes/symbols/letters have a horizontal/vertical line of symmetry?
Which have both?
Can you draw your own shape that has a horizontal and vertical line of symmetry?

Varied Fluency

1 _____   A line that runs from left to right across the page is called a _____ line.
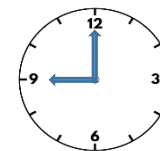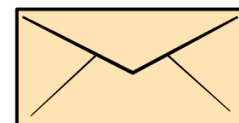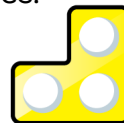
A line that runs straight up and down the page is called a _____ line.

Find 3 horizontal and 3 vertical lines in the classroom.

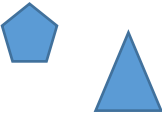2 Label the horizontal and vertical lines in each of these images.

3 Sort the shapes/symbols/letters depending on whether they have a horizontal line of symmetry, a vertical line of symmetry or both.

Horizontal & Vertical
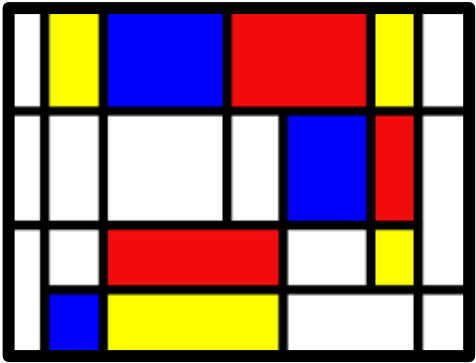
Reasoning and Problem Solving

Horizontal line of symmetry	Vertical line of symmetry	Both lines of symmetry

Jade sorts the shapes.

Can you spot and correct her mistake?

Jade thinks the star has both lines of symmetry, but it only has a vertical line of symmetry.

How many horizontal and vertical lines can you spot in this image by Mondrian?

Create your own piece of art work using only horizontal and vertical lines.

5 horizontal lines
8 vertical lines

Parallel & Perpendicular

Notes and Guidance

Children identify and find parallel and perpendicular lines in a range of practical contexts.

They use the arrow notation to represent parallel lines and the right angle notation for perpendicular lines.

Ensure that children are presented with lines that are not horizontal and vertical, and that also start from different points.

Children may need to use their right angle tester to help them check that lines are perpendicular.

Mathematical Talk

Where might you see sets of parallel lines in the environment?

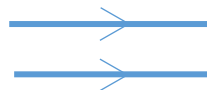Can you see sets of parallel and perpendicular lines around the classroom?

Which shapes have only parallel lines?

Which shapes have only perpendicular lines?

Which shapes have both parallel and perpendicular lines?

Varied Fluency

1 Lines that never meet are called _____ lines.

Straight lines that meet to make a right angle are called _____ lines.

Find 3 sets of parallel and perpendicular lines in the classroom.

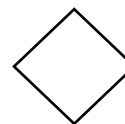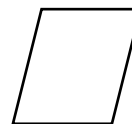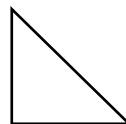**2** Draw a line that is parallel to this one.
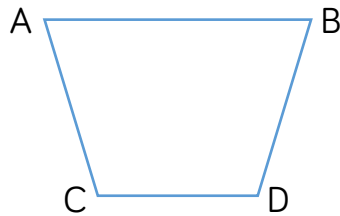
Draw a line that is perpendicular to this one.

3 Use arrows to show the parallel lines in these shapes.
Use the right angle notation to show the perpendicular lines.

Parallel & Perpendicular

Reasoning and Problem Solving

True or False?

A
B
C
D

a) Line AB is parallel to line CD.
b) Line AC is parallel to line BD.
c) Line AC is perpendicular to line CD.

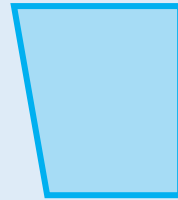Redraw the shape so that line BD is perpendicular to line CD.

These lines are NOT parallel.

Convince me.

a)   True
b)   False
c)   False

Children can draw and continue the lines to show that they will eventually meet so are not parallel.

Mark 3 sets of parallel lines and 3 sets of perpendicular lines in this flag.

Design your own flag containing parallel and perpendicular lines.

Possible answer:

Recognise & Describe 2D Shapes

Notes and Guidance

Children recognise, describe and draw 2D shapes accurately. They use properties including types of angles, lines, symmetry and lengths of sides to describe the shape.
They should be given opportunities to identify/draw a hidden shape from a description given and also describe a shape for a friend to identify/draw.

Mathematical Talk

How many angles does a _____ have?
What types of angles does a _____ have?
How many lines of symmetry does a _____ have?
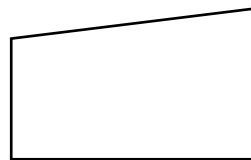What kind of lines of symmetry does a _____ have?
What types of lines can you spot in a _____?
Can you guess the shape from the description given?
Can you draw a shape from the description given?

Varied Fluency

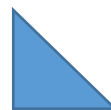**1** Describe this quadrilateral.

It has _____ angles.
It has _____ right angles.
It has _____ obtuse angle.
It has _____ acute angle.
It has _____ lines of symmetry.

2 Choose one of these 2D shapes and describe it to a friend thinking about the angles, types of lines it is made up of and whether it has any lines of symmetry. Can your friend identify the shape from your description?
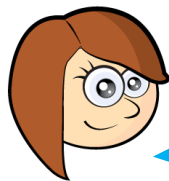
3 Draw the following shapes.
- A square with sides measuring 2 cm
- A square that is larger than A
- A rectangle with sides measuring 4 cm and 6 cm
- A triangle with the same length sides as B

Recognise & Describe 2D Shapes

Reasoning and Problem Solving

Megan describes a 2D shape.

My shape has 2 pairs of parallel sides. The lengths of the sides are not all equal.

Draw the shape that Megan is describing.

Could this be Megan's shape?

Explain why.

Children could draw:

No this can't be Megan's shape, because the lengths of the sides are equal.

What is the same and what is different about these shapes?

Draw at least one shape in each section of the diagram.

	At least one right-angle	No right-angles
4 sided		
Not 4 sided		

Possible answers: All have at least 1 line of symmetry. Different number of sides/angles. Only the triangle has a pair of perpendicular sides.

Many possible answers.

Recognise & Describe 3D Shapes

Notes and Guidance

Children recognise, and describe 3D shapes in different orientations. They use properties including the number of faces, edges and vertices to describe the shape. Where a shape has a curved surface, children should know that this is not called a face. E.g. a cylinder has 2 circular faces and a curved surface.

They should be given opportunities to identify a hidden shape from a description given and also describe a shape, using accurate language, for a friend to identify.

Mathematical Talk

How many faces/edges/vertices/curved surfaces does a _____ have?
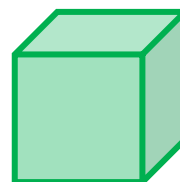
What shape are the faces of a _____?

What types of lines can you see on a _____?

Can you spot objects around the classroom that are cubes/cuboids etc?

Can you guess the shape from the description given?

Varied Fluency

1. Describe this 3D shape.

This shape is a _____.
It has _____ faces.
It has _____ edges.
It has _____ vertices.

2. Choose one of these 3D shapes and describe it to a friend thinking about the number and shape of faces it has and the number of edges and vertices. Can your friend identify the shape from your description?

3. What is the same and what is different about these two shapes?

Choose two other shapes and say what is the same and what is different about them.

Recognise & Describe 3D Shapes

Reasoning and Problem Solving
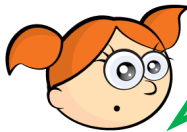
Raj has a 3D shape, he says,

One face of my 3D shape is a square.

What could Raj's shape be?

Answer:
Raj's shape could be a:
Cube
Cuboid
Square based pyramid

Milly says,

All 3D shapes are prisms.

Do you agree with Milly?
Explain why.

I do not agree with Milly. A prism is a solid shape with end faces which are parallel and equal in shape and size. A cone/ pyramid is not a prism.

Sort a selection of 3D shapes using the criteria in the table.

	At least one triangular face	No triangular faces
Prism		
Not a prism		

Change the headings of the table and re-sort your shapes.

Various possibilities depending on the shapes used.

Construct 3D Shapes

Notes and Guidance

Children make 3D shapes (cubes, cuboids, prisms, cylinders, pyramids, cones, spheres) using construction materials.
They use correct mathematical language to describe the shapes they have made (edges, faces, vertices, curved surfaces).

Mathematical Talk

Can you describe your shape using edges, faces, vertices, curved surfaces?
What is the same and what is different about your shape compared to your partner's?
What do the straws represent?
What does the Play-Doh represent?
How many straws/balls of Play-Doh do you need to create a _____?
Why can't you create a sphere or cylinder using this technique?

Varied Fluency

1 Children make a 3D shape using Play-Doh/clay/plasticine/polydron.
Ask them to make a different one to their partner.
Write down the similarities and differences between them.
Discuss what the properties of each shape are.

2 Use straws and Play-Doh to create a model of a cube.
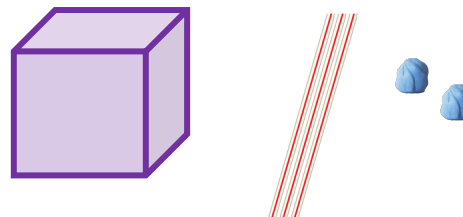
What other 3D shapes can you create?

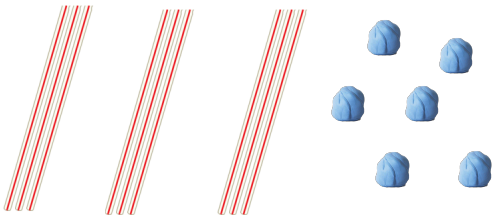**3** Cut and fold these into 3D shapes.
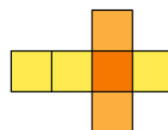
What shapes have you created?

Construct 3D Shapes

Reasoning and Problem Solving

I have 9 straws and 6 balls of Play-Doh.

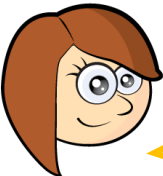What 3D shape can I create using all of the straws and Play-Doh?
Prove it.

a)   True
b)   False
c)   False

True or false?
You can cut out lots of equal squares and make a 3D shape from them.

Children can draw and continue the lines to show that they will eventually meet so are not parallel.

Hannah says,

I can create a model of a pyramid using 3 straws and 3 balls of Play-Doh.

Explain the mistake Hannah has made.

How many straws and balls of Play-Doh would you need to create a pyramid?

Hannah thinks that because a pyramid has triangular faces she will only need 3 straws/balls of Play-Doh.

You would need 8 straws and 5 balls of Play-Doh to make a square based pyramid, and 6 straws and 4 balls of Play-Doh to make a triangle based pyramid.