

LITERACY IN MATHS



Studying Maths is more than just numbers!

WHERE WORDS MEET NUMBERS

- **Vocabulary** Recognising that some everyday words, like 'mean', 'product' and 'difference', have special meanings when used in maths.
- Interpreting word problems reading a word problem carefully to work out whether you need to add, subtract, multiply or divide etc.
- Reading charts and graphs understanding information in graphs, tables and data labels.

CALCULATING WITH WORDS

- **Solving multi-step problems** Using comprehension skills to interpret multi-step word problems, identifying key information and solving them using a logical sequence of operations.
- Adverbials Using language skills to estimate answers by interpreting approximation phrases such as 'about', 'roughly', or 'approximately'.

IMPORTANCE OF WORDS

- Explaining reasoning Using spoken and written language to explain mathematical reasoning clearly, using appropriate maths vocabulary.
- Justifying answers Giving a full answer that explains how you know, using a sentence like "I know this because..." to show your thinking.
- Following step-by-step Carefully reading and writing each step of a method to show how you solved a problem.

