Overview
Small Steps

- Before and after
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NC Objectives

Sequence events in chronological order using language [for example, before and after, next, first, today, yesterday, tomorrow, morning, afternoon and evening].

Recognise and use language relating to dates, including days of the week, weeks, months and years.

Tell the time to the hour and half past the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times. Compare, describe and solve practical problems for time [for example, quicker, slower, earlier, later].

Measure and begin to record time (hours, minutes, seconds).
Before and After

Notes and Guidance

Children are introduced to key vocabulary related to time.

They use before and after to describe, sort and order events.

Building on this, they use first and next to describe an order of events. When talking about the day, children use the language: morning, afternoon and evening.

Varied Fluency

Sort the activities into before and after school.

![Breakfast](image1)

![Bedtime story](image2)

![Get dressed](image3)

![Go to a party](image4)

Can you think of one more activity for each group? Can you sort the activities into three groups labelled morning, afternoon and evening?

Tommy is drinking a bottle of orange juice. Match the words to the bottles to order them.

![Orange juice](image5)

Describe a special day to a friend. Use the words: before, after, first, next, morning, afternoon, evening.
### Before and After

#### Reasoning and Problem Solving

**Dora is describing her day.**

First, I went to the park. After lunch, I went to the cinema. Before the cinema, I went to a café for lunch.

**Can you draw and label pictures to order Dora’s day?**

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<th>First</th>
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**Children draw a picture so the ‘First’ box shows the park, the ‘Next’ box shows lunch and the ‘Then’ box shows cinema.**

**Draw pictures to show what could have happened before and after.**

**Before**

**After**

**Children draw pictures to show what could have happened. They might show someone kicking the ball in the ‘Before’ box and the goldfish bowl smashing in the ‘After’ box.**
Dates

Notes and Guidance

Children learn about the days of the week and know there are 7 days in a week. They talk about events using today, yesterday and tomorrow.

Children learn about the months of the year and can pick out special dates within the year, for example, their birthday.

Children could explore and use a calendar displaying days and months within the classroom environment.

Mathematical Talk

What day is it today?
What day was it yesterday?
What day will it be tomorrow?
Which month is your birthday in?
Which month do we start school in?
Which months are the summer holidays in?
If today is _______ , what will tomorrow be?

Varied Fluency

Fill in the missing days of the week and complete the sentences.

- Today is Wednesday, yesterday was _____.
- Yesterday was Monday, today is ______.
- Today is Saturday, tomorrow is ______.
- Tomorrow is ________, today is Wednesday.

Use a calendar to look at the names of the months. Discuss special dates in different children’s lives e.g. birthdays, celebrations, holidays. Complete the sentences.

My birthday is in ____________.
In ________, I went to ____________.
Eva is practising chanting the months of the year.

She says,

January, February, May, April, March, July, June, August, September, November, October, December.

Eva is incorrect. Correct her mistakes.

January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December

The 5th June is a Wednesday. What day is the 10th June?

The 10th June is a Monday.

Sort the days of the week into school days or non-school days.

School days – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Non-school days – Saturday, Sunday

At school

Not at school
Time to the Hour

Notes and Guidance

Children are introduced to telling the time to the hour using an analogue clock. They learn the language of o'clock and understand the hour hand is the shorter hand and the minute hand is the longer hand. Children read the time to the hour and know when the minute hand is pointing upwards to the number 12 it is an o'clock time, and understand that they need to look at the hour hand to see which hour it is.

Mathematical Talk

There are two hands on the clock. What is the same about each hand? What is different about each hand compared to the other?

Looking at all three clock faces, what is the same about the hands? What is different about them?

Where will the hour hand be at ___? Where will the minute hand be at ___? Can you show me ______?

Varied Fluency

- Match the times to the clocks.
  - 9 o'clock
  - Two o'clock
  - 5 o'clock

- Complete the times.
  - The time is ___ o'clock
  - The time is ___ o'clock

- Draw the hour hand and minute hand on clock faces to show the times:
  - Eight o'clock
  - 1 o'clock
  - Twelve o'clock
Time to the Hour

Reasoning and Problem Solving

Amir has read the hour hand and the minute hand the wrong way round. At three o'clock the longer minute hand should be pointing at 12 and the shorter hour hand should be pointing at 3.

The time is 3 o'clock.

Can you spot Amir's mistake?

When it is 11 o'clock both hands point at 11

Is Alex correct? Explain your reasoning.

Alex is incorrect. If the time is eleven o'clock, the hour hand should be pointing at 11 and the minute hand should be pointing at 12.
Time to the Half Hour

Notes and Guidance

Children are introduced to telling the time to the half hour. They learn the language half past.

They understand that, at half past the hour, the minute hand has travelled half way around the clock from the twelve and is pointing at the six and the hour hand is half way between the hours e.g. half way between one and two or half way between nine and ten.

Mathematical Talk

Which is the hour hand? Which is the minute hand? How do you know?

Where does the minute hand point to at half past? Can you see that the minute hand has travelled halfway around the clock? Could you show this to your partner?

Can you show me ______? 

Varied Fluency

- Match the times to the clocks.
  - Half past twelve
  - Half past two
  - Half past nine

- Complete the times.
  - The time is half past ___

- Draw the hour hand and the minute hand on clock faces to show these times:
  - Half past 1
  - Half past four
  - Half past 8
Time to the Half Hour

Reasoning and Problem Solving

Tommy has read the minute hand as showing the number of minutes past the hour, rather than understanding that the minute hand pointing to 6 means half past. The time is half past one.

Read the instructions and draw the hands on the clock.

- The minute hand is pointing at the six.
- The hour hand is half way between 10 and 11

What time is it?

The time is half past 10
Writing Time

Notes and Guidance

Children explore the difference between seconds, minutes and hours. They decide which activities would be measured in each unit of time. Children explore suitable equipment e.g. stopwatches or sand timers to measure durations of time. They carry out activities and use suitable equipment to measure how long each activity takes e.g. timing how long it takes to run around the playground using a stopwatch.

Mathematical Talk

Would you measure the activity in hours, minutes or seconds?

How many star jumps do you think you can do in 10 seconds?

Let’s count to 20 seconds in our heads, stand up when you think we reach 20 seconds. How close were you?

Varied Fluency

Using a stopwatch, record how many times you can do these activities in 20 seconds.

- Star jumps
- Write your name
- Hops on the spot

Can you think of any activity which takes 20 seconds?

Would you measure the duration of the activities in seconds, minutes or hours? Sort the activities into three groups: seconds, minutes and hours.

- Brushing teeth
- Reading a book
- Saying the alphabet
- Holiday flight
- Playing outside
- Sleeping at night

Complete the sentences using seconds, minutes or hours.

- Playtime is about 20 ________ long.
- The school day is about 6 ________ long.
Writing Time

Reasoning and Problem Solving

Are the units of time chosen sensible for these activities?

- A football match measured in seconds.
- A lap around the school playground measured in minutes.
- A birthday party measured in hours.

Explain your answers.

Not sensible - a football match is measured in minutes because to use seconds would involve very large numbers.

Dependent on the school playground, could be sensible, or it could be more sensible to measure in seconds.

Sensible - parties can last at least 2 hours.

Dora has a clock without an hour hand.

She says,

I can measure how long it takes someone to run around the playground 10 times using my clock.

Do you agree with Dora?

Explain your answer.

I agree, Dora can still measure time in minutes using her clock. The minute hand moving the distance from one increment to another shows one minute has passed. The minute hand moving one complete turn shows that one hour has passed.
Comparing Time

Notes and Guidance

Children compare amounts of time using the language faster, slower, earlier and later. They build on writing and measuring time by comparing different amounts of times using time language. Children understand that when someone wins a race the length of time will be shorter and if someone takes longer the length of time will be larger.

Mathematical Talk

Which is longer: one hour, one minute or one second?

If I finish a race first, am I faster or slower than everyone else?

Can you think of a comparison where you use faster and slower in the same sentence? e.g. A rabbit is faster than a tortoise but slower than a cheetah.

Varied Fluency

Teddy, Mo and Whitney are running a race. Here are their times.

Teddy - 52 seconds
Mo - 58 seconds
Whitney - 48 seconds

Use faster or slower to complete each sentence.
Teddy is _______ than Mo.
Teddy is _______ than Whitney.
Whitney is _______ than Mo.
Can you write any more sentences to describe the race using the words slower and faster?

Three planes are flying to Paris in the morning. Here are the times they arrive.

A
B
C

Use earlier and later to complete the sentences.
Plane A is _______ than Plane B.
Plane B is _______ than Plane C.
Plane C is _______ than Plane A.

Complete the sentences using <, > or =

1 minute □ 1 hour □ 30 seconds □ 3 hours
2 seconds □ 1 minute
Comparing Time

Reasoning and Problem Solving

Work in small groups. Complete the following activities and record how long it takes each person.

- Build a tower of ten bricks.
- Run a lap of the playground.
- Write your name five times.

Write three sentences about each activity using the words slower and faster.

Children will complete three sentences about each activity. They can then share the sentences with their groups and see how many different sentences they have created altogether.

Five friends are going to a party. Use the clues to work out when each friend arrived.

Amir arrived later than Jack and Eva. Rosie arrived later than Amir but earlier than Ron.

Eva arrived the earliest.

1st - Eva
2nd - Jack
3rd - Amir
4th - Rosie
5th - Ron