Counting Progression Overview

Note: This is a general guide to age-related expectations for counting. Please also continue to practise counting from previous year groups.

Year Group	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Counting On & Back in 1s from zero or 1	1s to 20 (and beyond) *	1s to 100 (and beyond) *		*"Using a variety of representations, including those related to measure, pupils continue to count in ones, tens and hundreds, so that they become fluent in the order and place value of numbers to 1000."* NSG			
Counting On & Back in 1s from any number	From any 1-digit number	From any 2-digit number *	From any 3-digit number	From any 4-digit number	Backwards across zero to include negative numbers *	Forwards & backwards within positive & negative integers, including across zero *	
Counting On & Back in regular multiples from zero		2s to 24 * 5s to 60 * 10s to 120 *	3s to 36 * 11s to 132 2s beyond 24 5s beyond 60 10s beyond 120	4s to 48 * (Y2?) 8s to 96 * 12s to 144 50s to 1,000 * 100s to 1,000 * 3s beyond 36 4s beyond 48 11s beyond 132	6s to 72 * (Y3?) 7s to 84 * (Y3?) 9s to 108 * (Y3?) 25s to 1,000 * 1,000s to 20,000 * 6s beyond 72 7s beyond 84 8s beyond 96 9s beyond 108 12s beyond 144	10,000s & 100,000s to 1,000,000 Powers of 10 of any given number up to 1,000,000. E.g. Multiples of 20, 200, 2,000 etc. *	15s to 180
Counting On & Back in multiples from any number			2s & 5s from any 2-digit number 10s from any 2-digit number *	2s, 5s and 10s from any 3-digit number	3s, 4s, 8s and 11s from any starting point 50s & 100s from any starting point	6s, 7s, 9s and 12s from any starting point Multiples of 10, 25, 500, 100, 1,000 etc. from any starting point	Multiples of 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 110, 120, 250 & 500 from any starting point
Counting On & Back in fractions from zero			Halves Quarters (Up to 20th multiple) *"Pupils should count in fractions up to 10, starting from any number."* NSG	Tenths * Thirds (Up to 20th multiple)	Fifths Eighths Hundredths * (Up to 20th multiple) *"They practise counting using simple fractions and decimals, both forwards and backwards."* NSG	Sixths, Sevenths Ninths, Elevenths Twelfths (Up to 20th multiple) 0.1s, 0.2s…1.2s in sequence from zero.	0.1s, 0.2s…1.2s in from any starting point.
Counting other counts					Negative Numbers	Squares Roman Numerals	Primes & Cubes

* = stated EYFS & National Curriculum Objectives