Indicators of mathematical abilities at levels leading towards Level One of the National Curriculum						
Level	Early Development					
P1(i)	encounter activities and experiences; may be passive or resistant; may show simple reflex responses,					
P1(ii)	show emerging awareness of activities and experiences; may have periods when they appear alert and ready to focus their attention on certain people, events, objects or parts of objects; may give intermittent reactions					
P2(i)	begin to respond consistently to familiar people, events and objects; react to new activities and experiences; begin to show interest in people, events and objects; accept and engage in coactive exploration					
P2(ii)	begin to be proactive in their interactions; communicate consistent preferences and affective responses; recognise familiar people, events and objects; perform actions, often by trial and improvement, and remember learned responses over short periods of time; cooperate with shared exploration and supported participation					
P3(i)	begin to communicate intentionally; seek attention through eye contact, gesture or action; request events or activities; participate in shared activities with less support; sustain concentration for short periods; explore materials in increasingly complex ways; observe the results of their own actions with interest; remember learned responses over more extended periods					
P3(ii)	use emerging conventional communication; greet known people and may initiate interactions and activities; can remember learned responses over increasing periods of time and may anticipate known events; may respond to options and choices with actions or gestures; actively explore objects and events for more extended periods; apply potential solutions systematically to problems					
Level	Using and Applying	Numbers & number system	Calculation	Shape, space and measures		
P4	- aware of cause and effect in familiar mathematical activities - show awareness of changes in shape, position or quantity - anticipate, follow and join in familiar mathematical activities when given a contextual cue	- show an interest in number activities and counting.		- begin to search for objects that have gone out of sight, hearing or touch, demonstrating the beginning of object permanence - demonstrate interest in position and the relationship between objects,		
P5	- with support, match objects or pictures - begin to sort sets of objects, according to a single attribute - make sets that have the same small number of objects in each - solve simple problems practically.	- respond to and join in with familiar number rhymes, stories, songs and games indicate one or two,	- aware of contrasting quantities	- search intentionally for objects in their usual place - compare the overall size of one object with that of another where there is a marked difference - find big and small objects on request - explore the position of objects		
P6	- use 1p coins for items up to 5p - sort objects and materials according to given criteria - begin to identify when an object is different and does not belong to given categories - copy simple patterns or sequences	- demonstrate understanding of one-to- one correspondence in a range of contexts join in rote counting up to five and use numbers to five in familiar activities and games count reliably to three and make sets of up to three objects join in with new number rhymes, songs, stories and games with some assistance or encouragement	-demonstrate understanding of the concept of more/fewer	- search for objects not found in their usual place demonstrating their understanding of object permanence - compare the overall size of one object with that of another where the difference is not great - manipulate three-dimensional shapes show understanding of words, signs and symbols that describe positions - use vocabulary such as 'more' and 'less' in practical situations		

P7	- complete a range of classification activities using given criteria - identify when an object is different and does not belong to a given familiar category.	- join in rote counting to ten can count at least five objects reliably - begin to recognise numerals from 1 to 5 and to understand that each represents a constant number or amount - respond appropriately to key vocabulary and questions	- begin to recognise differences in quantity - in practical situations, respond to 'add one' and 'take one'	- begin to respond to forwards and backwards - start to pick out named shapes from a collection - use familiar words when they compare sizes and quantities and describe position.
P8	- recognise, describe and recreate simple repeating patterns and sequences - begin to use their developing mathematical understanding of counting to solve simple problems they may encounter in play, games or other work - begin to make simple estimates	- join in with rote counting to beyond ten - continue the rote count onwards from a given small number begin to count up to ten objects - begin to recognise numerals from 1 to 9 and relate them to sets of objects - begin to use ordinal numbers (first, second or third) when describing the position of objects, people or events.	- compare two given numbers of objects saying which is more and - which is less in practical situations, add one to or take one away from a number of objects - estimate a small number and check by counting	- compare, directly, two lengths or heights where the difference is marked and can indicate 'the long one' or 'the tall one' - show awareness of time, through some familiarity with names of the days of the week and significant times in their day - begin to use mathematical vocabulary to describe the shape and size of solids and flat shapes - describe shapes in simple models, pictures and patterns