



## October 2025 Early Years & Primary Update



Welcome to the October Early Years and Primary update.

The Specialist Knowledge for Teaching Mathematics (SKTM) programmes for ECTs, Early Years and Primary Teachers start in mid-October, so if you are interested, **sign up today!**

### The importance of early maths - a DfE webinar

The DfE are hosting a webinar for senior leaders – The Importance of Early Maths - on Wednesday 12 November, from 4pm – 5pm. It is focused on improving outcomes in the Reception year. The aim of this webinar is to support schools, trusts and local authority leaders to increase the number of children who achieve a good level of development (GLD) at the end of their first year in school.

**Speakers for this session include Debbie Morgan, Primary Director at NCETM, and a Maths Hub lead.**

#### This webinar will cover:

- The importance of early maths to the life chances of young people.
- Approaches to teaching early maths and supporting children to meet their early learning goals.
- Overview of early maths in the Early Learning Goals, and a review of the evidence and tools that school leaders should be aware of.

For details and to sign up, please see more information [here](#).

### Free Online Development Opportunities

#### Maths Champions Programme for Nurseries

Maths Champions is an online professional development programme with 12 months' access developed by National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA). The programme consists of nine steps which can be completed flexibly around your schedule. The aim of the programme is to increase practitioner knowledge, awareness and confidence in supporting early mathematics to improve outcomes for children. Participating nurseries will nominate a Maths Champion and Deputy Maths Champion who will lead the programme supporting and driving improvement.

[More information](#)

#### ECT Expertise in Teaching Maths Modules

For **Early Career Teachers in their first year of teaching**, the Maths Hubs Teaching Maths Modules programme offers flexible self-paced, professional development resources that can be explored in any order. The modules are underpinned by the Early Career Framework and Five Big Ideas for Teaching for Mastery. To access these modules, please complete the [online registration form](#).

[More information](#)

## 2025/2026 Specialist Knowledge in Teaching Mathematics (SKTM) Programmes

### SKTM Early Years Teachers

This project is for Early Years teachers who would like to develop their specialist knowledge for teaching maths to **Reception** pupils. It may be particularly relevant for teachers that have moved phases or have not received maths-specific training. London SW Maths Hub is offering Spatial Reasoning pathway. **The programme starts 24 October – limited places available.**

[More information](#)

### SKTM Primary Early Career Teachers (ECTs) – Second and Third Year of Teaching

For Early Career Years teachers who would like to develop their mathematical subject knowledge and understand the pedagogy that underpins the teaching of it. The programme focuses on two core mathematical concepts: Number Sense and Additive and Multiplicative Reasoning. This course is **open to teachers in their second or third year of teaching. This programme starts in mid-October so sign up today!**

[More information](#)

### SKTM Primary Teachers

For Primary teachers who would like to develop their specialist knowledge for teaching maths. There are two pathways – the Number Pathway and the Spatial Reasoning Pathway. This SKTM may be particularly relevant for teachers who have moved phases or have not received maths-specific training. **The Number Pathway starts on 17 October and the Spatial Reasoning Pathway starts on 14 November.**

[More information](#)

### SKTM Primary Teaching Assistants (TAs)

For Primary TAs who are supporting maths and would like to develop their specialist knowledge for teaching maths. This may be particularly relevant for new TAs or TAs that have not received maths-specific training. This programme starts on 3 December.

[More information](#)

## 2025/2026 London South West Maths Hub Catalogue



We have something for everyone in our provision for this year. Download the [London South West Maths Hub 2025/26 catalogue](#) to see the **full** Maths Hub programme.

When you take part in a project with your Maths Hub, you will engage in one of three types of professional development activity - a **programme**, a **community** or a [Work Group](#). All of these are structured to enable teachers to take part flexibly online and face-to-face.

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