

Year Five Position and Direction





coordinate

quadrant

x-axis

y-axis

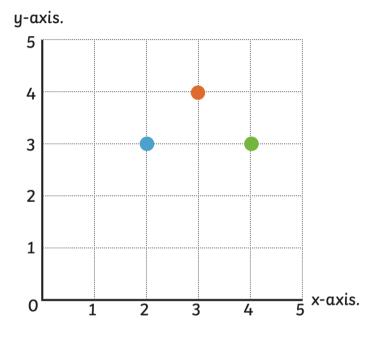
reflection

mirror line

translation

horizontal

vertical



Co-ordinates are a useful way to locate a position on a map or grid.

The numbers across the horizontal line of the grid are the x-axis.

The numbers on the vertical line of the grid are on the y-axis.

We always read or write the number on the x-axis before the y-axis.

The x and y position are written in brackets with a comma.

The co-ordinate of the arange spot is (3,4)

To help you remember which point to read or write first, simply

remember to move 'along the corridor and up the stairs.'

In other words, move on the x-axis and then move on the y-axis.









A shape is reflected when it is flipped over a mirror line.

The reflected image is identical to the original. This means that the measurements of the sides and angles have not changed. Each point of the reflected shape is the same distance from the mirror line as the original shape.

In maths, translation means moving an object on a grid. The object is moved without changing the size, turning or reflecting it.

When translating an object on a grid, it can move up or down, left or right.

