

## Basic Number Skills

### What do I need to be able to do?

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- Identify integers, real and rational numbers
- Work with directed number
- Solve problems with number
- Find HCF/ LCM
- Add/ Subtract fractions
- Multiply/ Divide fractions
- Write numbers in standard form

### Keywords

- Integer:** a whole number that is positive or negative  
**Rational:** a number that can be made by dividing two integers  
**Irrational:** a number that cannot be made by dividing two integers  
**Inverse operation:** the operation that reverses the action  
**Quotient:** the result of a division  
**Product:** the result of a multiplication  
**Multiples:** found by multiplying any number by positive integers  
**Factor:** integers that multiply together to get another number

### Integers, real and rational numbers

**Rational** – root word: ratio

**Real numbers:**  $\frac{2}{3}$  stems from 2 | ( $\frac{2}{3}$  of the whole)

**Irrational numbers:**  $\sqrt{2}$  (the solution is a decimal that never ends and does not repeat)

The square root of a negative is not a real number and cannot be found

### Directed number

#### Addition

$2 + (-4) = -2$

Generalisation:  $+$   $-$   $-$   $=$   $+$

#### Subtraction

$2 - (-1) = 3$

Generalisation:  $-$   $-$   $=$   $+$

#### Multiplication

$-2 \times -3 = 6$

### HCF/LCM

1 is a common factor of all numbers

Common factors are factors two or more numbers share

**HCF** – Highest common factor

HCF of 18 and 30

18: 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 18  
 30: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 15, 30

HCF = 6

**LCM** – Lowest common multiple

LCM of 9 and 12

LCM = 36

9: 9, 18, 27, 36, 45, 54  
 12: 12, 24, 36, 48, 60

The first time their multiples match

### Standard form

Any number between 1 and less than 10  $\rightarrow A \times 10^n$   $\leftarrow$  Any integer

$6 \times 10^5 + 8 \times 10^5$

- 600000 + 800000
- 1400000
- $14 \times 10^5$

$(15 \times 10^5) + (0.3 \times 10^5)$

$15 + 0.3 \times 10^5 + 10^5$   
 $= 5 \times 10^2$

### Addition/ Subtraction of fractions

$\frac{4}{5} - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{15}$

Use equivalent fractions to find a common multiple for both denominators

### Multiplication/ Division of fractions

$\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{6}{12}$

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$2 \div \frac{3}{4} = 2 \times \frac{4}{3} = \frac{8}{3}$

Multiplying by a reciprocal gives the same outcome

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