## Maths - Year 4

## Numbers and the Number System 5: Fractions and recognising part-whole relationships

| Key Vocabulary |  |
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| Fraction | A numerical quantity that is less than a whole. |
| Mixed number | A number written as a whole number and a fraction e.g. $31 / 3$ |
| Half | One of two equal parts. |
| Part/whole | The relationship between a whole and its component parts. |
| Numerator | Upper number of a fraction, shows how many of this kind of fraction. |
| Denominator | Lower number of a fraction, gives the fraction its name. |
| Quarter | One of four equal parts of a whole. |
| Three quarters | Three of four equal parts of a whole. |
| array | A rectangular arrangement of objects or numbers in rows and columns. |
| Equivalent fraction | Fractions of equal value, represented in different ways |
| Thirds, fifths, sixths, sevenths | Refers to the number of parts a whole is split into. |

## Mathematical Skills

- Recognise and name halves (and quarters) as equal parts of any whole.
- Explain patterns seen in relationships between fractions equivalent to a half.
- Explain that, the larger the denominator, the smaller the part.
- Illustrate and solve adding and subtracting calculations involving fractions.


## Mathematical Methods

- Generalising about halves and quarters e.g. a half is one of two equal parts and a quarter is one of 4 equal parts. A quarter is a smaller proportion of the whole and it is also half of a half.


Fractions equivalent to a half.

$\frac{3}{6}$

$\frac{5}{10}$

Comparing fractions with different numerators and the same denominator.


Comparing unit fractions with different denominators.

| I one whole |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ half |  |  |  |  | $\frac{1}{2}$ half |  |  |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ quarter | $\frac{1}{4}$ quarter | $\frac{1}{4}$ quarter | $\frac{1}{4}$ quarter |  |  |  |  |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ | $\frac{1}{8}$ |




Adding and subtracting halves and quarters.
$\frac{1}{4}+\frac{1}{4}+\frac{1}{4}+\frac{1}{4}=\frac{4}{4}=1 \quad \frac{1}{4}+\frac{1}{4}+\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}=1 \frac{1}{2} \quad 1-\frac{1}{4}=\frac{3}{4}$

Adding and subtracting fractions beyond 1.


## Can you..?

Use the array to complete the equivalent fractions.

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a \frac{\square}{8}=\frac{4}{\square} \quad b \frac{\square}{4}=\frac{12}{\square} \quad c \frac{2}{\square}=\frac{8}{\square}
$$

Solve the problem.

$$
1 / 4+1 / 4+1 / 4+1 / 2=
$$

$\square$

- Solve the problem.

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1 / 2+1 / 4-3 / 4=
$$

Solve the problem.

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1 / 2+\square=3 / 4+
$$

