

Work card

Number

M31w1

Level: 3

Links to WM 3.1

Strand: Measurement

Substrand: Understand Units

Ancient Measurements

Since people first walked the earth we have been measuring things. The amount of food we have, the distance from one place to another. Some of those measurements are still used today. Horses are still measured in hands and often people's height in feet.



Your task is to first research these units of measurement

Span
Cubit
Pound
Hand
Knot
Acre
Inch
Ounce

Find out and write down what they are and what they were used to measure. Draw diagrams to help explain each unit. If you can find out the metric(modern) equivalent.

Here is an example of what you should produce.



The Foot: The foot was used to measure length, both distance and height. The length of a foot was determined by measuring King foot in 1327 and this length was known as the foot. In metric units a foot is 30.48cm.

Ancient Civilizations such as the Aztecs, Egyptians, Romans and Sumerians used different number systems as well.

Research one of these civilizations and show the number system they used. Tell me about the civilization. When and where they lived as well.

Reflection

What did you do well in this activity?

What could have you improved?

What new things have you learnt?