

Progression in Computing

Purpose of study

A high-quality computing education equips pupils to use computational thinking and creativity to understand and change the world. Computing has deep links with mathematics, science, and design and technology, and provides insights into both natural and artificial systems. The core of computing is computer science, in which pupils are taught the principles of information and computation, how digital systems work, and how to put this knowledge to use through programming. Building on this knowledge and understanding, pupils are equipped to use information technology to create programs, systems and a range of content. Computing also ensures that pupils become digitally literate – able to use, and express themselves and develop their ideas through, information and communication technology – at a level suitable for the future workplace and as active participants in a digital world.

Aims

The national curriculum for computing aims to ensure that all pupils:

can understand and apply the fundamental principles and concepts of computer science, including abstraction, logic, algorithms and data representation

can analyse problems in computational terms, and have repeated practical experience of writing computer programs in order to solve such problems

can evaluate and apply information technology, including new or unfamiliar technologies, analytically to solve problems

are responsible, competent, confident and creative users of information and communication technology.

Big Idea	Aspect	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
		<i>Children learn:</i>	<i>Children learn:</i>	<i>Children learn:</i>	<i>Children learn:</i>	<i>Children learn:</i>	<i>Children learn:</i>
	Essential	To explore and experiment with technology in order to build familiarity with classroom apps and devices. Basic photographic and video techniques to document their own learning.	To create a range of simple digital documents that represents their learning during a topic and then save/share their digital work.	To be more independent and are encouraged to attempt to fix a problem they may have before asking for help on their device. About different media and file types.	About physical input and output slots on a device. E.g. USB, HDMI, etc. About how to save their work in a range of locations. The best way to save their files. E.g. As an image (jpeg) to share online.	How to create a QR Code. About uploading work to a cloud or blog. Advanced techniques to tell a story using technology/multiple apps. About advanced film making elements such as sound and lighting.	About collaboration and sharing documents with other children in order to create digital content. Advanced features of common office/classroom apps.
Computer Science Creativity	Computational Thinking	To explore algorithms and sequencing of instructions. To read, follow and create a simple sequence algorithm. To give these instructions so that they can be executed by a robot with the aim of successfully reaching a destination.	About writing algorithms that can be turned into programs. To implement their algorithm as a program on a digital device or programmable toy/robot.	To create a detailed flow diagram using the correct symbols. To turn an algorithm into a simple program on a digital device. About testing the program and recognising when it needs to be debugged.	To design a simple algorithm to show a real-life situation. About the valuable skills of abstraction and decomposition when tackling more complex problems.	To explore problem solving and decomposition. To independently plan, write and test their algorithms And create more complex programs, debugging as needed. About controlling / simulating physical systems and using sensors with multiple outcomes.	To create complex algorithms and turn their designs into a program (incorporating variables, procedures and different forms of input and output).
	Coding	To create a simple program and correct mistakes (debug).	To independently identify and fix a 'bug' in multiple programs. To create a simple program that includes a repeat x times loop. The difference between inputs and outputs..	To create their own sprite in Scratch/Scratch Jr. About sequencing commands and adding a repeat command in a program. How to refine/ improve a program by using the repeat command. How to create a variable. To create a program that contains selection, inputs and outputs.	About the structure of a program and learn to plan in logical, achievable steps. To write a complex program, incorporating features such as selection, inputs, repetition, variables and procedures. To attempt to debug their own programs and corrects/ debugs errors in code.	To create their own complex game within Scratch or other block-based coding app that uses variables, event handling, selection ('If' and 'Then') procedures and repetition (loops) to increase programming possibilities.	About complex programs and are encouraged to persevere when solving difficult problems even if the solution is not obvious. About executing and adapting common commands using a text-based language e.g. Python/Javascript/ swiftplayground.
	Logical Reasoning	About making predictions when using technology. E.g. They will be asked to predict what will happen for a short sequence of instructions in a program.	To offer accurate predictions of programs and then create their own simple program to check if they were correct.	About using logical reasoning to detect potential problems in an algorithm or program which could result in something going wrong and then offer ideas of what is needed to fix/ debug it.	To recognise an error in an existing program and attempt to debug/ fix the program. To investigate existing programs, evaluating them and consider how they could be improved.	To explore logical reasoning in greater depth and learn to give well- thought-through explanations of any errors they identify in program code (using the correct terminology).	To independently use logical reasoning to detect and correct errors in an algorithm and program. That there is often more than one way to solve a problem in an algorithm or program.
	Networking	About signing into a device or online platform.	Multiple services use the internet e.g. Email, web and streaming.	That the World Wide Web is only one part of the Internet, the part that contains websites. To send an email and understands how this works. How information travels through computer networks.	About the key services that can be used to communicate on the internet. To recognise the main components (hardware) which allow computers to join and form a network.	About software, hardware and types of connected computers. About how data travels via the internet including binary. More about the different parts of the Internet and services. To create a basic web page using HTML.	In more detail about how information/data is transported on the Internet and between computers using packets and IP addresses. About the opportunities computer networks and the internet offer for communication and collaboration.
	Online	How they can use a search engine to find answers and different types of media e.g. videos.	The basic skills of searching and navigating the results in a search engine.	About key words that search engines try to put the most useful websites at the top.	That search engines use algorithms to sort websites.	Key skills for using a search engine. About the settings that can alter your search results.	To explore advanced features within search engines and learn to use them effectively. How search results are selected and ranked by algorithms.
Information Technology	Harnessing Technology	To create different types of digital content (short video, ebook or presentation). To combine text and images in a document that showcases learning or tells a story. To use technology to collect, sort and display information that could include data, photos, video or sound. About saving work in a special place and retrieve it again.	To create a presentation or basic digital book that is well designed, contains formatted text, images and presents information. To read a simple database to find information. About organising the data they collect. That they can create digital content using more than one app or piece of software. To independently save and open files on the device they use.	To create digital content using a range of mixed tools/media and how to improve its design. To be creative and independent while using unfamiliar apps or technology to create content. To create a plan/ storyboard when producing digital content. To design a simple questionnaire to collect information, and display the information in a graph or table. To add information to a database.	To produce documents, media and presentations with increasing independence and competency that present data/ information. To use a keyboard confidently and make use of tools such as a spellchecker. About new forms of technology E.g. AR, virtual reality, wearable technology etc.	To produce digital content in a given format e.g. Podcasts, videos, AR, virtual reality, 3D, digital music or illustrations. About planning including elements that they may need to source from other services. To build on the skills they have already developed to create content using unfamiliar technology. To use a spreadsheet/ database to collect, record data and to use simple formulae.	To create digital storyboards with a complete narrative of the project or investigation. To confidently identify the potential of unfamiliar technology to increase their creativity. To source, store and combine copyright free images from the internet. To independently select, use and combine the appropriate technology/app tools to create effects that will have an impact on others and tell a story.
	Online	How they can use a search engine to find answers and different types of media category e.g. Images, book, videos.	The basic skills of searching and navigating the results in a search engine to answer questions.	That the top search results can be manipulated and are based on things like most popular, recently updated. About filtering results by adding more detail or using advanced tools. To use search engines to collect information.	To search for and use information from a range of sources. About making notes from information found on websites to present their findings. That not all sources of information including websites are accurate and can check information using a different sites.	To use complex searches and advanced tools to find, select and use information. To check the reliability of information on the internet.	To use complex searches, filters and advanced tools to find, select and use information
Digital Literacy	Technology in the Real World	About the uses and purpose of technology in the classroom, at home, work and the world around them.	About the numerous methods of online Communication and how it is used in the world around them.	That the internet is a computer Network.	To differentiate between apps that use the Internet, the school network or that are self contained on a device.	About different online communication tools/apps and How they could be used for different purposes e.g. Work and social.	About digital crimes and threats that might exist online. E.g. Worms, trojans, viruses, spyware, ransomware and malware.

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		About some of the common ways in which technology at home can be used.	To explore their own use of the internet and why it is important to stick to the rules.	That the internet can provide multiple services, such as the world wide web, streaming music/ video and email. To explore a web site's journey from first request to appearing on the screen. To learn advanced web terminology e.g. URL.	To use computing to communicate and collaborate. About documents and methods of collaboration over the internet e.g. Blog.	About working in a group using collaborative tools.	About anti-virus software and how they can help protect devices from infection. Advanced web terminology e.g. Firewall, security updates, pop up blocker, scams, phishing, https, location based settings, in app purchasing, trolling, filtering etc.
	Media and Content	To access different types of media content on their device. Including: sound, images, books, podcasts/ audiobooks and video via the web.	Where different types of media content can be found online, including: sound, images, books, podcasts/ audiobooks and video via the web.	How to make judgements about the usefulness and accuracy of information. About the term 'fake news'. About what copyright is and why we have copyright laws. To recognise copyright material.	More about what Fake News is, it's purpose and that Fake News can be found on all media. How to identify Fake News. That data can be manipulated to make Fake News appear to be true.	About how and why information found on some sites will be biased. How to source copyright free materials to use in their digital projects. How to credit the use of websites in their work and why this should be done.	To explore in more depth the legal and moral reasons not to plagiarise or infringe copyright and the impact it can have on the creator of the content.
	Online Safety	<p>How to access and search the web.</p> <p>To identify people they can trust and who they can ask for help when using the internet.</p> <p>To send a digital message.</p> <p>How they should behave and interact with others in the online world.</p> <p>Why it is very important not to over share, share things that are personal or may hurt other people.</p> <p>The ways that some people can be unkind online.</p> <p>About following sensible online rules.</p> <p>Safe behaviours in their day to day world such as not talking to or meeting strangers and how this applies in the online world.</p> <p>What a username and password is and that they must keep them private.</p> <p>That online content such as video, images, websites and games are created and shared by people.</p> <p>That to use other people's work without asking or giving credit is wrong.</p>	<p>About safe and unsuitable sites/apps. E.g. PEGI rating.</p> <p>To talk to a trusted adult before sharing personal information online and using strong passwords.</p> <p>That the characters and people they interact with may be computer generated / including games.</p> <p>The differences between the Internet and the physical world.</p> <p>About sending a message and why it is important to communicate in a polite manner.</p> <p>That login details and passwords should only be shared with trusted adults.</p> <p>That copyright is something that prevents people stealing other people's work (content).</p> <p>What personal information is and that they need to talk to a trusted adult before sharing online.</p> <p>How some information may be inaccurate or untrue.</p> <p>To independently use a search engine, navigate a website, use favourites, bookmarks or typing the URL.</p> <p>That you can be connected to many people in your life (real life and online).</p> <p>To ensure a trusted adult is aware of who they are interacting with online.</p> <p>To explain some of the potential risks when posting something to the internet.</p> <p>That once something is posted others can read the post and share it.</p>	<p>The SMART rules about using the Internet safely and responsibly.</p> <p>What personal information is and what they shouldn't be sharing.</p> <p>That they should pause before posting and consider the potential consequences.</p> <p>Who they should seek help from about online concerns.</p> <p>The correct and sensible choice when presented with hypothetical scenarios.</p> <p>How to send and reply to online messages, such as email, respectfully and understand the difference between online and face-to-face.</p> <p>How to use the safety features of websites as well as reporting concerns to an adult they trust.</p> <p>What online bullying/ cyberbullying is and some of the forms it can take.</p> <p>How to report any concerns and who they consider a trusted adult.</p> <p>They need to have a balanced approach to their use of technology.</p> <p>To make good choices about how long they spend online.</p> <p>To recognise websites and games appropriate for their age. E.g. PEGI rating.</p> <p>Online accounts need to be signed in to and why passwords should never be shared.</p> <p>What makes a secure password and why they are important.</p> <p>How to use a password security checking tool.</p> <p>What represents an online identity E.g. Images, username, information shared and digital footprint.</p> <p>To post positive comments online</p>	<p>The potential risks and ways they can protect themselves and friends from harm online.</p> <p>The safety features of websites and apps. E.g. Block or report.</p> <p>That they should report concerns to a trusted adult.</p> <p>The Internet is a great place to develop rewarding relationships.</p> <p>Not to reveal private information to a person they know only online.</p> <p>That friends/followers profiles may not reflect the truth about their real lives.</p> <p>The term 'digital footprint' and that the information they put online leaves a digital footprint or "trail" which can be positive and negative.</p> <p>To search for their own name and usernames in Google to test their digital footprint.</p> <p>How they should act appropriately & respectfully online.</p> <p>How to deal with online bullying.</p> <p>How photos can be altered digitally and the creative upsides of photo alteration, as well as its power to distort perceptions of beauty and health.</p> <p>Why copyright laws exist and presenting others work as one's own is called plagiarism.</p> <p>To use a copyright free image gallery, or they can change the search criteria.</p> <p>The positive and negative effects technology may have on their health.</p> <p>Why they need to ask a trusted adult before downloading files and games from the Internet. E.g. Virus.</p> <p>To choose a secure passwords.</p> <p>Why using an avatar and online name is advisable.</p>	<p>To demonstrate and explain the importance of communicating kindly and respectfully.</p> <p>About the negative online behaviours such as bullying, trolling, grieving and harassment.</p> <p>About empathy and the effects of online bullying.</p> <p>Anything they post online can be seen, re-shared, re-used and may have a negative effect on others.</p> <p>About the 'Digital 5 a Day' plan and that they need to have a balanced approach to their use of technology.</p> <p>What makes a secure username and password.</p> <p>Why people set up fake accounts or copy others identities.</p> <p>What an online identity or internet persona is, e.g. Social identity in online Communities and websites (Facebook, Instagram, Youtube etc) including photos and posts.</p> <p>How to avoid being tricked by scammers online. E.g. phishing emails. The child can explain why an app may be free but have in-appurchasing and what that is.</p>	<p>The advice they should/would give friends about making good choices online.</p> <p>The consequences of making poor online choices. E.g. online bullying, inappropriate comments (racially or sexually orientated), uploading inappropriate material (adult / illegal / anti-social), accessing inappropriate sites (anti-social or illegal behaviour / adult content) and breaching copyright laws.</p> <p>The way men and women can be stereotyped in movies and TV.</p> <p>When to seek help from a trusted adult and not to try and deal with online situations on their own.</p> <p>How to block and report inappropriate comments or behaviour online.</p> <p>How to maintain healthy positive relationships with others while online.</p> <p>Behaviours and strategies to prevent and stop online bullying. The child knows and can list the websites and agencies they can contact in case they need help.</p> <p>What steps they can take to create a 'positive online image' including defining acceptable and unacceptable online behaviour and the benefits this will have to them now and in the future.</p>