

Whole School Computing Topic Overview



		EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn	Computing systems and networks	Understanding that information can be retrieved from a computer, iPad or laptop	Technology around us ★ Recognising technology in school and using it responsibly	Information technology around us ★ Identifying IT and how its responsible use improves our world in school and beyond	Connecting computers Identifying that digital devices have inputs, processes and outputs, and how devices can be connected to make networks	The internet ★ Recognising that the internet is a network of networks including the WWW, and why we should evaluate online content	Systems and searching ★ Recognising IT systems in the world and how some can enable searching on the internet	Communication and collaboration ★ Exploring how data is transferred by working collaboratively online
	Creating media	Using an iPad or VTech Kidzoom' camera independently to take photos of their learning environment	Digital painting Choosing appropriate tools in a program to create art, and making comparisons with working nondigitally	Digital photography Capturing and changing digital photographs for different purposes	Stop-frame animation ★ Capturing and editing digital still images to produce a stop frame animation that tells a story	Audio production ★ Capturing and editing audio to produce a podcast, ensuring that copyright is considered	Video production ★ Planning, capturing, and editing video to produce a short film	Webpage creation ★ Designing and creating webpages, giving consideration to copyright, aesthetics and navigation
Spring	Programming (A)	Exploring basic uses of an iPad/tablet- such as clicking a button to turn on, swiping to unlock or tapping to select an app	Moving a robot Writing short algorithms and programs for floor robots, and predicting program outcomes	Robot algorithms Creating and debugging programs, and using logical reasoning to make predictions	Sequencing sounds Creating sequences in a block-based programming language to make music	Repetition in shapes Using a text-based programming language to explore count-controlled loops when drawing shapes	Selection in physical computing Exploring conditions and selection using a programmable microcontroller	Variables in games Exploring variables when designing and coding a game
	Data and information	Using tally charts and manipulatives to determine amounts, e.g. quantities of children when voting for their favourite book	Grouping Data ★ Exploring object labels, then using them to sort and group objects by properties	Pictograms ★ Collecting data in tally charts and using attributes to organise and present data on a computer	Branching databases Building and using branching databases to group objects using yes/no questions	Data logging Recognising how and why data is collected over time, before using data loggers to carry out an investigation	Flat-file databases Using a database to order data and create charts to answer questions	Introduction to spreadsheets Answering questions by using spreadsheets to organise and calculate data
Summer	Creating media	Understanding the use of a keyboard, whether that be with a computer or tablet. Identifying that letters and sounds are shown on the keys	Digital writing ★ Using a computer to create and format text, before comparing to writing non-digitally	Digital music ★ Using a computer as a tool to explore rhythms and melodies, before creating a musical composition	Desktop publishing ★ Creating documents and modifying text, images and page layouts for a specific purpose	Photo editing ★ Manipulating digital images, and reflecting on the impact of the changes and whether the required purpose is fulfilled	Vector graphics ★ Creating images in a drawing program by using layers and groups of objects	3D modelling ★ Planning, developing, and evaluation 3D computer models of physical objects
	Programming (B)	Applying knowledge of using an iPad to new learning, such as searching for a picture or video on child age-appropriate apps	Programming animations Designing and programming the movement of a character on screen to tell stories	Programming quizzes Designing algorithms and programs that use events to trigger sequences of code to make an interactive quiz	Events and actions in programs Writing algorithms and programs that use a range of events to trigger sequences of actions	Repetition in games Using a block-based programming language to explore count-controlled and infinite loops when creating a game	Selection in quizzes Exploring selection in programming to design and code an interactive quiz	Sensing movement Designing and coding a project that captures inputs from physical devices

★ - Online safety

Although Computing is not a part of the EYFS framework, the foundations for computational thinking are vitally important. Living in a digital world full of technology that is integrated into the lives of young children, having access to computing skills from an early age ensures they develop listening skills, problem-solving abilities and thoughtful questioning. This progression of skills combines a personalised approach for children at Wren's Nest with statements from Development Matters.

Optional Year 6 – Using the micro:bit for primary to secondary transition



Computing National Curriculum Coverage

Years 1 and 2	1.1 Technology around us	1.2 Digital painting	1.3 Moving a robot	1.4 Grouping data	1.5 Digital writing	1.6 Programming animations	2.1 Information technology around us	2.2 Digital photography	2.3 Robot algorithms	2.4 Pictograms	2.5 Digital music	2.6 Programming quizzes
Understand what algorithms are, how they are implemented as programs on digital devices and that programs execute by following precise and unambiguous instructions.			✓			✓			✓			✓
Create and debug simple programs			✓			✓			✓			✓
Use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs			✓			✓			✓			✓
Use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate, and retrieve digital content	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Recognise common uses of information technology beyond school	✓		✓				✓	✓				
Use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private; identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies.	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		

Computing National Curriculum Coverage

Years 3 and 4	3.1 Connecting computers	3.2 Stop-frame animation	3.3 Sequencing sounds	3.4 Branching databases	3.5 Desktop publishing	3.6 Events and actions in programs	4.1 The internet	4.2 Audio production	4.3 Repetition in shapes	4.4 Data logging	4.5 Photo editing	4.6 Repetition in games
Design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals, including controlling or simulating physical systems; solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts			✓			✓			✓			✓
Use sequence, selection, and repetition in programs; work with variables and various forms of input and output	✓		✓			✓			✓	✓		✓
Use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs			✓			✓			✓			✓
Understand computer networks including the internet; how they can provide multiple services, such as the world wide web; and the opportunities they offer for communication and collaboration	✓						✓					
Use search technologies effectively, appreciate how results are selected and ranked, and be discerning in evaluating digital content					✓		✓	✓			✓	
Select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals, including collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting data and information	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly; recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour; identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact.		✓		✓			✓	✓			✓	

Computing National Curriculum Coverage

Years 5 and 6	5.1 systems and searching	5.2 Video production	5.3 Selection in physical computing	5.4 Flat-file database	5.5 Introduction to vector graphics	5.6 Selection in quizzes	6.1 Communication and collaboration	6.2 Webpage creation	6.3 Variables in games	6.4 Introduction to spreadsheets	6.5 3D modelling	6.6 Sensing movement
Design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals, including controlling or simulating physical systems; solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts			✓			✓	✓		✓			✓
Use sequence, selection, and repetition in programs; work with variables and various forms of input and output			✓			✓			✓			✓
Use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs			✓			✓			✓			✓
Understand computer networks including the internet; how they can provide multiple services, such as the world wide web; and the opportunities they offer for communication and collaboration	✓						✓					
Use search technologies effectively, appreciate how results are selected and ranked, and be discerning in evaluating digital content		✓		✓				✓				
Select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals, including collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting data and information	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly; recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour; identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact.	✓	✓						✓	✓		✓	



Computing Vocabulary Overview



		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn	Computing systems and networks	Technology around us technology, computer, mouse, trackpad, keyboard, screen, double-click, typing	Information technology around us Information technology (IT), computer, barcode, scanner/scan	Connecting computers digital device, input, process, output, program, digital, non-digital, connection, network, switch, server, wireless access point, cables, sockets	The internet internet, network, router, security, switch, server, wireless access point (WAP), website, web page, web address, routing, web browser, World Wide Web, content, links, files, use, download, sharing, ownership, permission, information, accurate, honest, content, adverts	Systems and searching system, connection, digital, input, process, storage, output, search, search engine, refine, index, bot, ordering, links, algorithm, search engine optimisation (SEO), web crawler, content creator, selection, ranking	Communication and collaboration communication, protocol, data, address, Internet Protocol (IP), Domain Name Server (DNS), packet, header, data payload, chat, explore, slide deck, reuse, remix, collaboration, internet, public, private, oneway, two-way, one-to-one, one-to-many
	Creating media	Digital painting paint program, tool, paintbrush, erase, fill, undo, shape tools, line tool, fill tool, undo tool, colour, brush style, brush size, pictures, painting, computers	Digital photography device, camera, photograph, capture, image, digital, landscape, portrait, framing, subject, compose, light sources, flash, focus, background, editing, filter, format, framing, lighting	Stop-frame animation animation, flip book, stopframe, frame, sequence, image, photograph, setting, character, events, onion skinning, consistency, evaluation, delete, media, import, transition	Audio production audio, microphone, speaker, headphones, input device, output device, sound, podcast, edit, trim, align, layer, import, record, playback, selection, load, save, export, MP3, evaluate, feedback	Video production video, audio, camera, talking head, panning, close up, video camera, microphone, lens, mid-range, long shot, moving subject, side by side, angle (high, low, normal), static, zoom, pan, tilt, storyboard, filming, review, import, split, trim, clip, edit, reshoot, delete, reorder, export, evaluate, share	Webpage creation website, web page, browser, media, Hypertext Markup Language (HTML), logo, layout, header, media, purpose, copyright, fair use, home page, preview, evaluate, device, Google Sites, breadcrumb trail, navigation, hyperlink, subpage, evaluate, implication, external link, embed
Spring	Programming (A)	Moving a robot Bee-Bot, forwards, backwards, turn, clear, go, commands, instructions, directions, left, right, route, plan, algorithm, program	Robot algorithms instruction, sequence, clear, unambiguous, algorithm, program, order, prediction, artwork, design, route, mat, debugging, decomposition	Sequencing sounds Scratch, programming, blocks, commands, code, sprite, costume, stage, backdrop, motion, turn, point in direction, go to, glide, sequence, event, task, design, run the code, order, note, chord, algorithm, bug, debug, code	Repetition in shapes Logo (programming environment), program, turtle, commands, code snippet, algorithm, design, debug, pattern, repeat, repetition, count-controlled loop, value, trace, decompose, procedure	Selection in physical computing microcontroller, USB, components, connection, infinite loop, output component, motor, repetition, count-controlled loop, Crumble controller, switch, LED, Sparkle, crocodile clips, connect, battery box, program, condition, Input, output, selection, action, debug, circuit, power, cell, buzzer	Variables in games variable, change, name, value, set, design, event, algorithm, code, task, artwork, program, project, code, test, debug, improve, evaluate, share, assign, declare
	Data and information	Grouping Data object, label, group, search, image, property, colour, size, shape, value, data set, more, less, most, fewest, least, the same	Pictograms more than, less than, most, least, common, popular, organise, data, object, tally chart, votes, total, pictogram, enter, data, compare, objects, count, explain, attribute, group, same, different, conclusion, block diagram, sharing	Branching databases attribute, value, questions, table, objects, branching, database, objects, equal, even, separate, structure, compare, order, organise, selecting, information, decision tree	Data logging data, table, layout, input device, sensor, logger, logging, data point, interval, analyse, dataset, import, export, logged, collection, review, conclusion	Flat-file databases database, data, information, record, field, sort, order, group, search, value, criteria, graph, chart, axis, compare, filter, presentation	Introduction to spreadsheets data, collecting, table, structure, spreadsheet, cell, cell reference, data item, format, formula, calculation, spreadsheet, input, output, operation, range, duplicate, sigma, propose, question, data set, organised, chart, evaluate, results, sum, comparison, software, tools
Summer	Creating media	Digital writing word processor, keyboard, keys, letters, type, numbers, space, backspace, text cursor, capital letters, toolbar, bold, italic, underline, mouse, select, font, undo, redo, format, compare, typing, writing	Digital music music, quiet, loud, feelings, emotions, pattern, rhythm, pulse, pitch, tempo, rhythm, notes, create, emotion, beat, instrument, open, edit.	Desktop publishing text, images, advantages, disadvantages, communicate, font, style, landscape, portrait, orientation, placeholder, template, layout, content, desktop publishing, copy, paste, purpose, benefits	Photo editing image, edit, digital, crop, rotate, undo, save, adjustments, effects, colours, hue, saturation, sepia, vignette, image, retouch, clone, select, combine, made up, real, composite, cut, copy, paste, alter, background, foreground, zoom, undo, font	Vector graphics vector, drawing tools, object, toolbar, vector drawing, move, resize, colour, rotate, duplicate/copy, zoom, select, align, modify, layers, order, copy, paste, group, ungroup, reuse, reflection	3D modelling TinkerCAD, 2D, 3D, shapes, select, move, perspective, view, handles, resize, lift, lower, recolour, rotate, duplicate, group, cylinder, cube, cuboid, sphere, cone, prism, pyramid, placeholder, hollow, choose, combine, construct, evaluate, modify
	Programming (B)	Programming animations ScratchJr, command, sprite, compare, programming, area, block, joining, start, run, program, background, delete, reset, algorithm, predict, effect, change, value, instructions, design	Programming quizzes sequence, command, program, run, start, outcome, predict, blocks, design, actions, sprite, project, modify, change, algorithm, build, match, compare, debug, features, evaluate, decomposition, code	Events and actions in programs motion, event, sprite, algorithm, logic, move, resize, extension block, pen up, set up, pen, design, action, debugging, errors, setup, code, test, debug, actions	Repetition in games Scratch, programming, sprite, blocks, code, loop, repeat, value, infinite loop, count-controlled loop, costume, repetition, forever, animate, event block, duplicate, modify, design, algorithm, debug, refine, evaluate	Selection in quizzes Selection, condition, true, false, count-controlled loop, outcomes, conditional statement, algorithm, program, debug, question, answer, task, design, input, implement, test, run, setup, operator	Sensing movement Micro:bit, MakeCode, input, process, output, flashing, USB, trace, selection, condition, if then else, variable, random, sensing, accelerometer, value, compass, direction, navigation, design, task, algorithm, step counter, plan, create, code, test, debug

Teach Computing Curriculum

Primary Journey

Teacher guide

