

Computing Curriculum

Suggested activities for each unit in blue taken from the Teach Computing Scheme. This document should be used for medium and short term planning.

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
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Year 1	Autumn Term 1 - Technology Around Us	Spring Term 1 - Digital Writing	Summer Term 1 – Programming – moving a robot.
	To communicate	To communicate.	
	 Use a range of applications and 	 Use a range of devices to 	To code
	devices in order to communicate ideas, work and messages.	communicate messages	 Control motion by specifying the number of steps to travel, direction and turn.
	Suggested Activities	Suggested Activities	- Specify the nature of events (such as
	 Begin to understand the technology around them. 	Become familiar with a key board and mouse	a single event or a loop).
	 Look at the main components of a 	- Change the look of text	Suggested Activities
	computer.	- Open a word processor	 Introduce to floor robots.
	 Using a computer keyboard 		 Language used for giving directions.
	 Develop keyboard skills 	Key vocabulary – word processor, keyboard,	 Experiment with turns.
	- Using a computer responsibly.	backspace, cursor, bold, italic, underline, text.	- Debug a program.
	Key Vocabulary – technology, computer, desktop, mouse, input		Key Vocabulary – instructions, algorithm, code, direction, turn.
	Autumn Term 2 – Creating Media painting	Spring Term 2 – Grouping Data	Summer Term 2 – Introduction to animation
	To code	To collect	To code
	 Control when drawings appear and 	- Use simple databases to record	 Control motion by specifying the
	set the pen, colour, size and shape.	information in areas across the curriculum.	number of steps to travel, direction and turn.
	Suggested Activities		 Add text strings, show and hide
	- Use shapes and lines	Suggested Activities	objects and change the features of
	 Make careful choices 	 Count and group objects. 	an object.
	- Use fill and undo	 Describe objects using labels. 	- Specify the nature of events (such as
	 Create a painting in the style of an artist 	- Find objects with similar properties.	a single event or a loop).



 Select appropriate colour and brush tools 	 Choose how to group objects and record. 	Suggested Activities - Investigate sprites and backgrounds.
Key Vocabulary – paint, shape tools, brush, fill, undo.	Key Vocabulary – label, group, search, properties, dragging, dropping, data.	 Joining blocks in ScratchJr Add and delete sprites. Decide how sprites will move. Change backgrounds
		Key Vocabulary – command, blocks, value, sprite, background, algorithm.

	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Year 2	Autumn Term 1 – IT around us	Spring Term 1 – Making music	Summer Term 1 – Robot algorithms.
	To communicate Use a range of applications and devices in order to communicate ideas, work and messages. Suggested Activities What is information technology? Where have we seen IT in the home and around the world? How does IT improve the world? Demonstrate safe use of IT. Using IT responsibly. Key Vocabulary – computers, information technology, file, move, resize, connected, Autumn Term 2 - Creating Media Photography To connect	To code To select sounds and control when they are heard, their duration and their volume. To connect Use a range of applications and devices in order to communicate ideas, work and messages. Suggested Activities How music makes us feel. Rhythms and patterns. How music can be used. Notes and tempo Creating digital music Reviewing and editing music. Key Vocabulary – rhythm, pattern, pitch, duration, sequence, notes,	To code - Control motion by specifying the number of steps to travel, direction and turn. - Specify the nature of events (such as a single event or a loop). Suggested Activities - Giving instructions - Create short sequences - Making predictions - Design, create and test a mat for a floor robot - Design algorithms to move the robots around the mat - Debugging Key Vocabulary – instructions, sequence, algorithm, debug.
	Participate in class social media		Summer Term 2 – Introduction to quizzes
	accounts.	Spring Term 2 – Pictograms.	To code



• Understand online risks and the age rules for sites.

To communicate

• Use a range of applications and devices in order to communicate ideas, work and messages.

To code

• Specify user inputs (such as clicks) to control events.

Suggested Activities

- Look at devices that can be used to take photos.
- Landscape and portrait.
- What makes a good photograph?
- Lighting and focus
- Effects
- Look at whether images are real and how some can be fake.

Key vocabulary – devices, digital, landscape, portrait, image editing, capture, focus, autofocus.

To collect

 Use simple databases to record information in areas across the curriculum.

Suggested Activities

- Counting and comparing
- Enter the data
- Creating pictograms
- What is an attribute?
- Comparing people
- Presenting information

Key Vocabulary – data, pictogram, attribute.

- Create conditions for actions by waiting for a user input (such as responses to questions like: What is your name?).
- Add text strings, show and hide objects and change the features of an object.

Suggested Activities

- ScratchJr recap
- Discover that a sequence of commands has an 'outcome'
- 'Start on tap' and 'Go to page' blocks.
- Look at existing quiz design and look at how that can be realized with Scratch.lr
- Designing and creating a program.
- Evaluating

Key Vocabulary – sequence, algorithm, outcome, commands, blocks, sequence

	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Year 3	Autumn Term 1 – Connecting Computers	Spring Term 1 – Desktop publishing	Summer Term 1 – Sequence in music
	Use some of the advanced features of applications and devices in order to communicate ideas, work or messages professionally.	To communicate - Use some of the advanced features of applications and devices in order to communicate ideas, work or messages professionally. Suggested Activities	To code Use specified screen coordinates to control movement. Create and edit sounds. Control when they are heard, their volume, duration and rests. Specify conditions to trigger events.



To connect

Understand how online services work.

Suggested Activities

- How does a digital device work?
- What parts make up a digital device?
- How do digital devices help us?
- How am I connected?
- How are computers connected?
- What does our school network look like?

Key Vocabulary – digital device, input, output, process, network, connections, switch, server, wireless access, computer network.

Autumn Term 2 – Stop frame animation

To connect

- Understand the term "copyright"

To communicate

 Use some of the advanced features of applications and devices in order to communicate ideas, work or messages professionally.

Suggested Activities

- Can a picture move?
- Frame by frame

- Become familiar with text and images, advantages and disadvantages of both.
- Make careful choices regarding font size, colour and type.
- Learners will be introduced to the terms 'templates', 'orientation', and 'placeholders' within desktop publishing software
- Add content to a template.
- Page layouts
- Desktop publishing in the wider world.

Key Vocabulary – text, images, layout, template, font, page orientation, placeholders, copy, paste, layout.

Spring Term 2 – Branching databases

To collect

 Devise and construct databases using applications designed for this purpose in areas across the curriculum.

Suggested Activities

- Yes or no questions
- Group collections of objects using yes and no questions
- Creating a branching database
- Structuring a branching database
- Using a branching database
- Presenting information

Key Vocabulary – attributes, branching database, questions, tree structure.

Suggested Activities

- Introduction to Scratch
- Programming sprites
- Sequences
- Ordering commands
- Combine motion and sound in one sequence.
- Making an instrument.

Key Vocabulary – sprites, backdrops, attributes, commands, sequence, algorithm.

Summer Term 2 – Events and actions

To code

- Specify conditions to trigger events.
- Use specified screen coordinates to control movement.
- Control the shade of pens.

Suggested Activities

- Moving a sprite
- Maze movement
- Drawina lines
- Adding features
- Debugging movement
- Making a project

Key Vocabulary – sprite, event, action, program, blocks.



 What's the story – create a storyboard Stop – frame animations Evaluate 	
Key Vocabulary – sequence, flip-book, animation, frames, stop frame,	

	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Year 4	Autumn Term 1 – The internet	Spring Term 1 – Photo editing	Summer Term 1 – Repetition in shapes
	To communicate - Use some of the advanced features of applications and devices in order to communicate ideas, work or messages professionally. To connect - Understand the term 'copyright'. - Understand how online services work. - Give examples of the risks posed by online communications. Suggested Activities - Connecting networks - What is the internet made of? - Sharing information - What is a website? - Who owns the web? - Can I believe what I read?	To code - Set the appearance of objects and create sequences of changes. To connect - Understand the term 'copyright'. To communicate - Use some of the advanced features of applications and devices in order to communicate ideas, work or messages professionally. Suggested Activities - Changing digital images - Changing the composition of images - Changing images for different uses - Retouching images - Fake images - Making and evaluating a publication	To code - Use specified screen coordinates to control movement. - Set the appearance of objects and create sequences of changes. - Specify conditions to trigger events. - Use IF THEN conditions to control events or objects. Suggested Activities - Programming a screen turtle - Programming letters - Patterns and repeats - Using loops to create shapes - Breaking things down - Creating a program, commands, algorithm, repetition, sequence, controlled loop, debugging.
	Key Vocabulary – internet, network, connecting, copyright. Autumn Term 2 – Audio editing	Key Vocabulary – image, editing, effect, composition, retouched.	Summer Term 2 – Repetition in games



To communicate

 Use some of the advanced features of applications and devices in order to communicate ideas, work or messages professionally.

To connect

- Understand the term 'copyright'.

To code

 Create and edit sounds. Control when they are heard, their volume, duration and rests.

Suggested Activities

- Digital recording
- Recording sound
- Creating a podcast
- Editing digital recordings
- Combining audio
- Evaluating podcasts

Key Vocabulary – digital, sound, audio, input, output, record, play back, podcast, edit, exported.

Spring Term 2 – Data logging

To collect

 Devise and construct databases using applications designed for this purpose in areas across the curriculum.

Suggested Activities

- Answering questions
- Data collection
- Logging
- Analysing data
- Data for answers
- Answering my question

Key Vocabulary – data, sensors, input devices, import, data logger.

To code

- Use specified screen coordinates to control movement.
- Set the appearance of objects and create sequences of changes.
- Specify conditions to trigger events.
- Use IF THEN conditions to control events or objects.

Suggested Activities

- Using loops to create shapes.
- Different loops
- Animate your name
- Modifying a game
- Designing a game

Key Vocabulary – repetition, snippet of code, loops, count controlled, infinite, algorithm, evaluate.

	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Year 5	Autumn Term 1 – Sharing information	Spring Term 1 – Video editing	Summer Term 1 – Selection in physical
			computing
	To connect Collaborate with others online on sites approved and moderated by teachers. Give examples of the risks of online communities and demonstrate knowledge of how to minimise risk and report problems. Understand how simple networks are set up and used.	To code - Upload sounds from a file and edit them. Add effects such as fade in and out and control their implementation. To connect - Understand and demonstrate knowledge that it is illegal to download copyrighted material, including music or games,	To code - Set IF conditions for movements. Specify types of rotation giving the number of degrees Use IF THEN ELSE conditions to control events or objects Use a range of sensing tools (including proximity, user inputs,



To communicate

- Choose the most suitable applications and devices for the purposes of communication.
- Use many of the advanced features in order to create high quality, professional or efficient communications

Suggested Activities

- Systems
- Computer systems and us
- Transferring information
- Working together
- Better working together
- Shared working

Key Vocabulary – system, inputs, processes, outputs, data, transfer, network, online, offline, collaboration.

Autumn Term 2 – Vector Drawings

To communicate

- Choose the most suitable applications and devices for the purposes of communication.
- Use many of the advanced features in order to create high quality, professional or efficient communications

To code

- Change the position of objects between screen layers (send to back, bring to front).
- Combine the use of pens with movement to create interesting effects.

without express written permission, from the copyright holder.

To communicate

- Choose the most suitable applications and devices for the purposes of communication.
- Use many of the advanced features in order to create high quality, professional or efficient communications

Suggested Activities

- What is video?
- Identifying devices
- Using a device
- Features of an effective video
- Importing and editing video
- Video evaluation

Key Vocabulary – visual, audio, digital devices, lighting, angle, store, retrieve, export, reshoot, editing, evaluate.

Spring Term 2 – Flat file databases.

To collect

 Select appropriate applications to devise, construct and manipulate data and present it in an effective and professional manner.

Suggested Activities

- Creating a paper based database
- Computer databases
- Usina a database
- Using search tools
- Comparing data visually
- Databases in real life

loudness and mouse position) to control events or actions.

Suggested Activities

- Connecting crumbles
- Combining output devices
- Controlling with conditions
- Starting with selection
- Drawing designs
- Writing and testing algorithms

Key Vocabulary – circuit, microcontroller, LED, infinite loop, output, action, condition, debug, algorithm.

Summer Term 2 – Selection in quizzes

To code

- Set events to control other events by 'broadcasting' information as a trigger.
- Use IF THEN ELSE conditions to control events or objects.
- Use a range of sensing tools (including proximity, user inputs, loudness and mouse position) to control events or actions.
- Use lists to create a set of variables.

Suggested Activities

- Exploring conditions
- Selecting outcomes
- Asking questions
- Planning a quiz
- Testing a quiz
- Evaluating a quiz

Key Vocabulary – conditions, selection, modify, infinite loop.



Suggested Activities - The drawing tools - Create a vector drawing - Being effective - Layers and objects - Manipulating objects - Get designing	Key vocabulary – field, data, record, criteria.	
Key vocabulary – vector drawing, drawing tools, resize, rotate, zoom, alignment grids, resize handles, layers, copy, paste, undo.		

	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Year 6	Autumn Term 1 – Internet communication	Spring Term 1 – Webpage creation	Summer Term 1 – Variables in games
	To connect	To connect	To code
	 Give examples of the risks of online communities and demonstrate knowledge of how to minimise risk and report problems. Understand the effect of online community and show responsibility. 	 Give examples of the risks of online communities and demonstrate knowledge of how to minimise risk and report problems. Understand and demonstrate 	 Use lists to create a set of variables. Set events to control other events by 'broadcasting' information as a trigger.
	comments and show responsibility and sensitivity when online.	knowledge that it is illegal to download copyrighted material, including music or games,	Suggested Activities - Introducing variables - Variables in programming
	To communicate	without express written permission,	- Improving a game
	 Choose the most suitable applications and devices for the purposes of communication. Use many of the advanced features 	from the copyright holder. - Understand the effect of online comments and show responsibility and sensitivity when online.	Designing a gameDesign to codeImproving and sharing
	in order to create high quality, professional or	To communicate	Key Vocabulary – variables, events, algorithm, value, placeholder.
	efficient communications.	- Choose the most suitable applications and devices for the	value, placeriolaer.
	Suggested Activities	purposes of communication.	Summer Term 2 – Sensing
	 Searching the web Selecting search results How search results are ranked How are searches influenced 	- Use many of the advanced features in order to create high quality, professional or efficient communications.	To code - Use IF THEN ELSE conditions to control events or objects.



- How we communicate
- Communicating responsibly

Key Vocabulary – refine, search engine, web crawlers, index,

Autumn Term 2 - 3D Modelling

To communicate

- Choose the most suitable applications and devices for the purposes of communication.
- Use many of the advanced features in order to create high quality, professional or efficient communications.

To code

- Combine the use of pens with movement to create interesting effects.
- Change the position of objects between screen layers (send to back, bring to front).

Suggested Activities

- What is 3D modelling?
- Making changes
- Rotation and position
- Making holes
- Planning my own 3D model
- Making my own 3D model

Key Vocabulary – select, move, delete, graphical objects, resize, rotate, position, duplicate.

Suggested Activities

- What makes a good website?
- How would you lay out your webpage?
- Copyright or copywrong?
- How does it look?
- Follow the breadcrumbs
- Think before you link.

Key Vocabulary – HTML, layout, copyright, fair-use, content, preview, evaluate, navigation path, hyperlinks.

Spring Term 2 – Spreadsheets

To collect

 Select appropriate applications to devise, construct and manipulate data and present it in an effective and professional manner.

Suggested Activities

- What is a spreadsheet?
- Modifying spreadsheets
- What's the formula?
- Calculate and duplicate
- Event planning
- Presenting data

Key vocabulary – data, format, cell, data type, input, output.

- Use lists to create a set of variables.
- Use the Boolean operators to define conditions.
- Use a range of sensing tools (including proximity, user inputs, loudness and mouse position) to control events or actions.

Suggested Activities

- The micro:bit
- Go with the flow
- Sensing inputs
- Finding your way
- Designing a step counter
- Making a step counter

Key Vocabulary – emulator, controllable device, conditions, variables, senses, flow, input, output.