

SUBJECT: Computing

CURRICULUM INTENT: We want our pupils to develop an interest in the field of computer science by providing them with the knowledge, understanding and skills to support them in the fast-paced world of technology; while ensuring that they understand the potential dangers of modern technology, and are able to use it safely.

We aim for pupils to develop their ability to solve computational problems using a range of programming skills, consisting of both visual and textual programming languages. Our intent is to enable pupils to not only become confident users but creators of technology.

Please identify what the key themes / concepts are, that all students at all key stages will study in your subject.

These will obviously get progressively more challenging in terms of content / expectations as the years progress and different language might be used to describe them however, they should still be able to fit under a blanket heading.

Please allocate a colour to each of these themes so that it is clear how they are revisited and built upon throughout the curriculum. Please add or remove as appropriate

Programming Skills	Digital literacy and skills	Hardware/Software	Logic
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	AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
NURSERY – KEY		Wider Technology			Computing devices	
THEMES /		wider recimology		Computing devices		
CONCEPTS						
NURSERY	Pupils will learn to operat	e mechanical toys, e.g., tur	ns knob on wind-up toy	Pupils will learn to use a s	ingle button mouse to drag	and drop.
– KEY	or pulls back on a friction	car. Pupils will learn how to	o operate simple	•	and images on a computer	•
CONTENT /		rn to use buttons to play b	•	•	row keys on a keyboard to o	control movement on
LEARNING	•	s will learn about real object	cts such as cameras and	the screen.		
250525001	mobile phones and their l	oasic functions.				
RECEPTION - KEY		Widor Tochnology			Commuting dovices	
THEMES /		Wider Technology			Computing devices	
CONCEPTS						
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- KEY		car. Pupils will learn how to		learn that text and images on a computer can be printed out. Pupils will		
CONTENT/	robot with a series of inst	ructions. Pupils will learn h	ow to use play, pause	learn to use arrow keys on a keyboard to control movement on the screen.		
LEARNING	and stop buttons when pl	aying back on recording de	vices.	Pupils will start to learn that the internet can be used for research purposes.		
YEAR 1 -	E-Safety	Keyboard Skills	Commands	Directions	Internet	Using a website
KEY		Control	Control	Visual Coding	Control	Visual Coding
THEMES /						
CONCEPTS						
YEAR 1 -	Pupils will be taught	Pupils will develop a	Pupils will choose an	Pupils will use an app to	Pupils will be able to use	Pupils will learn to
KEY	how to safely use the	range of keyboard skills.	object to command	direct a sprite to	keyboard to type in	use a search engine
CONTENT/	internet and the They will start to and give multi-step			different objects.	different websites and	website and name
LEARNING	dangers that may occur. develop touch typing. Instructions. They will: They will use the mouse				learn to use a website	different search
	They will: Understand the dangers on a laptop. They will				safely.	engines. They will know how to look for
	of social media	choose different				accurate information
	or social inicala	fonts/size for texts.				and compare
						information sources.



YEAR 2 - KEY THEMES / CONCEPTS	E-Safety Understand the dangers of social media	Programming using an app Continue to develop touch typing	Laptop Skills	Comics and Graphs	Internet Usage	Graphs and Search Engines
YEAR 2 - KEY CONTENT/ LEARNING	and the dangers that may occur. Pupils will develop programming skills and be taught the safety of		graphs and will be able to compare and analyse them. Use iphoto and the comiclife app; Understand the dangers of social media and Continue a range of keyboard skills		Pupils will use different search engines to find accurate information about a specific topic as well as be able to present findings from a graph. Use a keyboard and a mouse Use a search engine and compare information with a partner	
YEAR 3 - KEY THEMES / CONCEPTS	E-Safety	Programming on an App	Code Writing	Code Writing	Ipad Usage	Animations and Email
YEAR 3 - KEY CONTENT/ LEARNING	,		Pupils will use the Swift to using basic coding to review their chosen sha Use the keyboard and a Speak using correct term	pe/pattern. mouse;	Building on their knowled to create animation on im understand the benefits a using email. Use imovie and email; op And know the benefits an Create animation	novie as well as and consequences of the email app
YEAR 4 - KEY THEMES / CONCEPTS	E-Safety	Build with Lego Wedo	Video Programming	Editing	Information and Wikipedia	Information and Wikipedia



YEAR 4 - KEY CONTENT/ LEARNING	,		able to use advance search and continue to use the internet safely. create a video sequence; film a video; use editing software; use advance search terms to find more accurate information		Continuing to refine their knowledge of how to find accurate information, Pupils can use their theme for the half term to create a "Wikipedia" page of accurate knowledge that they have built up last half term. Use "Wikipedia" and improvement of the page by increasing accurate links; Confident use of mouse and typing skills	
YEAR 5 - KEY THEMES / CONCEPTS	E-Safety	Lego and Scratch	Documentary	Filming and Editing	Documentaries	Script and filming
YEAR 5 - KEY CONTENT/ LEARNING	Pupils will develop programming skills and be taught the safety of using the internet and the dangers that may occur. They will: Understand the dangers of social media; Confident use of a range of keyboard skills; Confident use of different apps; Use of a sprite on SCRATCH; Build a device; Use of different mechanisms; Improve a device and a game		Pupils will be able to pla documentary of their ch able to use cutaways an difference between diff techniques and why the Create a film and a docu cutaways; Explore using sound; Construct a scrip	nosen subject. They will be ad understand the erent light and sound ase are used. They will: umentary; Add in a different lighting and	Pupils will be able to plandocumentary/film of their will be able to construct a performance and underst their work constructively. They will: Improve your fidocumentary; Transition seeks	r chosen subject. They a script for their and how to review Im; Improve your
YEAR 6 - KEY THEMES / CONCEPTS	E-Safety	App Building	De-Bugging	Excel	Information Video	Spreadsheets and Project
YEAR 6 - KEY CONTENT/ LEARNING	Pupils will develop programming skills and be taught the safety of using the internet and the dangers that may occur. They will:		Pupils will be able to debug their app and add in pictures. They will be able to use a spreadsheet and its formulas. Debug your app; Evaluate your		Pupils will be able to creat (which can be played on the well as know the outcome what the data tells us.	he school website) as



	Understand the dangers of social media; Confident use of a range of keyboard skills Confident use of different apps; Use of a webpage; Build a webpage; Use of different apps to inspire your design; Design an app Pitch your app		and analyse data; Use of different formulas page;		understand how data is analysed create scenes for the video; Year 6 project; Analyse data; Use different methods to gather data; Use of cutaways and transitions for video	
YEAR 7 - KEY THEMES / CONCEPTS	E-Safety Computer literacy Online threats Privacy Cyber-bullying Digital footprint	Computer systems Hardware and software. Data representation. Input-Process-Output cycle. Input and output devices.	Data Representation Binary/denary conversion Data vs. information Structured data Data types	Algorithms Flowchart symbols Flowcharts Sequence Selection Iteration	Variables Operators String Integer Boolean Real/float	Block programming with scratch
YEAR 7 - KEY CONTENT/ LEARNING	1. Understands how to recognise and be legally and emotionally safe from threats such as grooming, sexting and cyber bullying. 2. Understands the importance of communicating safely and respectfully online, and the need for keeping personal information private. Your online digital presence. 3. Confidently uses PC based systems to create, rename and edit different file types.	1. Classifies a range of software including operating systems, utility and application software. Explains the difference between hardware and software, and their roles within a computer system. 2. Gives examples of how data is stored on a computer. Explains the function of the main internal parts of basic computer architecture. 3. Outlines the concepts behind the inputprocess-output cycle. Recognises that a range	1. Classifies different types of data and understands how these are used in different situations. 2. Understands the difference between data and information. 3. Recognises that data can be structured in tables to make it useful. 4. Understands why a computer stores data in binary 5. Can convert denary to binary and vice versa 6. Add two binary numbers	1. Defines what an algorithm is. 2. Interprets and creates algorithms that use simple real-world sequences. 3. Use sequence, selection and iteration in flowcharts 4. Understand the four basic data types used in algorithms 5. Understand what a variable is 6. Understand how to assign and compare variables using operators 7. Interprets and creates simple	1. Defines what an algorithm is. 2. Interprets and creates algorithms that use simple real-world sequences. 3. Use sequence, selection and iteration in flowcharts 4. Understand the four basic data types used in algorithms 5. Understand what a variable is 6. Understand how to assign and compare variables using operators 7. Interprets and creates simple flowcharts using	1. Create block structures for sequence, selection and iteration 2. Move a sprite based upon user input events 3. Move a sprite using iteration with no user input 4. Detect collision between sprites 5. Write a simple game which includes user input control, moving sprites and collision detection



	4. Obtains content from the world wide web using a web browser.	of digital devices can be considered a computer. 4. Recognises and can classify a range of input and output devices.		flowcharts using sequence, operators and variables. 8. defines decomposition and abstraction	sequence, operators and variables. 8. defines decomposition and abstraction	
YEAR 8 - KEY THEMES / CONCEPTS	Computer systems Hardware and software. Data representation. Input-Process-Output cycle. Input and output devices.	Algorithms Flowchart symbols Flowcharts Sequence Selection Iteration	Definition of network and network types. Cloud based networking. Internet vs WWW. Network connection technologies.	Concepts of number bases Why we use binary. Why we use hexadecimal. Binary/denary conversions	The use of spreadsheets for data storage Create spreadsheets	The use of spreadsheets for data storage Create spreadsheets
YEAR 8 - KEY CONTENT/ LEARNING	1. Classifies a range of software including operating systems, utility and application software. Explains the difference between hardware and software, and their roles within a computer system. 2. Gives examples of how data is stored on a computer. Explains the function of the main internal parts of basic computer architecture. 3. Outlines the concepts behind the input-process-output cycle. Recognises that a range	1. Defines what an algorithm is. 2. Interprets and creates algorithms that use simple real-world sequences. 3. Use sequence, selection and iteration in flowcharts 4. Understand the four basic data types used in algorithms 5. Understand what a variable is 6. Understand how to assign and compare variables using operators 7. Interprets and creates simple	1. Define a network and know the differences between LAN and WAN 2. Understand the differences between client server and P2P networks 3. Understands the difference between the internet and the WWW 4. Understand how data is stored remotely on servers or cloud 5. Know the advantages and disadvantages of cloud-based systems	1. Be able to convert from denary to binary and binary to denary 2. Be able to add two 8-bit binary numbers 3. To understand why bases over 10 need symbolic representations 4. To be able to convert from hex to denary and denary to hex 5. To be able to convert from hex to binary and binary to hex	1. Makes judgements about digital content when evaluating and repurposing it for a given audience. Recognises the audience when designing and creating digital content. 2. Undertakes creative projects that collect, analyse, and evaluate data to meet the needs of a known user group. Effectively designs and creates digital artefacts for a wider or remote audience. 3. Uses a variety of software to manipulate and present digital	1. Makes judgements about digital content when evaluating and repurposing it for a given audience. Recognises the audience when designing and creating digital content. 2. Undertakes creative projects that collect, analyse, and evaluate data to meet the needs of a known user group. Effectively designs and creates digital artefacts for a wider or remote audience.



	of digital devices can be considered a computer. 4. Recognises and can classify a range of input and output devices.	flowcharts using sequence, operators and variables. 8. defines decomposition and abstraction	6. Understand different connection methods such as Bluetooth, wi-fi and ethernet		content: data and information. 4. Evaluates their work and makes improvements to solutions based on feedback received.	3. Uses a variety of software to manipulate and present digital content: data and information. 4. Evaluates their work and makes improvements to solutions based on feedback received.
YEAR 9 - KEY THEMES / CONCEPTS	LAN vs WAN Network topologies Internet protocol Common network protocols	Computational thinking Abstraction Decomposition Pattern recognition Algorithms Flowcharts Sequence Selection Iteration	Boolean logic Truth tables Logic gates AND gate OR gate NOT gate Boolean algebra	Memory and storage. FDE cycle. Virtual memory.	Data types Operators Basic python syntax	Programming project
YEAR 9 - KEY CONTENT/ LEARNING	1. Know the hardware that comprises a typical LAN 2. Understand network topologies and how they affect the resilience of a network 3. Understand the concept of data transfer protocols 4. Describe in detail how data is split into packets and transferred	 Defines what an algorithm is. Interprets and creates algorithms that use simple real-world sequences. Use sequence, selection and iteration in flowcharts Understand what a variable is Understand how to assign and compare 	1. Understand the concept of digital vs analog systems 2. Relate real world systems to using AND, OR and NOT gates to represent possible outcomes 3. Write truth tables for AND, OR and NOT logic gates 4. Write logic diagrams based upon	1. Understand how data and instructions are stored in main memory and how instructions are fetched from memory to be processed by the CPU 2. Understand the concept of secondary storage and know a range of secondary storage devices	1. Know the basic data types and operators in Python 2. Demonstrate input and output and variable assignation in Python 3. Interpret and create Python programs using sequence, selection, iteration, variables and operators	1. Prepare requirements for a self-determined programming project 2. Build, test and evaluate a non-trivial program (or set of programs) to fulfill the requirements 3. Use functions and persistence using files in a non-trivial program



	over a network using	variables using	truth tables for AND,	3. Evaluate secondary	4. Test trivial Python	
	the internet protocol	operators	OR and NOT	storage devices and be	programs using trace	
	5. Know a range of	6. Interprets and	5. Write truth tables	able to choose	tables	
	common network	creates simple	for logic circuits with	appropriately based	5. Identify and fix logic	
	protocols	flowcharts using	more than one logic	upon speed, robustness,	and syntax bugs in	
		sequence, operators	gate	capacity and portability	Python programs	
		and variables.	6. Draw logic circuits	4. Understand the		
		7. Understand the 4	for truth tables	concept of virtual		
		computational thinking	representing systems	memory and explain its		
		techniques	with more than one	importance		
			logic gate	5. Predict possible computer systems of		
				the future.		
YEAR 10 -	Variables and constants	Searching and sorting	String manipulation	Computer Systems	Primary storage	Types of networks
KEY	Data types	algorithms	File handling	Common CPU	Secondary storage	(LAN and WAN)
THEMES /	Operators	Computational thinking	Data storage and SQL	components and their	Strands of data storage	Factors that affect
CONCEPTS	Programming constructs	techniques	Arrays	functions	Data storage	network performance
0011021 10	- Sequence	Designing, creating and	Subprograms	Characteristics of CPU	Characters	Client-server and P2P
	- Selection	refining algorithms	Random number	and the way they affect	Images	networks
	- Iteration		generator	the performance of the	Sound	Network hardware
			80	CPU	Compression	The internet
				Embedded systems	•	Network topologies
				Secondary storage		Wired and wireless
				, ,		networks
						Encryption
						IP and MAC
						addressing
						Standards
						Network protocols
						Concept of layers
YEAR 10 -	Data types	Searching and sorting	Revisit previously	Computer Systems	Primary storage:	Networks and
KEY	The use of data types	algorithms	taught programming	- The purpose of the	- The need for primary	topologies
		- Binary search	techniques	CPU	storage	- Types of networks:



CONTENT/ LEARNING

- Integer, real/float, boolean, character and string
- Casting
 The use of variables,
 constants, operators,
 input, outputs and
 assignment
 Programming constructs
 Sequence, selection,
 iteration
 Arithmetic operators
 Boolean operators

- AND, OR, NOT

- Linear search
- Bubble sort
- Merge sort
- Insertion sort
 Computational thinking techniques
- Abstraction
- Decomposition
- Algorithmic thinking Designing, creating and refining algorithms
- Identify the inputs, processes and outputs for a problem
- Structure diagrams
- Create, interpret, correct, complete and refine algorithms using pseudocode, flowcharts and reference language/high-level programming language

Use of basic string manipulation

- String slicing, indexing, LEN Use of basic file handling operations - Open, read, write,
- close The use of records to store data
- The use of SQL to search for data The use of arrays (or equivalent) when solving problems, including 1D and 2D
- arrays.
 Subprograms
- Functions and procedures Random number generator

- The fetch-execute cycle
- Common CPU components and their function:
- ALU (Arithmetic Logic Strand), CU (Control Strand), Cache, Registers, MAR (Memory Address Register), MDR (Memory Data Register), Program Counter, Accumulator - CPU performance:
- How common characteristics of CPUs affect

their performance:

- Clock speed
- Cache size

storage:

- Number of cores
Embedded systems:
The purpose and
characteristics of
embedded system
Examples of embedded
systems
Secondary storage:
The need for secondary
storage
Common types of

- Difference between RAM and ROM
- Purpose of RAM and ROM in a computer system
- Virtual memory Secondary storage: The need for secondary storage Common types of storage:
- Optical, magnetic and solid state
 Suitable storage devices and storage media

for a given application.
The advantages and disadvantages of different storage devices and storage media relating to these characteristics:
Capacity, Speed,
Portability, Durability,
Reliability, Cost
Units of data storage

- Bit, nibble, byte, KB,MB, GB, TB, PBHow data needs to be converted to binary
- Data capacity and calculations

- -LAN (Local Area Network)
- -WAN (Wide Area Network)
- Factors that affect the performance of networks
- -The different roles of computers in a clientserver and a peer-topeer network

The hardware needed

- to connect standalone computers into
- a Local Area Network:
 -Wireless access
 points, Routers,
- Switches, -NIC
- (Network Interface Controller/Card),
- Transmission media
 The Internet as a
 worldwide collection
 of computer
- networks:
 -DNS (Domain Name
- Server)
 -Hosting
- -The Cloud
- -Web servers and clients
- -Star and Mesh network topologies



		- Optical - Magnetic - Solid state Suitable storage devices and storage media for a given application. The advantages and disadvantages of different storage devices and storage media relating to these	Data storage and conversions - Denary to binary conversions and vice versa - Denary to hexadecimal conversions and vice versa - Bit shifting - Binary addition and overflow errors Characters	Wired and wireless networks, protocols and layers: Modes of connection: Wired, Ethernet, Wireless, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Encryption, IP addressing and MAC addressing Standards Common protocols
		for a given	- Denary to hexadecimal	Wireless, Wi-Fi,
		The advantages and	versa	Encryption, IP
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		characteristics:	- What is a character?	including:
		Capacity, Speed,	- ASCII and Unicode	TCP/IP, HTTP, HTTPS,
		Portability, Durability, Reliability, Cost	character sets	FTP, POP, IMAP, SMTP
		Reliability, Cost	Images - How an image is	The concept of layers
			represented as a series	The concept of layers
			of pixels, and	
			represented in binary	
			- Metadata	
			- Colour depth and	
			resolution and its effect	
			on the size and quality	
			of an image file	
			Sound	
			- How is sound sampled	
			and stored in digital	
			form Effect of cample rate	
			 Effect of sample rate, duration and bit depth 	
			on the playback quality	
			on the playback quality	



					and size of the sound file Compression - Need for compression - Lossy and lossless compression	
YEAR 11 - KEY THEMES / CONCEPTS	Threats to computer systems and networks - Forms of attack Identifying and preventing vulnerabilities - Common prevention methods	The purpose and functionality of operating systems The purpose and functionality of utility software	Defensive design considerations High-level and low-level programming languages Translators IDEs Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impacts of digital technology on wider society Legislation relevant to computer science	Exam Prep and Revision	Exam Prep and Revision	
YEAR 11 - KEY CONTENT/ LEARNING	Forms of attack - Malware - Social engineering e.g., phishing, people as the "weak point" - Brute force - Denial of service attacks - Data interception and theft - The concept of SQL injection	The purpose and functionality of operating systems - User interface -Memory management and multitasking -Peripheral management and drivers - User management - File management	Defensive design considerations - Anticipating misuse - Authentication Input validation Maintainability - Use of sub-programs - Naming conventions - Indentation - Commenting Characteristics and purpose of different	Exam Prep and Revision	Exam Prep and Revision	



Common	prevention
methods	

- Penetration testing
- Anti-malware software
- Firewalls
- -User access levels
- Passwords
- Encryption
- Physical security

The purpose and functionality of utility software

- Encryption software
- Defragmentation
- Data compression (Lossy and lossless)

levels of programming languages:

- High-level and lowlevel languages
- The purpose of

translators

- The characteristics of a compiler and an interpreter

The IDE Common to

- Common tools and facilities in an IDE
- Editors
- Error diagnostics
- Run-time environment
- Translators impacts of digital technology on wider society including:
- Ethical issues
- Legal issues
- Cultural issues
- Environmental issues
- Privacy issues

Legislation relevant to computer science

- The data protection act 2018
- Computer misuse act 1990



YEAR 12 - KEY THEMES / CONCEPTS YEAR 12 - KEY CONTENT/	Principles of Cor (External assess Learners study the fundamental principles of how co hardware and software, the way components of a sy used.	mputer systems work, including the role of	IT Systems Security and Encryption (Internal Assessment) Learners will study IT system security threats and the methods used to protect against them. Learners undertake activities to protect IT
YEAR 13 -	Fundamentals of Computer Systems	Optional internal assessment unit	systems from security threats, including data encryption. Exam prep and revision
KEY THEMES / CONCEPTS	(External assessment – Exam)		
YEAR 13 - KEY CONTENT/ LEARNING	Learners study the fundamental principles of how computer systems work, including the role of hardware and software, the way components of a system work together and how data in a system is used.	Content taught is dependent on the learners' chosen unit.	Exam prep and revision