

Structure of the units of work

Every unit of work in the Teach Computing Curriculum contains: a unit overview; a learning graph, to show the progression of skills and concepts in a unit; lesson content — including a detailed lesson plan, slides for learners, and all the resources you will need; and formative and summative assessment opportunities.

Teach Computing Curriculum overview (Brief Overview)

	Computing systems and networks	Creating media	Programming A	Data and information	Creating media	Programming B
Year 1	Technology around us (1.1)*	Digital painting (1.2)	Moving a robot (1.3)	Grouping data (1.4)	Digital writing (1.5)	Programming animations (1.6)
Year 2	Information technology around us (2.1)	Digital photography (2.2)	Robot algorithms (2.3)	Pictograms (2.4)	Digital music (2.5)	Programming quizzes (2.6)
Year 3	Connecting Computers (3.1)	Stop-frame animation (3.2)	Sequencing Sounds (3.3)	Branching databases (3.4)	Desktop publishing (3.5)	Events and actions in programs (3.6)
Year 4	The Internet (4.1)	Audio editing (4.2)	Repetition in shapes (4.3)	Data Logging (4.4)	Photo editing (4.5)	Repetition in games (4.6)
Year 5	Sharing Information (5.1)	Video editing (5.2)	Selection in physical computing (5.3)	Flat-file database (5.4)	Vector drawing (5.5)	Selection in quizzes (5.6)
Year 6	Internet Communication (6.1)	Webpage creation (6.2)	Variables in games (6.3)	Introduction to spreadsheets (6.4)	3D modelling (6.5)	Sensing (6.6)

¹Networks are not part of the key stage 1 national curriculum for computing but the title is used as a strand across primary.

*The numbers in the brackets are a 'quick code' reference for each unit, e.g. 1.3 refers to the third Year 1 unit in the recommended teaching order.

Unit Summaries: Key Stage 1

	Computing systems and networks	Creating media	Programming A	Data and information	Creating media	Programming B
Year 1	<p>Technology around us Recognising technology in school and using it responsibly.</p>	<p>Digital painting Choosing appropriate tools in a program to create art, and making comparisons with working non-digitally.</p>	<p>Moving a robot Writing short algorithms and programs for floor robots, and predicting program outcomes.</p>	<p>Grouping data Exploring object labels, then using them to sort and group objects by properties.</p>	<p>Digital writing Using a computer to create and format text, before comparing to writing non-digitally.</p>	<p>Programming animations Designing and programming the movement of a character on screen to tell stories.</p>
Year 2	<p>Information technology around us Identifying IT and how its responsible use improves our world in school and beyond.</p>	<p>Digital photography Capturing and changing digital photographs for different purposes.</p>	<p>Robot algorithms Creating and debugging programs, and using logical reasoning to make predictions.</p>	<p>Pictograms Collecting data in tally charts and using attributes to organise and present data on a computer.</p>	<p>Digital music Using a computer as a tool to explore rhythms and melodies, before creating a musical composition.</p>	<p>Programming quizzes Designing algorithms and programs that use events to trigger sequences of code to make an interactive quiz.</p>

Unit summaries: Kay Stage 2

	Computing systems and networks	Creating media	Programming A	Data and information	Creating media	Programming B
Year 3	<p>Connecting computers Identifying that digital devices have inputs, processes, and outputs, and how devices can be connected to make networks.</p>	<p>Stop-frame animation Capturing and editing digital still images to produce a stop-frame animation that tells a story.</p>	<p>Sequencing sounds Creating sequences in a block-based programming language to make music.</p>	<p>Branching databases Building and using branching databases to group objects using yes/no questions.</p>	<p>Desktop publishing Creating documents by modifying text, images, and page layouts for a specified purpose.</p>	<p>Events and actions in programs Writing algorithms and programs that use a range of events to trigger sequences of actions.</p>
Year 4	<p>The internet Recognising the internet as a network of networks including the WWW, and why we should evaluate online content.</p>	<p>Audio production Capturing and editing audio to produce a podcast, ensuring that copyright is considered.</p>	<p>Repetition in shapes Using a text-based programming language to explore count-controlled loops when drawing shapes.</p>	<p>Data logging Recognising how and why data is collected over time, before using data loggers to carry out an investigation.</p>	<p>Photo editing Manipulating digital images, and reflecting on the impact of changes and whether the required purpose is fulfilled.</p>	<p>Repetition in games Using a block-based programming language to explore count-controlled and infinite loops when creating a game.</p>

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Year 5	<p>Systems and searching Recognising IT systems in the world and how some can enable searching on the internet.</p>	<p>Video production Planning, capturing, and editing video to produce a short film.</p>	<p>Selection in physical computing Exploring conditions and selection using a programmable microcontroller.</p>	<p>Flat-file databases Using a database to order data and create charts to answer questions.</p>	<p>Introduction to vector graphics Creating images in a drawing program by using layers and groups of objects.</p>	<p>Selection in quizzes Exploring selection in programming to design and code an interactive quiz.</p>
Year 6	<p>Communication and collaboration Exploring how data is transferred by working collaboratively online.</p>	<p>Webpage creation Designing and creating webpages, giving consideration to copyright, aesthetics, and navigation.</p>	<p>Variables in games Exploring variables when designing and coding a game.</p>	<p>Introduction to spreadsheets Answering questions by using spreadsheets to organise and calculate data.</p>	<p>3D modelling Planning, developing, and evaluating 3D computer models of physical objects.</p>	<p>Sensing movement Designing and coding a project that captures inputs from a physical device.</p>

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	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		

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		✓		✓			✓	✓			✓	

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 databases	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 movementz
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	✓	✓						✓	✓		✓	