

Computing Knowledge Progression



The [National Curriculum](#) Aims and opening paragraph for each key stage state the knowledge that children need to learn throughout Key Stage 1 and 2. This knowledge is broken down into year group objectives in this knowledge progression document.

Using the document:

The National Curriculum content is broken into 3 areas: Computer Science, Information Technology and Digital Literacy

Each of these areas then has 'To know' or '**To know how to**' statements for the children to meet within their given year group, including vocabulary to be taught in each unit. These statements can be used as learning objectives and to aid assessment. 'To know' is content knowledge. '**To know how to**' is **procedural** knowledge.

These statements are not progressive within one year group, but they are progressive throughout the year groups and the colours help map the progression. The lightest colour in computer science in Year 1, links to the same computer science colour in Year 2 and then Year 3, and so on, providing a progression throughout school. If the colour is no longer included, then it is expected that the children have acquired that knowledge.

Content and procedural building blocks!

Digital Citizen

responsible

safety

respect

appropriate behaviour

analysing

responding

Computer Science

programming

algorithm

devices

developing

Information Technology

software

data/information

collaborate

communicate analysing

Digital Literacy

networks

Digital Citizen

In Tiny Steps, children will learn about different technologies that they can use including technological toys. They will learn how to operate these toys. Children will learn about different types of technology used at school and at home. Children will learn how to use age appropriate technology safely.

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Computer Science

To begin to know about technological toys.

To begin to know how to operate technological toys.



Information technology

To begin to know about different types of technology.

To begin to know how to use different types of technology.



Digital Literacy

To begin to know what technology I can use safely.

To begin to understand how to ask for help when using technology.

In Nursery, children will learn about different technologies including toys that require input to make them operate. Children will learn about different types of technology and the uses in different environments. Children will learn about different technologies they are able to use safely.

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Computer Science

To know about technological toys.

To know how to operate technological toys.

To know that buttons are one way to input instructions to make something change.

To know how to press different buttons to change what a technological toy does.



Information technology

To know different types of technology.

To know how to use simple technology.

To know technology is used in different places such as home and school.



Digital Literacy

To know what technology I can use safely.

To know how to ask for help when using different technologies.

In Reception, children will learn about how to input simple instructions into mechanical/digital toys. Children will learn about different types of technology that can be used and the different uses. Within digital literacy, children develop practical skills in the safe use of ICT within the classroom and at home.

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Computer Science

To know that some toys follow instructions.

To know how to make one instruction with a digital toy.

To know we can change what a digital toy does by what we input.

To know how to change the instruction to change the output.



Information technology

To know that technology is used for a purpose.

To know how to use real world devices such as I pads and Cameras.

To know different features of a computer.

To know how to use a simple program on a computer.



Digital Literacy

To know that I need to be careful when using different technologies.

To know how to keep safe online by developing practical skills.

In Year 1, children will learn about algorithms and how to write their own successful algorithm for a purpose. Children will explore the technology available to them in their lives and understand how digital content is useful to them. Building on the foundations from EYFS, children will develop their understanding of personal information, how to keep this private while beginning to explore how to report inappropriate content.

Y1



Computer Science

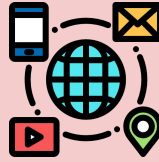
To know what an algorithm is

To know how to input a simple program (including plugged and unplugged)

To know that programs need precise instructions

To know how to write a simple program with precise instructions

To know the technical vocabulary for Computer Science.



Information technology

To know that information technology beyond school can help us

To know how to recognise if something beyond school uses information technology

To know that digital content can be changed and why it might be helpful to do this

To know how to change pre-made digital content

To know the technical vocabulary for Information Technology.



Digital Literacy

To know what personal information is

To know how to keep personal information private

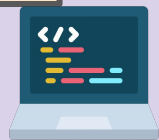
To know what is inappropriate online content and to know when to report it

To begin to know how to recognise and report inappropriate online content

To know the technical vocabulary for Digital Literacy.

In Year 2, children will learn about debugging and use logical reasoning to solve problems in their programming. They will explore the technology available to them in school and understand how we can use technology to help us to be more efficient. Children will focus on creating safe usernames and strong passwords and be confident at identifying and reporting inappropriate content online.

Y2



Computer Science

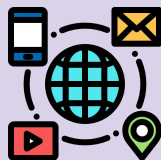
To know what debugging is and how it affects how a program runs

To know how to identify and debug a simple program

To know what logical reasoning is (in relation to how a simple program runs)

To know how to use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of a simple program

To know the technical vocabulary for Computer Science.



Information technology

To know that information technology within school can help us

To know how to recognise if something within school uses information technology

To know that technology can be used to create, organise, store and retrieve digital content

To know how to use technology to create, store, organise and retrieve digital content

To know the technical vocabulary for Information Technology.



Digital Literacy

To know what usernames and password are and why they're important

To know how to create and use safe usernames and passwords

To know that the different ways that I can respond to inappropriate content

To know how to recognise and report inappropriate online content

To know the technical vocabulary for Digital Literacy.

In Year 3, the children will learn how algorithms work on different devices and will create their own simple program which replicates an everyday item. They will become effective researchers by understanding the concepts of a search engine and will utilise this knowledge to collect and present information. Children will be able to successfully identify appropriate behaviour online and know how to report these concerns.

Y3



Computer Science

To know that algorithms can run through various input and output devices

To know how to use various forms of input and output devices (beebots and micro:bits)

To know that programs are used to control everyday devices

To know how to create a program that creates/replicates everyday devices (toy, traffic light)

To know the [technical vocabulary](#) for Computer Science.



Information technology

To know that software can be used to collect and present data

To know how to select, use and combine softwares to accomplish given goals (collecting and presenting data/information)

To know that what I search will change the outcome

To know how to use search technologies effectively

To know the [technical vocabulary](#) for Information Technology.



Digital Literacy

To know what is safe and unsafe behaviour when using technology

To know how to be safe online, whilst being respectful and responsible

To know that there are a range of ways to report concerns online about inappropriate behaviour.

To know how to report inappropriate behaviour online.

To know the [technical vocabulary](#) for Digital Literacy.

In Year 4, children will learn about decomposition and how this can be applied to fixing their programming. They will collaborate and communicate effectively using the World Wide Web and continue to build on their knowledge from Year 3 by exploring how search engines rank their results. Children will successfully identify acceptable and unacceptable behaviour as well as understanding what makes a hacker, a spam or a scam.

Y4



Computer Science

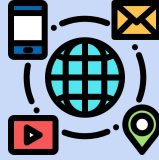
To know that programs can be broken into smaller parts (decomposition) and to know why it's useful

To know how to use decomposition to solve problems within programs

To know that algorithms and programs can contain errors that can be fixed

To know how to detect errors in a program and use logical reasoning to correct them

To know the technical vocabulary for Computer Science.



Information technology

To know that the world wide web allows us to collaborate and communicate

To know how to communicate and collaborate effectively for a specific purpose

To know that results are selected and ranked by search technologies

To know how to use filters to find specific information

To know the technical vocabulary for Information Technology.



Digital Literacy

To know what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour online

To know how to recognise acceptable and unacceptable behaviour, whilst being respectful and responsible

To know what hackers, scams and spam are

To know how to identify hackers, scams and spams

To know the technical vocabulary for Digital Literacy.

In Year 5, children will learn about sequencing and looping and how this helps us create a successful program. Children will become efficient researchers by using appropriate software for their goals while also differentiating between reliable and unreliable content. They will understand the impact of your digital footprint and how our behaviour can be tracked online: children will understand how to change their preferences and how to protect themselves from online tracking.

Y5



Computer Science

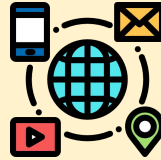
To know that programs use sequencing

To know how to use sequencing effectively in programs

To know that programs can include loops

To know how to use loops effectively in programs

To know the [technical vocabulary](#) for Computer Science.



Information technology

To know that software can be used to analyse and evaluate data

To know how to use a variety of softwares to evaluate and analyse data for a given goal

To know what is reliable and authentic content

To know how to evaluate digital content for reliability and authenticity

To know the [technical vocabulary](#) for Information Technology.



Digital Literacy

To know that I create a digital footprint and that it can impact on your life

To know how to identify positive and negative digital footprints and to know how to make changes to my own digital footprint

To know that websites track our online behaviour through cookies. (analytical and tracking)

To know how to allow/deny cookies and how to change my preferences

To know the [technical vocabulary](#) for Digital Literacy.

In Year 6, children will become efficient programmer by understanding how selection and variables can be used successfully to develop your program. They explore the differences between the internet and the World Wide Web and know how databases are used with these. Children will become confident digital citizens by understanding what plagiarism is and why is important to credit others for their work as well as knowing how their actions can impact others, especially through the use of social media and chat platforms.

Y6



Computer Science

To know that selection can impact a program

To know how to use selection within a program

To know that variables can impact on what a program does

To know how to use variables in programs to achieve a specific goal

To know the technical vocabulary for Computer Science.



Information technology

To know the difference between the internet and the world wide web

To know how to create a working computer network

To know that databases store information

To know how to select, create and use databases for a specific goal

To know the technical vocabulary for Information Technology.



Digital Literacy

To know what plagiarism and copyright is and the impact it has

To know how to research from someone else's work and to know how to identify copyright free material

To know that my actions online impact others

To know how to be a responsible digital citizen (including social media)

To know the technical vocabulary for Digital Literacy.

Computer Science Vocabulary

EYFs

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

turn, forward, backward, move

algorithm, programs, move, precise instructions, direction, left, right

logical reasoning, predict, debug

create, specific, goals, sequence, input, output

decompose, control, design, write, detect, correct

combine, repetition, loop

selection ,
variables, purpose,
impact

Your own year group and all previous.



Information Technology Vocabulary

EYFs

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Phone, i-pad, tablet,

Information technology, computer, laptop, chromebook, tablet, mouse, touchpad, keyboard, website, click, scroll, type, enter, digital

Names of devices in the wider world - fridge, television, cashpoint, tills, etc.

organise , create, store, retrieve

Names of devices within school - printer, interactive whiteboard etc.


Collect, present, select, combine, software, data, internet, search, search engine

World wide web, collaborate, communicate, results, rank, filter, specific

analyse , evaluate, digital content, reliability, authenticity

Compare, computer network, router, server, database, storage, The Cloud

Your own year group and all previous.



Digital Literacy Vocabulary

EYFs	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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sharing, online, danger

Private, personal, information, inappropriate, report, trusted

Username, password, respond, safe

respectful , responsible, report, contact, stranger

Acceptable, unacceptable, scam, hackers, danger

Digital footprint, traceable, impact, track, online activity, cookies, advertisement, virus

plagiarism, copyright, free, digital citizen, influence, social media

Your own year group and all previous.

