

Curriculum Overview

Subject: Computing

Year Group: 7



Students are introduced to 3 key areas of Computer Science, Information Technology and Games Development. They are introduced to more complex block based computer programming, investigate the use of productivity software to complete a project and explore the 3D games development process. Computational thinking underpins all lessons in Computing with digital literacy being a key aim. Students are encouraged to articulate and record specialist terms to develop their understanding of the subject.

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3
KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key programming constructs • Computational thinking skills • Solve a problem by programming a solution 	KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select appropriate software for a given task • Critique digital content for credibility • Collect and analyse data using spreadsheet software 	KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of digital game genres • Exploring digital game platforms • Digital 3D game creation
KEY ASSESSMENTS Half term 1: BEBRAS Challenge Half term 2: Scratch programming summative assessment	KEY ASSESSMENTS Half term 1: Using media summative assessment Half term 2: Spreadsheets summative assessment	KEY ASSESSMENTS Half term 1: Game genres and platforms summative assessment Half term 2: Kodu summative assessment

Extended reading suggestions and external resources:

BBC Bitesize Key Stage 3 Computer Science <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zvc9q6f>

Join the weekly code-along using open projects based on a weekly theme, with different levels available for all abilities <https://www.raspberrypi.org/at-home/>

Computing Year 7 Assessment Criteria

	Bronze 	Silver 	Gold 	Platinum 
Terminology	I need support to use the correct terminology.	I sometimes use the correct terminology.	I often use the correct terminology.	I always use the correct terminology.
Feedback	I need support to act upon feedback and improve my work.	I sometimes act upon feedback, and improve my work.	I usually act upon feedback, and improve my work.	I independently act upon feedback and improve and version my work accordingly.
Presentation of Work	I always present my book work according to the school presentation policy I sometimes include a suitable header, footer and page numbers on my printed work.	I always present my book work according to the school presentation policy I usually include a suitable header, footer and page numbers on my printed work.	I always present my book work according to the school presentation policy I always include a suitable header, footer and page numbers on my printed work.	I always present my book work according to the school presentation policy. I always include a suitable header, footer and page numbers on my printed work.
E-Safety	I can show use of computers safely and responsibly, knowing a range of ways to report unacceptable content and contact when online.	I know what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour when using technologies and online services.	I can show responsible use of technologies and online services, and I know a range of ways to report concerns.	I can use technologies and online services securely, and I know how to identify and report inappropriate conduct.
Folder Structure	I need support to set up and name a basic folder structure.	I can set up a basic folder structure with suitable names.	I can set up a suitable folder structure with suitable names.	I can set up a suitable folder structure with subfolders and suitable names.
Saving Work	I need support to save my work in the correct folders with a suitable file name.	I can save most of my work in the correct folders with suitable file names.	I can save all of my work in the correct folders and subfolders with suitable file names.	I can save all of my work in the correct folders and subfolders with suitable file names and version numbers.
Email	I need support to access my email.	I can access my email independently and some of the advanced email features.	I can access my email independently and use most of the advanced email features.	I can access my email independently and use most of the advanced email features.

<p>Computer Science</p>	<p>I can explain the outputs from an algorithm. I can detect errors in simple algorithms. I can solve a simple (3-4 lines of code) computational problem with guidance. I can sequence instructions in a limited fashion on Code.org. I have a limited understanding of why computers use binary.</p>	<p>I can explain how a simple algorithm works. I can detect errors in simple algorithms and identify solutions. I can solve a basic computational problem with guidance. I can use basic sequence and selection in Code.org. I have a basic understanding of why computers use binary.</p>	<p>I can explain how algorithms, such as searching algorithms work and I have some understanding of what sorting algorithms do. I can identify which algorithm is the best to use for a given scenario. I can independently solve a simple (3-4 lines of code) computational problem. I can use sequence, selection and repetition in Code.org. I have some understanding of why computers use binary.</p>	<p>I can explain how several algorithms such as algorithms for sorting and searching work. I can evaluate the performance of two different algorithms that are designed to complete the same task. I can independently solve a basic computational problem. I can create code in a written language, such as Python, to perform basic operations on variables. I can explain why computers use binary.</p>
<p>Creative Computing</p>	<p>I have developed some of the specified outcomes. My teacher told me what IT tools to use to complete this work. I have searched for information on the internet, but what I find may not be relevant. I am able to identify the source of information that I collect on the internet. I have created/re-purposed digital artefacts that show a very limited awareness of audience and purpose.</p>	<p>I developed the specified outcomes. I have chosen some of the IT tools I used to complete the work, but some of them caused me some problems. I have used some sources to search for information to use in my work, to select some relevant information. I understand that some sources of information are not trustworthy. I have created/re-purposed digital artefacts that show limited awareness of audience and purpose.</p>	<p>I have developed the specified outcomes using some appropriate content and/or features. I have chosen most of the IT tools I used to complete the work, but some of them caused me some problems. I have a range of sources to search for information to use in my work, to select some relevant information. I can identify trust worthy and untrustworthy sources of information. I have created/re-purposed digital artefacts that show some awareness of audience, purpose and usability.</p>	<p>I have developed the specified outcomes using appropriate content and features. I have chosen and combined appropriate IT tools/devices to complete the work. I have a range of appropriate sources to search for and select relevant information to use in my work. I have acknowledged the trustworthiness of any sources of information I use. I have created/re-purposed digital artefacts that show a good awareness of audience, purpose and usability.</p>
<p>Information Technology</p>	<p>I have a basic understanding of the hardware and software components that make up computer systems.</p>	<p>I have some understanding of the hardware and software components that make up computer systems.</p>	<p>I have some understanding of the hardware and software components that make up computer systems exploring how they interact.</p>	<p>I have a good understanding of the hardware and software components that make up computer systems exploring how they interact.</p>
	<p>I can identify the different services the Internet offers.</p>	<p>I understand the different services (such as WWW) that the Internet offers and how they can be used to share and collaborate.</p>	<p>I understand how computers can communicate with each other.</p>	<p>I understand how computers communicate with one another and with other systems.</p>

	<p>I have a limited understanding of how personal digital devices affect people's lives.</p>	<p>I have a basic understanding of personal digital devices and the impacts they have on everyday life.</p>	<p>I have some understanding of personal digital devices and the impacts they have on everyday life.</p>	<p>I have a good understanding of personal digital devices and the impacts they have on everyday life.</p>
	<p>I can use a model or simulation to try out different circumstances.</p>	<p>I can create a simple spreadsheet model that generates some useful information.</p>	<p>I can create spreadsheet model generates meaningful information and is based on a real-world problem or physical system.</p>	<p>I can create a spreadsheet model that uses some complex functions appropriately and that is relevant to a real world situation or physical system.</p>