St Peter's Church of England Primary School

Computing Curriculum: Topics, Coverage and Objectives

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PSP SP		Foundation Stage Computing and technology are vitally important subjects to deliver to EYFS children. Within the 7 EYFS strands, pupils should be taught to: > Understand how mechanical devices (toys) work > Use technology to find outcomes or answers > Use technology to capture moments > Understand programming in its simplest form > know that information can be retrieved from computers Our EYFS Curriculum documentation outlines the content more specifically to the theme		 Key Stage One Pupils should be taught to: 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. 		 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 an programs understand computer networks including the internet; how they can provide multiple services, such as the world wid 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 evaluatin digital content select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design an 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. 				
		Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
	Topic in Autumn 1	All About Me – How have I changed since I was a baby? Mechanical toys	All About Me – How have me and my family changed over time? Mechanical toys	We are Treasure Hunters Using programmable toys	We are Astronauts Programming on screen	We are Programmers Programming an animation	We are Software Developers Developing a simple educational game	We are Game Developers Developing an interactive game	We are App Planners Planning the creation of a mobile app	
AUTUNN TERN	Links to Prior and Future Learning:	*Links to Reception coverage – explore different technology *Links to Year 1's coverage – Using programmable toys	*Builds on nursery coverage – show an interest in technological toys *Links to Year 1's coverage – Using programmable toys	*Links to Year 2 – programming on screen *Links to Year 3 – programming an animation	*Builds on Year 1- programming toys Pupils will already understand concept of programming. *Links to Year 3 – programming an animation	*Builds on Year 2 – programming on screen Pupils understand what an algorithm is and how to debug an error in a program. *Links to Year 3 – debug computer programmes.	*Builds on Year 2/3 – start to debug *Links to Year 5 – developing an interactive game Pupils will begin to gain skills on creating a simple game	*Builds on Year 4 – developing a simple education game Adding on to selection and repetition game, pupils will now use sequence and variables	*Builds on Year 2-5 – solving problems (debugging programmes) *Links to KS3 – design computational abstractions that model the behaviour of real-world problems.	
	Computing Skills and Concepts Progression:	In this unit, the children will: •show an interest in technological toys (baby toys)	In this unit, the children will: •begin to explore different technology and use purposefully toys (family toys e.g. train track)	In this unit, the children will: •understand that a programmable toy can be controlled by •inputting a sequence of instructions develop and record sequences of instructions as an algorithm •program the toy to follow their algorithm •debug their programs •predict how their programs will work.	In this unit, the children will: • have a clear understanding of algorithms as sequences of instructions • convert simple algorithms to programs • predict what a simple program will do • spot and fix (debug) errors in their programs	In this unit, the children will: •create an algorithm for an animated scene in the form of a storyboard •write a program in Scratch to create the animation •correct mistakes in their animation programs.	In this unit, the children will: • develop an educational computer game using selection and repetition • understand and use variables • start to debug computer programs • recognise the importance of user interface design, including consideration of input and output.	In this unit, the children will: •create original artwork and sound for a game •design and create a computer program for a computer game, which uses sequence, selection, repetition and variables •detect and correct errors in their computer game •use iterative development techniques (making and testing a series of small changes) to improve their game.	In this unit, the children will: • develop an awareness of the capabilities of smartphones and tablets • understand geolocation, including GPS • identify interesting, solvable problems • evaluate competing products • pitch a proposal for a smartphone or tablet app.	

	Topic in	Animals – What will I	Animals – Are all	We are TV Chefs	We are Games	We are bug fixers	We are Toy	We are	We are Project
	Autumn 2	see at the zoo?	animals the same?	Illustrating an eBook	Testers Exploring how computer games work	Finding and correcting bugs in programs	Designers Prototyping an interactive toy	Cryptographers Cracking codes	Managers Researching the app market
	Links to Prior and Future Learning:	*Links to Reception coverage – explore different technology *Links to Year 1's coverage – Using programmable toys	*Builds on nursery coverage – show an interest in technological toys *Links to Year 1's coverage – Using programmable toys Links to Year 2's coverage – We are game testers.	*Builds on EYFS – beginning to explore different technology *Links to Year 2/3 Taking better photos, Videoing performance	*Builds on E-safety links Be aware of how to use games safely *Links to Year 4/5 Developing a simple educational game Developing an interactive game	*Builds on Year 1/2 Debugging programmes *Links to Year 5 Debug the control and monitoring program	*Builds on Year 1 Using programmable toys *Builds on Year 3 Recognise a number of common types of bugs. *Links to Year 6 Consider strategies to ensure the quality of a collaborative project.	*Builds on E-safety for all Year groups Appreciate the need to use complex passwords and to keep them secure *Links to Year 6 Identify different components that must be successfully combined	*Builds on Year 5 Have some understanding of how encryption works on the web Links to KS3 – Use logical reasoning to compare the utility of alternative algorithms
	Computing Skills and Concepts Progression:	In this unit, the children will: •show an interest in technological toys (animal toys that play music/speak)	In this unit, the children will: • begin to explore different technology and use purposefully (animal toys that travel/move) • Share their thoughts/opinions about the technological toys.	In this unit, the children will: • break down a process into simple, clear steps, as in an algorithm • use different features of a video camera • use a video camera to capture moving images develop collaboration skills • discuss their work and think about how it could be improved.	In this unit, the children will: • describe carefully what happens in computer games • use logical reasoning to make predictions of what a program will do • test these predictions • think critically about computer games and their use • be aware of how to use games safely and in balance with other activities.	In this unit, the children will: • develop a number of strategies for finding errors in programs • build up resilience and strategies for problem solving • increase their knowledge and understanding of Scratch • recognise a number of common types of bug in software.	In this unit, the children will: • design and make an on-screen prototype of a computer-controlled toy • understand different forms of input and output (such as sensors, switches, motors, lights and speakers) • design, write and debug the control and monitoring program for their toy.	In this unit, the children will: • be familiar with semaphore and Morse code • understand the need for private information to be encrypted • encrypt and decrypt messages in simple ciphers • appreciate the need to use complex passwords and to keep them secure • have some understanding of how encryption works on the web	In this unit, the children will: •scope a project to identify different components that must be successfully combined •identify their existing talents and plan how they can develop further knowledge and skills •identify the component tasks of a project and develop a timeline to track progress •identify the resources they'll need to accomplish a project •use web-based research skills to source tools, content and other resources •consider strategies to ensure the quality of a collaborative project.
Spri	ng 1	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
S P R	Topic in Spring 1	Journeys - The passage of time - What will we do on a Bear Hunt?	Journeys - The passage of time - What changes happen over time?	We are Painters Illustrating an eBook	We are Photographers Taking better photos	We are Presenters Videoing performance	We are Musicians Producing digital music	We are Artists Fusing geometry and art	We are Market Researchers Researching the app market

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I N G T E R M	Links to Prior and Future Learning:	*Links to Reception coverage – using age appropriate software *Links to Year 1's coverage – Using programmable toys *Links to Year 2's coverage – We are researchers	*Builds on nursery coverage – technology *Links to Year 1's coverage – illustrating an eBook/producing an ebook.	*Builds on Autumn 2 Year 1 Illustrating an ebook *Builds on EYFS – complete a simple program on a computer *Links to Year 2 Edit and enhance (save retrieve and change work)	*Builds on Year 1 Reflection on their work – choosing the best images *Links to Year 2 Gain skills in shooting, live video, holding the camera steady	*Builds on Year 2 – Use a digital camera or camera app *Links to Year 4 Develop an awareness of how composition can enhance work in other media *Links to Year 5 Develop awareness of computer generated art	*Builds on Year 3 – Edit video including adding narration and editing clips *Links to Year 6 Present research findings	*Builds on all Year groups Evaluating own work *Links to Year 6 Analyse and interpret the information obtained from a focus group (Opinions of individual pupils)	*Links to KS3 Make appropriate use of data structure Design and develop modular programmes	
	Computing Skills and Concepts Progression:	In this unit, the children will: •Begin to show skill in making toys work by pressing parts, lifting flaps to achieve effects •Begin to know that information can be retrieved from computers	In this unit, the children will: •complete a simple program on a computer •Use IT hardware to interact with age appropriate computer software	In this unit, the children will: •use the web safely to find ideas for an illustration •select and use appropriate painting tools to create and change images on the computer •understand how this use of ICT differs from using paint and paper •create an illustration for a particular purpose •know how to save, retrieve and change their work •reflect on their work and act on feedback received.	In this unit, the children will: •consider the technical and artistic merits of photographs •use a digital camera or camera app •take digital photographs •review and reject or pick the images they take •edit and enhance their photographs •select their best images to include in a shared portfolio.	In this unit, the children will: •gain skills in shooting live video, such as framing shots, holding the camera steady, and reviewing •edit video, including adding narration and editing clips by setting in/out points •understand the qualities of effective video, such as the importance of narrative, consistency, perspective and scene length.	In this unit, the children will: •use one or more programs to edit music •create and develop a musical composition, refining their ideas through reflection and discussion •develop collaboration skills •develop an awareness of how their composition can enhance work in other media.	In this unit, the children will: • develop an appreciation of the links between geometry and art • become familiar with the tools and techniques of a vector graphics package • develop an understanding of turtle graphics • experiment with the tools available, refining and developing their work as they apply their own criteria to evaluate it and receive feedback from their peers • develop some awareness of computer- generated art, in particular fractal-based landscapes.	In this unit, the children will: •create a set of good survey questions •analyse the data obtained from a survey •work collaboratively to plan questions •conduct an interview or focus group •analyse and interpret the information obtained from interviews or a focus group •present their research findings.	
	Topic in	Under the Sea –	Under the Sea – How	We are Collectors	We are Researchers	We are Vloggers	We are HTML Editors	We are Web	We are Interface	
	Spring 2	What is it like under the sea?	can we look after the sea?	Finding images using the web	Researching a topic	Making and sharing a short screencast	Editing and writing HTML	Developers Creating a website	Designers Designing an	
			3ca:			presentation	TTTVL	about cyber safety	interface for an app	
	Links to Prior	*Links to Reception	*Builds on nursery	*Builds on EYFS	*Builds on Year 1	*Builds on Year 2	*Builds on Year 3	*Builds on Year 4	*Builds on Year 5	
	and Future	coverage – using age	coverage –	Use IT hardware to	Know what to do if	Develop presentation	Developing their	Understand some of	Developing research	
	Learning:	appropriate software	technology	interact with age	encounter pictures	skills through	understanding of	the risks in using the	skills.	
		*Links to Year 1's	*Links to Year 1's	appropriate	that cause on	creating and	how the internet, the web and search	web *Links to Year 6	*Links to KS3 Understand the	
		coverage – Using programmable toys	coverage – illustrating an	computer software *Links to Year 2	concern *Links to Year 3	delivering a short multimedia	engines work.	LINKS LO TEULO	hardware and	
		programmable toys	mastrating an		Links to rear 5	manneula	chymes work.		naraware ana	

	Generation	*Links to Year 2's coverage – We are researchers In this unit, the children	eBook/producing an eBook. In this unit, the children	Develop research skills through searing for information on the internet (find and use pictures on the web) In this unit, the children	Search for, and evaluate, online images *Links to Year 4 Understand some of the risks using the web. In this unit, the children	*Links to Year 4 Use hyperlinks to connect ideas and sources *Links to Year 5 Develop and refine their ideas In this unit, the children	*Links to Year 5 Understand some elements of how search engines select and rank results In this unit, the children	Document their design decisions and the process they have followed. In this unit, the children	software components that make up computer systems In this unit, the children		
	Computing Skills and Concepts Progression:	will: • Continue to show skill in making toys work by pressing parts, lifting flaps to achieve effects • Continue to know that information can be retrieved from computers and verbalise their findings	will: • complete a simple program on a computer and begin to explain how they have done this • Use IT hardware to interact with age appropriate computer software confidently	 will: find and use pictures on the web know what to do if they encounter pictures that cause concern group images on the basis of a binary (yes/no) question organise images into more than two groups according to clear rules sort (order) images according to some criteria ask and answer binary (yes/no) questions about their images. 	 will: develop collaboration skills through working as part of a group develop research skills through searching for information on the internet improve note-taking skills through the use of mind mapping develop presentation skills through creating and delivering a short multimedia presentation. 	<i>will:</i> •use a search engine to learn about a new topic plan, design and deliver an interesting and engaging presentation •search for, and evaluate, online images •create their own original images •create a screencast video of a narrated presentation •develop their understanding of how the internet, the web and search engines work.	 will: understand some technical aspects of how the internet makes the web possible use HTML tags for elementary mark up use hyperlinks to connect ideas and sources code up a simple web page with useful content understand some of the risks in using the web. 	 will: develop their research skills to decide what information is appropriate understand some elements of how search engines select and rank results question the plausibility and quality of information develop and refine their ideas and text collaboratively develop their understanding of online safety and responsible use of technology. 	will: •work collaboratively to design the app's interface •use wireframing tools to create a design prototype of their app •develop or source the individual interface components (media assets) they will use •address accessibility and inclusion issues •document their design decisions and the process they've followed.		
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ç	Topic in Summer 1	Superheroes – What special times have I had with my superhero?	Superheroes - Do all superheroes have the same special times?	We are Storytellers Producing a talking book	We are Detectives Collecting clues	We are Communicators Collecting and analysing data	We are Co-Authors Producing a wiki	We are Bloggers Sharing experiences and opinions	We are App Developers Developing a simple mobile phone app		
S U M E R T E R M	Links to Prior and Future Learning:	*Links to Reception coverage of using a range of technology for different purposes.	*Builds on all nursery coverage taught throughout the year *Links to all Year 1 computing units as they begin producing outcomes using a range of technology *Links to Year 2 unit of 'taking better photographs'	*Builds on EYFS Recognise a range of technology is used (video) *Links to Year 4 Write for a target audience	*Builds on Year 1 Reflect on their use of ICT Develop skills working in a group *Links to Year 3 Be aware of broader issues with online safety	*Builds on all Year groups Be aware of online safety *Links to Year 4 Develop collaboration skills Develop proofreading skills.	*Builds on Year 1 Share resources with a target audience *Links to Year 5 Create a sequence of blog posts on a theme Develop a critical, reflective view of a range of media	*Builds on Year 4 Be aware of their responsibility when editing other people's work. *Links to Year 6 Thoroughly test and evaluate their app.	*Builds on previous Year 6 topics Design the app's interface Develop or source the interface components they will use *Links to KS3 Create, re-use, revise and re-purpose digital artefacts for a given audience		
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Concepts Progression:	 Show skill in making toys work by pressing parts, lifting flaps to achieve effects Know what information can be retrieved from computers and record this through drawing or words. Begin to complete a simple programme on a computer 	•Recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools. Select and use technology for particular purposes (camera, video, music, art, etc.).	 use sound recording equipment to record sounds develop skills in saving and storing sounds on the computer develop collaboration skills as they work together in a group understand how a talking book differs from a paper-based book talk about and reflect on their use of ICT share recordings with an audience. 	 understand that email can be used to communicate develop skills in opening, composing and sending emails gain skills in opening and listening to audio files on the computer use appropriate language in emails develop skills in editing and formatting text in emails be aware of online safety issues when using email. 	 develop a basic understanding of how email works gain skills in using email be aware of broader issues surrounding email, including 'netiquette' and online safety work collaboratively with a remote partner experience video conferencing. 	 understand the conventions for collaborative online work, particularly in wikis be aware of their responsibilities when editing other people's work become familiar with Wikipedia, including potential problems associated with its use practise research skills write for a target audience using a wiki tool develop collaboration skills develop proofreading skills. 	 become familiar with blogs as a medium and a genre of writing create a sequence of blog posts on a theme incorporate additional media comment on the posts of others develop a critical, reflective view of a range of media, including text. 	 become familiar with another programming toolkit or development platform import existing media assets to their project write down the algorithms for their app program, debug and refine the code for their app thoroughly test and evaluate their app.
Topic in	In the Garden –	In the Garden – Who	We are Celebrating	We are Zoologists	We are Opinion	We are	We are Architects	We are Marketers
Summer 2	What can we grow in	lives in the garden?	Creating a card	Collecting data about	Pollsters	Meteorologists	Creating a virtual	Creating video and
	the garden?		digitally	bugs	Collecting and analysing data	Presenting the weather	space	web copy for a mobile phone app
Links to Prior	*Links to Reception	*Builds on all nursery	*Builds on previous	*Builds on Year 1	*Builds on Year 2	*Builds on Year 2	*Builds on Year 3	*Builds on Year 3
and Future	coverage of using a	coverage taught	Year 1 topics	Know what to do if	Collect data using	Use simple charting	Understand some	Videoing
Learning:	range of technology	throughout the year	Begin producing	they encounter	tick charts or tally	software to produce	elements of survey	performance
g.	for different	*Links to all Year 1 computing units as	using a range of technology	pictures that cause	charts Sort and classify	other basic charts *Links to Year 5	design *Links to Year 6	Making and sharing a presentation
	purposes.	they begin producing	*Links to Year 2	concern *Links to Year 3	Sort and classify groups of items	Understand some	Consider key	*Builds on Year 4
		outcomes using a	Take, edit and	Understand some	*Links to Year 5	elements of how	marketing messages,	Producing digital
		range of technology	enhance photographs	elements of survey	Develop a critical	search engines select	including identifying	music
		*Links to Year 2 unit		design	reflective view of a	and rank results	a unique selling point	*Links to KS3
		of 'taking better photographs'		Gain skills in using charts	range of media			Undertake creative projects that involve
		photographs		churts				selecting, using, and
								combining multiple
								applications
								Create, re-use, revise
								and re-purpose digital artefacts for a
								given audience
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Skills and	will: •Show skill in making	will:Recognise that a range	will: ∙develop basic	will: •sort and classify a	<pre>will: •understand some</pre>	will:understand different	will:understand the work	<pre>will: •consider key marketing</pre>
Concepts	toys work by pressing	of technology is used in	keyboard skills, through	group of items by	elements of survey	measurement	of architects, designers	messages, including
Progression:	parts, lifting flaps to	places such as homes	typing and formatting	answering questions	design	techniques for	and engineers working	identifying a unique
	achieve effects and	and schools. Select and use technology for	text	•collect data using tick charts or tally charts		weather, both analogue and digital	in 3D	selling point
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	begin to explain how	particular purposes	 develop basic mouse 	 use simple charting 	 understand some 	 use computer-based 	 develop familiarity 	•develop a printed flyer
	they work	(camera, video, music,	skills	software to produce	ethical and legal aspects	data logging to	with a simple CAD	or brochure
	•Know what	art, etc.).	•use the web to find	pictograms and other	of online data collection	automate the	(computer-aided design)	incorporating text and
	information can be		and select images	basic charts	•use the web to	recording of some	tool	images
	retrieved from		 develop skills in storing 	 take, edit and enhance 	facilitate data collection	weather data	 develop spatial 	•further develop
	computers and record		and retrieving files	photographs	•gain skills in using	 use spreadsheets to 	awareness by exploring	knowledge, skills and
	this through drawing or		 develop skills in 	 record information on 	charts to analyse data	create charts	and experimenting with	understanding in
	words		combining text and	a digital map.	•gain skills in	•analyse data, explore	a 3D virtual	relation to creating a
	 Complete a simple 		images		interpreting results.	inconsistencies in data	environment	website
	programme on a		 discuss their work and 			and make predictions	•develop greater	•further develop skills
	computer and talk		think about whether it			 practise using 	aesthetic awareness.	relating to shooting and
	about it		could be improved.			presentation software		editing video.
						and, optionally, video.		