

Finlay Community School

Computing 2025/2026

Our Whole School Curriculum Intent

At Finlay, we aim to teach a broad and balanced curriculum that enables children to enjoy, achieve and succeed in line with the National Curriculum. This correlates with our whole school vision of Aspire, Belong and Achieve. We provide opportunities to develop the children's cultural capital and ensure they are life-long learners, who are ready for the next step of the education and to thrive in society. In addition to teaching the National Curriculum, we also aim for our children to leave school with a SMILE! Our SMILE values are: social awareness, mental health and wellbeing, independence, life skills and excellent aspirations. We provide opportunities to develop these values in all curriculum areas.

Our Computing Intent

At Finlay, we teach the National Curriculum. At Finlay, we understand that it is important for our pupils to continuously develop their skills within Computing, as they are living in a digitally advancing world, and many of the jobs they will go on to apply for in later life will require secure skills in Computing, with an increasing focus on computer science and coding. The National Curriculum mentions that, "a high-quality computing education equips pupils to use computational thinking and creativity to understand and change the world. Computing has deep links with mathematics, science, and design and technology, and provides insights into both natural and artificial systems. The core of computing is computer science, in which pupils are taught the principles of information and computation, how digital systems work, and how to put this knowledge to use through programming. Building on this knowledge and understanding, pupils are equipped to use information technology to create programs, systems and a range of content. Computing also ensures that pupils become digitally literate - able to use, and express themselves and develop their ideas through, information and communication technology - at a level suitable for the future workplace and as active

Reception

1: Interact and explore their environment using a range of multimedia equipment, including digital cameras, video cameras, microscopes etc. This could also include the use of tablets e.g. iPad to capture still and moving images.

2: Explore a teacher selected website to find a desired page using hyperlinks/navigation buttons

3: Collect information: by taking photographs. Use ICT to sort and sequence objects on a screen or interactive whiteboard

4: Explore a computer/laptop using keyboard and mouse

5: Use a simple programme such as paint to draw a picture

Whole School Curriculum Overview: Computing Units (Switched on Computing)

Year 4

4.1: We are software developers

4.3: We are musicians

4.5: We are artists

4.4: We are bloggers

4.6: We are meteorologists

4.2: We are makers

Year 3

3.1: We are programmers

3.2: We are bug fixers

3.4: We are who we are

3.3: We are presenters

3.5: We are co-authors

3.6: We are opinion pollsters

Year 2

2.1: We are astronauts

2.2: We are game testers

2.3: We are photographers

2.4: We are safe researchers

2.5: We are animators

2.6: We are zoologists

Year 5

5.1: We are game developers

5.2: We are cryptographers

5.3: We are architects

5.4: We are web developers

5.5: We are adventure gamers

5.6: We are VR designers

Year 6

6.2: We are computational thinkers

6.4: We are connected

6.3: We are publishers

6.5: We are advertisers

6.6: We are AI developers

Year 1

1.1: We are treasure hunters

1.2: We are TV chefs

1.3: We are digital artists

1.4: We are publishers

1.5: We are rhythmic

1.6: We are detectives

Computer Science

Information Technology

Digital Literacy

Computing Coverage Term by Term (EYFS – Year 6)

	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Reception	<i>It's Good to be Me</i>	<i>Let's Celebrate</i>	<i>I wonder: What it's like in space? What it's like in Australia? What it's like in Antarctica?</i>	<i>I wonder: What materials are waterproof? What the weather is like in each season? What it is like at The Farm?</i>	<i>Once Upon a Time Moving on up!</i>	
Computing Unit	<i>Interact and explore their environment using a range of multimedia equipment, including digital cameras, video cameras, microscopes etc. This could also include the use of tablets e.g. iPad to capture still</i>	<i>Explore a teacher-selected website to find a desired page, using hyperlinks and navigation buttons</i>	<i>Collect information, e.g., by taking photographs or collecting object. Use ICT to sort and sequence objects on a screen or interactive whiteboard.</i>	<i>Explores a computer / laptop using the keyboard and mouse.</i>	<i>Can use a simple programme such as paint to draw a picture</i>	<i>Interact and explore their environment using a range of multimedia equipment, including digital cameras, video cameras, microscopes etc. This could also include the use of tablets e.g. iPad to capture still and moving image</i>

	and moving image					
Year 1	Finlay Toy Factory		Where oh Where is Finlay Bear		The Great Space Race	
Computing Unit	1.1: We are treasure hunters Computer science	1.2: We are TV chefs Information Technology Digital Literacy Computer science	1.3: We are digital artists Information Technology Digital Literacy	1.4: We are publishers Information Technology Digital Literacy	1.5: We are rhythmic Information Technology Digital Literacy	1.6: We are detectives Information Technology Digital Literacy
Year 2	The Great Fire of London & The Tudors		Around the World in ... Days Passport theme		Heroes in History Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole	
Computing Unit	2.1: We are astronauts Computer science Digital Literacy	2.2: We are game testers Computer science Digital Literacy	2.3: We are photographers Computer science Information Technology Digital Literacy	2.4: We are safe researchers Information Technology Digital Literacy	2.5: We are animators Information Technology Digital Literacy	2.6: We are zoologists Information Technology Digital Literacy
Year 3	Rock and Roll! Stone Age and Iron Age		Deadly Disasters		Navigating the Nile/ Ancient Egyptians	
Computing Unit	3.1: We are programmers	3.2: We are bug fixers	3.4: We are who we are	3.3: We are presenters	3.5: We are co-authors	3.6: We are opinion pollsters Computer science

	Computer science	Computer science	Information Technology Digital Literacy	Information Technology Digital Literacy	Computer science Information Technology Digital Literacy	Information Technology Digital Literacy
Year 4	Rotten Romans Glorious Glorium		Journey to the River Sea! Come Sail with Me!		Ancient Greeks Olympics	
Computing Unit	4.1: We are software developers Computer science	4.3: We are musicians Computer science Information Technology Digital Literacy	4.5: We are artists Information Technology	4.4: We are bloggers Computer science Information Technology Digital Literacy	4.6: We are meteorologists Computer science Information Technology Digital Literacy	4.2: We are makers Computer science
Year 5	Invaders and Settlers - Saxons, Vikings and Mayans		Deforestation The Rainforest - North and South America		Chocolate! Ancient Maya and Aztec Civilisation	
Computing Unit	5.1: We are game developers Computer science	5.2: We are cryptographers Computer science	5.3: We are architects Computer science Information Technology	5.4: We are web developers Computer science Information Technology	5.5: We are adventure gamers Information Technology Digital Literacy	5.6: We are VR designers Computer science Information Technology

			Digital Literacy	Digital Literacy		
Year 6	We'll Meet Again! World War 2		Ice Explorer Arctic and Antarctica		Let Me Entertain You! History of Entertainment	
Computing Unit	6.2: We are computational thinkers Computer science	6.4: We are connected Computer science Information Technology Digital Literacy	6.3: We are publishers Computer science Information Technology Digital Literacy	6.5: We are advertisers Information Technology Digital Literacy		6.6: We are AI developers Computer science Information Technology

Progression of Knowledge, Skills and Understanding in the National Curriculum

Computer Science – Problem Solving

	Birth to Three Year Olds	Three to Four Year Olds	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Problem Solving	I can switch electronic toys on, such as a torch or remote control car, and know how to press buttons or switches to make something happen. I can make toys, such as a wind-up toy, move	Use a variety of electronic toys in play situations, e.g., dance mats, Bee-bots, and remote control toys, using basic directional language. (forward, backwards, stop)		C.1.1.1. Understand what algorithms are. The pupil can understand algorithms as sequences of instructions in everyday contexts. The pupil can take real-world problems and then plan a sequence of steps to solve these. The problems could be moving a Blue-Bot from one point to another, or making some simple food items like a sandwich, smoothie or overnight oats. In 1.1, recognise a set of directions as an algorithm. In 1.2, recognise the steps of a	C.2.1.1. Understand what algorithms are. The pupil can understand algorithms as sequences of instructions or sets of rules in everyday contexts. The pupil can recognise that common sequences of instructions or sets of rules can be thought of as algorithms. Examples could include recipes, but might also be procedures or rules in class, spelling rules, simple arithmetic operations or number patterns. In 2.1, recognise sets of directions	C.3.1.1. Design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals. The pupil can design and write a program using a block language, without user interaction. A typical program might be a scripted animation for a joke, part of a story, or linked to another area of the curriculum. Programs could use pre-built sprites or ones designed by the pupil. Expect programs to include movement and dialogue; they may also include sound effects and some use of costumes to allow	C.4.1.1. Design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals. The pupil can design and write a program using a block language to a given brief, including simple interaction. The pupil can write a program in Scratch or MakeCode (or similar) in which the user has to provide some input, perhaps as an answer to a question on screen, or by using key presses or the mouse. The program could be a simple game or a set of	C.5.1.1. Design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals. The pupil can design, write and debug a program using a block language based on their own ideas. The pupil can design a program of their own and write this in a block-based language such as Scratch. The pupil can test and debug their code, explain what bugs they found and how they fixed them. The program need not be complex but it should be accomplished with a degree of	C.6.1.1. Design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals. The pupil can design, write and debug a program using a second programming language based on their own ideas. The pupil can design a program of their own and write this in a programming language other than Scratch (or whichever language has formed the focus for their programming in other years), such as MakeCode. The second language does not need to be text based, but Logo or Python

				recipe as an algorithm.	as algorithms. In 2.2, recognise that the rules of a game are an algorithm. In 2.3, think of the steps to taking and editing photographs as an algorithm.)	for animated movement. There may be more than one sprite in the animation.	questions and typed responses.	independent working.	could be used. The pupil can test and debug their code, explain what bugs they found and how they fixed these. The program need not be complex.
				C.1.1.2. Understand how algorithms are implemented as programs on digital devices; and that programs execute by following precise and unambiguous instructions. The pupil can program floor turtles using sequences of instructions to implement an algorithm. The pupil can create a Blue-Bot (or similar) program using a number of steps in order before pressing the Go button. The length of the pupil's programs might increase over the year. In 1.1, create a Blue-Bot program, implementing the complete algorithm for their solution.	C.2.1.2. The pupil can understand how algorithms are implemented as programs on digital devices, and that programs execute by following precise and unambiguous instructions. The pupil can program on screen using sequences of instructions to implement an algorithm. The pupil can create programs as sequences of instructions when programming on screen. Their program could be written using simple programming apps (such as ScratchJr), perhaps using pre-prepared blocks and sprites.	C.3.1.2. Controlling or simulating physical systems. The pupil can explore simulations of physical systems on screen. The pupil can experiment with some on-screen simulations of physical systems, perhaps linked to topics from other curriculum areas, e.g. a ball bouncing on a bat or a car moving around a track. Many computer games include elements of computer simulations. The pupil can discuss what they have learned from using the simulation.	C.4.1.2. Controlling or simulating physical systems. The pupil can develop their own simulation of a simple physical system on screen.	C.5.1.2. Controlling or simulating physical systems. The pupil can experiment with computer control applications.	C.6.1.2. Controlling or simulating physical systems. The pupil can design, write and debug a program using a second programming language based on their own ideas. The pupil can design a program of their own and write this in a programming language other than Scratch (or whichever language has formed the focus for their programming in other years), such as MakeCode. The second language does not need to be text based, but Logo or Python could be used. The pupil can test and debug their code, explain what bugs they found

					In 2.1, program sprites in ScratchJr to solve the problems given to them. In 2.2, recognise how the Scratch games implement sets of rules.				and how they fixed these. The program need not be complex.
					C.3.1.3: Solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts The pupil can plan a project. Working with the teacher and, perhaps, other pupils, the pupil can develop an outline plan for a project in computing, involving multiple steps and resources, e.g. creating an animation, filming a video or conducting a survey. In video work, the plan might include identifying a subject; storyboarding the video; sourcing media; recording video; filming; editing; exporting.	C.4.1.3. Solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts. The pupil can work with others to plan a project. Given a particular project, the pupil can work as part of a team to plan how to accomplish their goal, breaking the project down into a set of tasks. Examples of projects could include creating an educational game or monitoring the weather.	C.5.1.3. Solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts. The pupil can plan a solution to a problem using decomposition. The pupil can take a complex problem, identify component parts, use decomposition to break this problem down and then plan how they can solve the problem by working through the elements they have identified. Projects could include developing a computer game, creating a website or designing a building.	C.6.1.3. Solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts. The pupil can solve problems using decomposition, tackling each part separately. The pupil can take a complex problem, identify component parts, use decomposition to break this problem down and then plan how they can solve the problem by working through the elements they have identified. they can then use their plan to solve the original problem.	

Computer Science – Programming

	Birth to three year olds	3-4 Year Olds	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Programming		Use a variety of electronic toys in play situations, e.g., dance mats, Bee-bots, and remote control toys, using basic directional language. (forward, backwards, stop)		C.1.2.1. Create and debug simple programs. The pupil can give a sequence of instructions to a floor turtle. The pupil can create a Blue-Bot program using a sequence of instructions before running it using the Go button. The length of the pupil's programs might be expected to increase over the course of the year. In 1.1, give the Blue-Bot a complete program.	C.2.2.1. Create and debug simple programs. The pupil can create a simple program on screen, correcting any errors. The pupil can create a simple program on screen (e.g. using ScratchJr) with a particular goal or purpose in mind (e.g. moving a sprite from one place to another). The pupil can debug any errors in their own code. In 2.1, create their own program for the rocket sprite in ScratchJr, correcting any errors.	C.3.2.1. Use sequence, selection and repetition in programs; work with variables. The pupil can use sequence in programs. In on-screen programming, the pupil's program should include a sequence of commands or blocks in an appropriate order. A typical program could be a simple scripted animation, e.g. telling a joke, a story or explaining an idea taken from elsewhere on the curriculum. The pupil's program might include multiple sprites; instructions could include movement, on-screen text, sound and/or costume changes.	C.4.2.1. Use sequence, selection and repetition in programs; work with variables. The pupil can use sequence and repetition in programs. The pupil's program, typically written in Scratch, or similar, should include sequences of commands or blocks and some repetition. Repetition would typically be for a fixed number of times, but might also include exit conditions (e.g. repeat...until...). Programs might include simple music or a simple game.	C.5.2.1. Use sequence, selection, and repetition in programs; work with variables. The pupil can use sequence, selection and repetition in programs. The pupil's program, typically written in Scratch, or similar, should include sequences of commands or blocks, some repetition and selection. Repetition might include exit conditions (e.g. repeat...until...). Selection would normally be of an if...then or if...then...else type. At this level, expect the pupil to be able to combine repetition with selection. Programs might include a computer game.	C.6.2.1. Use sequence, selection and repetition in programs; work with variables. The pupil can solve problems using decomposition, tackling each part separately. The pupil can take a complex problem, identify component parts, use decomposition to break this problem down and then plan how they can solve the problem by working through the elements they have identified. they can then use their plan to solve the original problem.

						C.3.2.2. Work with various forms of input and output The pupil can write a program to produce output on screen. The pupil can create a program that produces output on screen, such as moving sprites or displayed text, e.g. a simple animation program.	C.4.2.2. Work with various forms of input and output. The pupil can write a program that accepts keyboard input and produces on-screen output. In Scratch (or similar), the pupil can write a program that displays a question, accepts typed input and responds in an appropriate way to what is typed. This might be used as the basis for a dialogue program or a simple maths game.	C.5.2.2. Work with various forms of input and output. The pupil can write a program that accepts keyboard and mouse input and produces output on screen and through speakers. In Scratch (or similar), the pupil can create a computer game using the keyboard or mouse for input and the screen and speakers for output.	C.6.2.2. Work with various forms of input and output. The pupil can write a program that accepts inputs other than keyboard and mouse and produces outputs other than screen or speakers.
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Computer Science – Logical Thinking

	Birth to Three Year Olds	Three-Four Year Olds	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Logical Thinking		Use a shortcut such as an icon on the computer / iPad to navigate to a specific website.		C.1.3.1. Use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs. The pupil can give explanations for what they think a program will do. The pupil can explain to the teacher, and to	C.2.3.1. Use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs. The pupil can give logical explanations for what they think a program will do. The pupil can give logical	C.3.3.1. Use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work. The pupil can explain a simple, sequence-based algorithm in their own words. The pupil can give an explanation for a	C.4.3.1. Use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work. The pupil can explain an algorithm using sequence and repetition in their own words. Given an algorithm	C.5.3.1. Use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work. The pupil can explain a rule-based algorithm in their own words. When provided with a rule-based	C.6.3.1. Use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work. The pupil can give clear and precise logical explanations of a number of algorithms. Given an

				peers, what they think a program will do. This could be a program they or their peers have written, or it could be a familiar piece of software (including computer games). The pupil could use an audio recorder or video camera to capture their explanations. In 1.1, explain what their own or another pupil's program will do before it is run.)	explanations of what a program will do under given circumstances, including some attempt at explaining why it does what it does. The program could be one they have written or it could be a computer game or a familiar piece of software. The pupil could use an audio recorder or a video camera to record their explanations. In 2.1, give logical explanations for what their own or their peers' programs will do. In 2.2, give logical explanations for what happens in the games.	simple algorithm based on a sequence of instructions. The algorithm could be one of their own, or a simple one with which they have been provided. The algorithms could be recorded graphically, e.g. as a storyboard.	using both sequence and repetition, the pupil can give a coherent, logically reasoned explanation of what it does and how it works. Repetition is likely to be 'forever' or for a set number of times, although end conditions (e.g. repeat...until...) could be used.	algorithm (e.g. for a computer game), the pupil should be able to explain what it does and how it works, in their own words.	algorithm, the pupil can describe what it does and, using logical reasoning, give precise explanations of how it works. Algorithms could be linked to programming projects, but might include a key algorithm such as binary search.
						C.3.3.2. Use logical reasoning to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs. The pupil can use logical reasoning to detect errors in programs. The pupil can	C.4.3.2. Use logical reasoning to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs. The pupil can use logical reasoning to detect and correct errors in programs.	C.5.3.2. Use logical reasoning to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs. The pupil can use logical reasoning to detect errors in algorithms. When given an	C.6.3.2. Use logical reasoning to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs. The pupil can use logical reasoning to detect and correct errors in algorithms (and programs).

						give well-thought-through reasons for errors they find in programs. Typically, the pupil can find errors by reasoning logically about the program code, but they might also be able to use logical reasoning to identify errors in programs when they are executed. The programs do not have to be written originally by the pupil.	The pupil can give well-thought-through reasons for errors they find in programs and explain how they have fixed these. The pupil can find and correct errors by reasoning logically about the program code; they might also be able to use logical reasoning to identify errors in programs when executed and confirm that they have fixed these by testing the new version of their program. The programs do not have to be written originally by the pupil.	algorithm for a particular purpose, e.g. a rule-based algorithm for a computer game or a sequence of steps to draw a geometric pattern, the pupil can use logical reasoning to identify possible errors in the algorithm, explaining why they believe the algorithm is incorrect.	When given an algorithm for a particular purpose, e.g. a rule-based algorithm for a smartphone app, the pupil can use logical reasoning to identify possible errors in the algorithm, explaining why they believe the algorithm is incorrect. The pupil can use logical reasoning to suggest possible corrections to the algorithm, explaining why these would correct the bug they identified.
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Computer Science – Wider Understanding

	Birth to Three Year Olds	Three to Four Year Olds	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Wider Understanding			Explores a computer / laptop using the keyboard and mouse.			C.3.3.3. Understand computer networks including the Internet. The pupil can understand that computer networks transmit information in a digital (binary)	C.4.3.3. Understand computer networks including the Internet. The pupil can understand that the Internet transmits information as packets of data.	C.5.3.3. Understand computer networks including the Internet. The pupil can understand how data routing works on the Internet.	C.6.3.3. Understand computer networks including the Internet. The pupil can understand how mobile phone or other networks operate.

						format. The pupil can explain that any information has to be converted to numbers before it can travel through computer networks. The pupil should understand that this conversion happens according to an agreed system or code.	When working online, the pupil can explain that the information they send and receive is automatically broken down into packets of data, and that these sometimes take different routes across the Internet.	The pupil can give a coherent explanation of how data packets are routed from one computer to another on a separate network, which is also connected to the Internet.	The pupil can give an explanation of how networks operate: they should know that information is transmitted digitally, and have some understanding of the network topology involved.
						C.3.4.1. Understand how networks can provide multiple services, such as the World Wide Web. The pupil can understand that email and videoconferencing are made possible through the Internet. The pupil should know that email messages are sent and received through servers connected to the Internet. The pupil should know that other systems also work through the Internet, but these services may be direct, peer-to-peer connections rather than via servers.	C.4.4.1. Understand how networks can provide multiple services, such as the World Wide Web. The pupil can understand how the Internet makes the web possible. The pupil can give an explanation of how requests for web pages, and the HTML for those pages, are transmitted via the Internet.	C.5.4.1. Understand how networks can provide multiple services, such as the World Wide Web. The pupil can understand how web pages are created and transmitted. The pupil can explain how HTML is used to create a web page and how it is transmitted as packets of digital data over the Internet. The pupil should have an awareness of simple HTML tags for marking up a web page.	C.6.4.1. Understand how networks can provide multiple services, such as the World Wide Web. The pupil can understand how domain names are converted into IP addresses on the Internet. The pupil can give some explanation of how a domain name is converted into an IP address using the distributed domain name system (DNS) using something similar to a set of phone books. The pupil should show an awareness of the looked-up addresses (DNS records) being copied (cached),

									and that more local records are used in preference to more authoritative records in most circumstances.
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Information Technology – Creating Content

	Birth to Three Year Olds	Three to Four Year Olds	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Creating Content			Collect information, e.g., by taking photographs or collecting object. Use ICT to sort and sequence objects on a screen or interactive whiteboard. Can use a simple programme such as paint to draw a picture.	<i>C.1.1.1. Use technology purposefully to organise, store and retrieve digital content.</i> The pupil can use digital technology to store and retrieve content. The pupil can use a range of digital technologies to store and access digital content. These might include laptop computers, tablets, smartphones, digital cameras, video cameras and audio recorders. Projects might include videoing one another cooking, developing an eBook or an	<i>C.2.1.1. Use technology purposefully to organise, store and retrieve digital content.</i> The pupil can store, organise and retrieve content on digital devices for a given purpose. With a given purpose, the pupil can use a range of digital technologies to retrieve, organise and store digital content. Technologies will typically include laptop computers, tablets and smartphones with access to the Internet, but the pupil might also be expected	<i>C.3.1.1. Select, use and combine a variety of software (including Internet services) on a range of digital devices.</i> The pupil can use a range of programs on a computer. The pupil can use a range of software on laptop or tablet computers with some degree of independence. Software might include video editing, diagnostic tools, email clients, videoconferencing (with the teacher or another adult), survey design software, spreadsheets and presentation software.	<i>C.4.1.1. Select, use and combine a variety of software (including Internet services) on a range of digital devices.</i> The pupil can use and combine a range of programs on a computer. The pupil can use multiple programs on laptop or tablet computers to achieve particular goals. For example, they might record audio and then use this as samples in a composition; create HTML content in a text editor and preview it in a browser; analyse data in a	<i>C.5.1.1. Select, use and combine a variety of software (including Internet services) on a range of digital devices.</i> The pupil can use and combine a range of programs on multiple devices. The pupil can use multiple digital devices (such as tablets and laptops or digital cameras and laptops) to achieve particular goals. The devices might include web servers, allowing them to use cloud-based applications. For example, they might use local media in	<i>C.6.1.1. Select, use and combine a variety of software (including Internet services) on a range of digital devices.</i> The pupil can select, use and combine a range of programs on multiple devices. The pupil can choose for themselves from a range of available programs on laptops, tablets or cloud-based services to achieve particular goals. For example, they might choose which image editors and presentation software to use

				audiobook, creating a greetings card. (E.g. In 1.2, film and upload a pupil cooking. In 1.3, save their artwork and retrieve it. In 1.4, open their eBook, import images sourced online to their eBook and save. In 1.5, record audio, import it to the computer and save their work. In 1.6, open, modify, add images to and save their popplets; fill in spreadsheets and Google Forms.)	to use digital cameras, video cameras and audio recorders (or the equivalent apps on a tablet or smartphone). Projects might include digital photography, searching for images online and creating image-based presentation slides. (E.g. In 2.3, review, reject and rate the photographs they have taken. In 2.4, retrieve information and images from websites into presentations, and save their work. In 2.5, film and upload a working stop-motion video. In 2.6, use questions to sort and classify objects; take, upload and organise photographs; add information to a map.)		spreadsheet and then create a presentation to show the results of their analysis.	conjunction with a cloud-based programming platform, such as Scratch; digital cameras and video cameras to capture content to use on an externally hosted website or blog; a digital camera to take photos they could import into 3D design software on a laptop.	when making a presentation; which image and audio editors to use when creating media content for an app; which DTP, video editor and website tools to use when developing marking materials for an app.
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			Collect information, e.g., by taking photographs or collecting object. Use ICT to sort and sequence objects on a screen or interactive whiteboard. Can use a simple programme such as paint to draw a picture.	C.1.1.2. Use technology purposefully to create and manipulate digital content. The pupil can create original content using digital technology. The pupil can create their own original digital content using a range of technologies. These might include laptop computers, tablets, smartphones, digital cameras, video cameras and audio recorders. Projects might include videoing one another cooking, developing an eBook or an audiobook, creating a greetings card. Look for some indication of the pupil's creativity in this work. (E.g. In 1.2, film digital video. In 1.3, create an original painting. In 1.4, create an eBook including images and original text.	C.2.1.2. Use technology purposefully to create and manipulate digital content. The pupil can create and edit original content for a given purpose using digital technology. The pupil can create and edit their own original digital content using a range of technologies. Content-creation technology might include laptop computers, tablets, smartphones with network connections, digital cameras, video cameras and audio recorders, although editing is likely to take place on laptops or tablets. Projects might include digital photography, creating image-based presentation slides, composing an email and creating simple	C.3.1.2. Design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals. The pupil can design and create content on a computer. The pupil can plan and execute a project in which they use software on a laptop or tablet to create digital content with some degree of independence. For example, they could plan and shoot a video, plan and create a presentation on a given topic or plan and then create an online survey.	C.4.1.2. Design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals. The pupil can design and create content on a computer in response to a given goal. With a given goal, the pupil can plan and execute a project in which they use software on a laptop or tablet to create digital content with some degree of independence. For example, they could plan and compose original music using sequencing software; plan and create a web page; plan how they could contribute to a shared wiki and then do so; plan and create a presentation about the weather. They should evaluate how effectively they have met the requirements of the original goal.	C.5.1.2. Design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals. The pupil can design and create programs on a computer in response to a given goal. The pupil can design a program of their own in response to a given goal and write this in a block-based language such as Scratch. The program need not be complex - a simple game would suffice, but it should be accomplished with a degree of independent working.	C.6.1.2. Design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals. The pupil can design and create systems in response to a given goal. The pupil can plan, design and implement a system with multiple, interrelated components with a given goal in mind.
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				In 1.5, create and record original digital audio. In 1.6, create data tables and trees.) (E.g. In 2.3, take and edit original digital photographs. In 2.4, create and edit their own presentation. In 2.5, film and edit a stop-motion video. In 2.6, take and edit photographs and create and edit charts.)	charts. Look for some indication of the pupil's creativity in this work and evidence that they have edited content.				
					C.3.1.3. Collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting data and information. The pupil can collect and present information. The pupil can use computers to collect information and present this to an audience. For example, they could shoot and then show a video or conduct an online survey and present the results. They should be able to do this with a	C.4.1.3. Collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting data and information. The pupil can collect and present data. The pupil can use computers to collect numerical data and present this to an audience. For example, they could collect and present data about the weather over a period of time. They should be able to do this	C.5.1.3. Collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting data and information. The pupil can analyse and evaluate information. Working with text, audio, images or video, the pupil can analyse information, perhaps summarising this. They should evaluate the quality of the information, looking for bias	C.6.1.3. Collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting data and information. The pupil can analyse and evaluate data. The pupil can evaluate the quality of numerical data, deciding the extent to which it is affected by systematic or random errors. They should analyse their data, perhaps	

						degree of independence.	with a degree of independence.	or questioning assumptions that have been made. For example, they could work with information on e-safety, evaluating its quality and providing a clear and coherent summary.	producing summary statistics, looking for relationships, trends and exceptions.
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Information Technology – Searching

	Birth to Three Year Olds	Three to Four Year Olds	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Searching		Use a shortcut such as an icon on the computer / iPad to navigate to a specific website.	Explore a teacher-selected website to find a desired page, using hyperlinks and navigation buttons			C.3.2.1. Use search technologies effectively. The pupil can search for information within a single site. The pupil can use browser-specific tools (e.g. the Find command) and site-specific tools (such as the search tools for Wikipedia or YouTube) to locate particular information on a web page or within a website.	C.4.2.1. Use search technologies effectively. The pupil can use a standard search engine to find information. The pupil can use a common search engine (such as Google with safe search mode locked in place) effectively, to search for particular information on the web, such as answers to questions they identify in a research project.	C.5.2.1. Use search technologies effectively. The pupil can use filters to make more effective use of a standard search engine. The pupil can use a common search engine (such as Google with safe search mode locked in place) effectively, to search for particular information on the web, such as answers to questions they identify in a research project. They should use built-in search	C.6.2.1. Use search technologies effectively. The pupil can make use of a range of search engines appropriate to finding information that is required. The pupil can show that they can use effectively a range of different search technologies, including alternatives to Google (such as Bing or Yahoo) and site-specific search engines (such as those for the App Store or Google Play).

								tools to filter their results, such as by time, location or reading level.	E.g. They could demonstrate how they would use a range of search engines when researching available smartphone apps for a particular purpose.
						C.3.2.2. Appreciate how search results are selected and ranked. The pupil can understand that search engines select pages according to keywords found in the content. When using search engines, the pupil should demonstrate their understanding that the pages shown include the keywords they have specified. The pupil can use this knowledge by thinking of good keywords appropriate for what they are searching.	C.4.2.2. Appreciate how search results are selected and ranked. The pupil can understand that search engines rank pages according to relevance. The pupil can demonstrate their understanding that search engine results are ranked according to relevance, and that normally the top results on the first page are likely to be those most relevant to their query. If the pupil is unable to find good results on the first page, expect them to reconsider their keywords rather than looking at further pages of results.	C.5.2.2. Appreciate how search results are selected and ranked. The pupil can understand that search engines use a cached copy of the crawled web to select and rank results. The pupil can explain how a search engine creates an index from a cached copy of the web and uses this to select and rank results. The pupil might also show an awareness of the Page Rank algorithm in which results are ranked according to the number and quality of in-bound links.	C.6.2.2. Appreciate how search results are selected and ranked. The pupil can appreciate that search engines rank pages based on the number and quality of in-bound links. The pupil can demonstrate some awareness of the Page Rank algorithm, explaining that the quality of a page is determined largely on the basis of the number and quality of links pointing to that page in the engine's cached copy of the web, and that quality is itself determined recursively through Page Rank.

Digital Literacy – ESafety

	Birth to Three Year Olds	Three to Four Year Olds	Pre-school and Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Be interested in pulley toys Can use age appropriate apps	Shows an interest in technology – wants to have a go on the whiteboard or use an iPad.	Interact and explore their environment using a range of multimedia equipment, including digital cameras, video cameras, microscopes etc. This could also include the use of tablets e.g. iPad to capture still and moving image.	C.1.1.1. Use technology safely and respectfully. The pupil can keep themselves safe while using digital technology. The pupil can understand that they need to keep safe when using digital technology. For example, they should know to use filtered Safe Search when looking for images on the web and that they should close the lid of a laptop (or turn over a tablet) and alert an adult if they come across unsuitable content. (E.g. In 1.3 and 1.4, close their laptop (or turn over their tablet) and tell a teacher if they find inappropriate images.)	C.2.1.1. Use technology safely and respectfully. The pupil can keep safe and show respect to others while using digital technology. The pupil should know that they need to keep themselves safe when using digital technology. E.g. They should know to use filtered SafeSearch when looking for images on the web and that they should close the lid of a laptop (or similar action) if they find inappropriate images. They should know to respect others' rights, including privacy and intellectual property when using computers, so should not look at someone else's work or copy it without permission and acknowledgement.	C.3.1.1. Use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly. The pupil can use digital technology safely and show respect for others when working online. The pupil should know that they need to keep themselves safe when using digital technology. For example, they should show respect for others when filming and should not normally post videos online. If responding to online surveys, they should do so anonymously, thinking carefully about information they give out.	C.4.1.1. Use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly. The pupil can demonstrate that they can act responsibly when using computers. The pupil can act responsibly when using computers. For example, they should act responsibly when developing computer games or prototype products. They should behave responsibly when using sampled music or creating a composition. They should show responsibility when creating or remixing online content, including observing copyright and any terms and conditions. They should contribute positively to a shared wiki.	C.5.1.1. Use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly. The pupil can demonstrate that they can act responsibly when using the Internet. The pupil can act responsibly when using the Internet. For example, they should act responsibly when participating in an online community, such as the Scratch community, if permitted to do so. They should demonstrate that they understand the importance of encrypted (HTTPS) connections when browsing the web and of using strong passwords to protect their identity online. They should act responsibly when creating, editing or commenting on	C.6.1.1. Use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly. The pupil can show that they can think through the consequences of their actions when using digital technology. The pupil can discuss likely and potential consequences of their actions when using digital technology in a range of contexts. Contexts might include developing smartphone apps; using online project management tools; collecting information for market research; posting original content online.

					They should observe age restrictions on computer games. (E.g. In 2.2, observe age restrictions when playing games out of school. In 2.3, ask before taking photos of others. In 2.4, know what to do if they encounter inappropriate content; acknowledge the source of information they use. In 2.6, know not to post images with metadata to the open web.)			web pages or blog posts.	
				C.1.1.2. Keeping personal information private. The pupil can understand that information on the Internet can be seen by others. The pupil should be aware that information stored on the web or transmitted via the Internet is available to other people. E.g. They should know that the images they	C.2.1.2. Keeping personal information private. The pupil can understand that they should not share personal information online. The pupil should understand that personal information should be kept private: it should not be posted online to a public audience and should only be	C.3.1.2. Recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour. The pupil can recognise unacceptable behaviour when using digital technology. The pupil can identify what would be unacceptable or inappropriate behaviour when using digital technology in a range of contexts.	C.4.1.2. Recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour. The pupil can understand the difference between acceptable and unacceptable behaviours when using digital technology. The pupil can discuss the difference between acceptable and unacceptable behaviours when using digital	C.5.1.2. Recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour. The pupil can discuss the consequences of particular behaviours when using digital technology. The pupil can discuss the likely or possible consequences of particular behaviours when using digital technology in a	C.6.1.2. Recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour. The pupil can identify principles underpinning acceptable use of digital technologies. The pupil can identify some principles underpinning acceptable behaviour when using technologies in a range of contexts. Contexts

				find online can be found by others too, and that the queries they type in can be seen by those who run the search engine they use and the school's network. (E.g. In 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 and 1.6, know that some personal information and images should be kept private, and understand what should not be posted online. In 1.3 and 1.4, realise that the images they search for can be seen by others.)	shared privately with those who they (or their parents) would trust. E.g. The pupil should recognise that photos they take in school should not normally be posted to the open web. They should know that photos taken with smartphones often contain hidden information about where the photo was taken. (E.g. In 2.2 and 2.6, know that photos of themselves or other people should not normally be uploaded to the open web. In 2.6, know that photos can contain metadata revealing where they were taken.)	For example, they should know what would be unacceptable when using online communities, such as the Scratch website, or when shooting or publishing video. They should know what would be unacceptable use of the Command prompt, email or online survey tools.	technology in a range of contexts. Contexts could include the Scratch website, or other online communities; the use of others' original content, such as music samples or web pages; wikis, including Wikipedia.	range of contexts. Contexts could include the Scratch website, or other online communities; using cryptography and passwords; creating websites or writing blog posts.	could include smartphone or tablet use; the use of online project management tools; online surveys and recording of interviews; creating and sharing digital content.
				C.1.1.3. Identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the Internet or other online technologies. The pupil can understand what to do if they see	C.2.1.3. Identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the Internet or other online technologies. The pupil can understand what to do if they have	C.3.1.3. Know a range of ways to report concerns and inappropriate behaviour. Know who to talk to about concerns and inappropriate behaviour in school. Pupils should know	C.4.1.3. Know a range of ways to report concerns and inappropriate behaviour. Know who to talk to about concerns and inappropriate behaviour at home or in school. Pupils should	C.5.1.3. Know a range of ways to report concerns and inappropriate behaviour. Know how to report concerns and inappropriate behaviour in a range of contexts. Pupils should	C.6.1.3. Know a range of ways to report concerns and inappropriate behaviour. Know a range of ways to report concerns and inappropriate behaviour in a variety of contexts.

				disturbing content online at home or at school. The pupil should know to close their laptop lid or turn their tablet over if they find content, such as inappropriate images, which might disturb them or other pupils. They should know to tell their teacher or their parents/carers if this happens. (E.g. In 1.3 and 1.4, know to close their laptop lid or turn their tablet over and tell a teacher or their parents/carers if they find inappropriate images.)	concerns about content or contact online. The pupil should know to close their laptop lid or turn their tablet over if they find content, such as inappropriate images, which might disturb them or other pupils; if someone they don't trust contacts them online; if someone makes inappropriate contact online. They should know to tell their teacher or their parents/carers if this happens, and be aware that they could talk to another trusted adult or to Childline about this. (E.g. In 2.4, know to close their laptop lid or turn their tablet over and tell a teacher, their parents/carers, another trusted adult or an agency such as Childline if they find inappropriate content.)	to report inappropriate behaviour when using technology in school to their teacher, the network manager or another trusted adult, and that they can discuss any concerns they have with their teacher or other trusted adults in school.	know to report inappropriate behaviour when using technology in school to their teacher, the network manager or another trusted adult, and that they can discuss any concerns they have with their teacher or other trusted adults in school. They should also know that any concerns over, or inappropriate behaviour with, digital technology at home can be discussed with their parents, with you or with another trusted adult.	know how to report inappropriate behaviour when using technology in school: preferably this will be to their teacher, the network manager or another trusted adult. They should know how to report any concerns over inappropriate behaviour with digital technology at home. Preferably this would be through discussion with their parents, with you or with another trusted adult. Pupils should also know how to report inappropriate behaviour to those running websites which they regularly use, and to Childline, CEOP or to the police.	Pupils should know how to report inappropriate behaviour when using technology in school: preferably this will be to their teacher, the network manager or another trusted adult. They should know how to report any concerns over, or inappropriate behaviour with, digital technology at home. Preferably this would be through discussion with their parents, with you or with another trusted adult. Pupils should also know how to report inappropriate behaviour to those running websites which they regularly use, and to Childline, CEOP or the police. Pupils should know that illegal content or activities can be reported to CEOP or the police.
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						C.3.1.X. Be discerning in evaluating digital content. The pupil can decide whether a web page is relevant for a given purpose or question. The pupil can form a judgement about whether a web page is appropriate for finding out the answer to a question they have or for a given purpose.	C.4.1.X. Be discerning in evaluating digital content. The pupil can decide whether digital content is relevant for a given purpose or question. The pupil can form a judgement about whether a web page, such as a Wikipedia article, or other digital content is appropriate for finding out the answer to a question they have or for a given purpose.	C.5.1.X. Be discerning in evaluating digital content. The pupil can decide whether digital content is reliable and unbiased. The pupil can discuss whether particular content (such as a web page, other pupils' pages or blog posts) is reliable and whether it has been written from a neutral point of view. They should be able to spot some examples of bias in digital content.	C.6.1.X. Be discerning in evaluating digital content. The pupil can form an opinion about the effectiveness of digital content. Taking into account the intended audience and purpose of the content, the pupil can form a judgement as to, and provide reasons for, the extent to which they consider digital content to be effective. The content might be media resources or marketing materials.
						C.3.1.4. Understand the opportunities networks offer for communication and collaboration. The pupil can use email and videoconferencing in class.	C.4.1.4. Understand the opportunities networks offer for communication and collaboration. The pupil can work collaboratively with classmates on a shared wiki. The pupil can work collaboratively with their peers on a shared project, such as a class	C.5.1.4. Understand the opportunities networks offer for communication and collaboration. The pupil can work collaboratively with classmates on a class website or blog. The pupil can work productively and positively with others when developing a	C.6.1.4. Understand the opportunities networks offer for communication and collaboration. The pupil can use online tools to plan and carry out a collaborative project. The pupil can make use of an online tool to plan and carry out a

							wiki, making useful contributions and providing feedback to others.	shared website or contributing to a class blog.	collaborative project.
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Digital Literacy – Using IT Beyond School

	Birth to Three Year Olds	Three to Four Year Olds	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Shows an interest in pulley toys	Shows an interest in technology - wants to have a go on the whiteboard or use an ipad. Use a variety of electronic toys in play situations, e.g., dance mats, Bee-bots, and remote control toys, using basic directional language. (forward, backwards, stop)	Interact and explore their environment using a range of multimedia equipment, including digital cameras, video cameras, microscopes etc. This could also include the use of tablets e.g. iPad to capture still and moving image. Collect information, e.g., by taking photographs or collecting object.	C.1.2.1. Recognise common uses of information technology beyond school. The pupil can show an awareness of how IT is used for communication beyond school. The pupil can mention some of the ways in which IT is used to communicate beyond school. E.g. They might know that some people use social media such as Facebook, email, video calls or online greetings to say happy birthday to their friends. (E.g. In 1.6 recognise online collaboration tools such as Google	C.2.2.1. Recognise common uses of information technology beyond school. The pupil can show an awareness of how IT is used for a range of purposes beyond school. The pupil can name a number of purposes for which IT is used beyond school. The pupil might know that adults can share work and discuss ideas in online communities; that photos can be taken, edited and shared easily using digital technology; that the web is made up of information shared by people				

				Forms and the Google Suite.)	and organisations; that people use email for a range of purposes and in a variety of contexts; that scientists use computers when collecting and analysing data. (E.g. In 2.1 and 2.2, recognise that people can share work and discuss ideas using online communities. In 2.3, recognise that people take, edit and share photographs using digital technology. In 2.4, recognise that people publish useful information on the web. In 2.5, recognise that videos can be edited digitally to great effect. In 2.6, recognise that scientists use a range of digital technologies when collecting and analysing data.)				
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Characteristics of Effective Computing Teaching

What would I see in a unit of Computing? What would I see in a Lesson?

<i>Exploration of new software and hardware - incidental learning occurs this way</i>	<i>Developing competency in Computing skills and understanding: teaching in a sequential manner; learning is progressive.</i>	<i>Opportunity to develop an understanding of Computer Science, Information Technology and Digital Literacy within blocks of work.</i>
<i>Practical, hands on learning opportunities</i>	<i>5-minute recap at the beginning of each lesson to encourage retention of key knowledge and vocabulary.</i>	<i>Opportunities to use and develop Computing technical vocabulary e.g. coding, debugging, algorithm</i>
<i>Problem solving and reasoning</i>	<i>Range of activities both using technology and unplugged.</i>	<i>Development of knowledge, skills and understanding in line with the National Curriculum.</i>