



Updated July 2021	Computing Essential Knowledge						
Embedding our learning culture	<p>Curricular Goal: Know how to be digitally literate in a safe and creative way</p> <p>KS2: How do I show that I know how to be digitally literate in a safe and creative way?</p> <p>KS1: How do I show that I know how to use computers safely?</p>						
Learning to Live	COMPUTER SCIENCE Component 1: Hardware						
	Reception Essential Knowledge	Year 1 Essential Knowledge	Year 2 Essential Knowledge	Year 3 Essential Knowledge	Year 4 Essential Knowledge	Year 5 Essential Knowledge	Year 6 Essential Knowledge
	<p>Learning how to operate a camera to take photographs of meaningful creations or moments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning how to explore and tinker with hardware to develop familiarity and introduce relevant vocabulary • Learning how to operate a camera • Recognising that a range of technology is 	<p>Learning how to explore and tinker with hardware to find out how it works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding that computers and devices around us use inputs and outputs, identifying some of these • Learning where keys are located on the keyboard • Learning how to operate a camera 	<p>Understanding what a computer is and that it's made up of different components</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognising that buttons cause effects and that technology follows instructions • Learning how we know that technology is doing what we 	<p>Understanding what the different components of a computer do and how they work together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drawing comparisons across different types of computers • Learning what a server does 	<p>Learning about the purpose of routers</p>	<p>Learning that external devices can be programmed by a separate computer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning the difference between ROM and RAM • Recognising how the size of RAM affects the processing of data 	<p>Learning about the history of computers and how they have evolved over time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the understanding of historic computers to design a computer of the future • Understanding and identifying barcodes, QR codes and RFID
Living to Love	Loving to Learn						

	<p>used in places such as homes and schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning what a keyboard is and how to locate relevant keys • Learning what a mouse is and developing basic mouse skills such as moving and clicking 		<p>want it to do via its output.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using greater control when taking photos with tablets or computers • Developing confidence with the keyboard and the basics of touch typing 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the fetch, decode, execute cycle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying devices and applications that can scan or read barcodes, QR codes and RFID • Acknowledging that corruption can happen within data during transfer (for example when downloading, installing, copying and updating files)
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COMPUTER SCIENCE Component 2: Networks and data representation

	<p>Understanding what the internet is</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning what a network is and its purpose • Identifying the key components within a network, including whether they are wired or wireless • Recognising links between networks and the internet • Learning how data is transferred 	<p>Consolidating understanding of the key components of a network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding that websites & videos are files that are shared from one computer to another • Learning about the role of packets • Understanding that computer networks provide multiple services, such as the World Wide Web, and 	<p>Learning the vocabulary associated with data: data and transmit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning how the data for digital images can be compressed • Recognising that computers transfer data in binary and understanding simple binary addition • Relating binary signals (Boolean) to the simple character-based language, ASCII 		<p>Understanding that computer networks provide multiple services</p>
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					opportunities for communication and collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning that messages can be sent by binary code, reading binary up to 8 characters and carrying out binary calculations • Understanding how bit patterns represent images as pixels 	
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COMPUTER SCIENCE Component 3: Computational Thinking

Using logical reasoning to read simple instructions and predict the outcome	<p>Learning that decomposition means breaking a problem down into smaller parts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using decomposition to solve unplugged challenges • Using logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs • Developing the skills associated with sequencing in unplugged activities • Learning that an algorithm is a set of step by step 	<p>Articulating what decomposition is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decomposing a game to predict the algorithms used to create it • Using decomposition to decompose a story into smaller parts • Learning what abstraction is • Learning that there are different levels of abstraction 	<p>Using decomposition to explain the parts of a laptop computer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using decomposition to explore the code behind an animation • Using repetition in programs • Understanding that computers follow instructions • Using an algorithm to 	<p>Solving unplugged problems by decomposing them into smaller parts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using decomposition to understand the purpose of a script of code • Using decomposition to help solve problems • Identifying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decomposing animations into a series of images • Decomposing a program without support • Decomposing a story to be able to plan a program to tell a story • Predicting how software will work based on previous experience • Writing more complex algorithms for a purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decomposing a program into an algorithm • Using past experiences to help solve new problems • Writing increasingly complex algorithms for a purpose
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		<p>instructions used to carry out a task, in a specific order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow a basic set of instructions • Assembling instructions into a simple algorithm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explaining what an algorithm is • Following an algorithm • Creating a clear and precise algorithm • Learning that computers use algorithms to make predictions • Learning that programs execute by following precise instructions • Incorporating loops within algorithms 	<p>explain the roles of different parts of a computer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using logical reasoning to explain how simple algorithms work • Explaining the purpose of an algorithm • Forming algorithms independently 	<p>patterns through unplugged activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using past experiences to help solve new problems • Using abstraction to identify the important parts when completing both plugged and unplugged activities • Creating algorithms for a specific purpose. 		
COMPUTER SCIENCE Component 4: Programming							
<p>Following instructions as part of practical activities and games and learning to debug when things go wrong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning to give simple instructions • Learning that an algorithm is a set of instructions to carry out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programming a Bee-bot/Virtual Bee-bot to follow a planned route • Learning to debug instructions when things go wrong • Developing a howto video to explain how the Bee-bot works. 	<p>Using logical thinking to explore software, predicting, testing and explaining what it does</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using an algorithm to write a basic computer program • Learning what loops are 	<p>Using logical thinking to explore more complex software; predicting, testing and explaining what it does</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporating loops to make code more efficient 	<p>Understanding that websites can be altered by exploring the code beneath the site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coding a simple game • Using abstraction and 	<p>Programming an animation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iterating and developing their programming as they work • Beginning to use nested loops (loops within loops) 	<p>Debugging quickly and effectively to make a program more efficient</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remixing existing code to explore a problem • Using and adapting nested loops 	

	<p>a task, in a specific order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experimenting with programming a Bee-bot/Bluebot and learning how to give simple commands • Learning to debug instructions, with the help of an adult, when things go wrong 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning to debug an algorithm in an unplugged scenario 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporating loops to make code more efficient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remixing existing code • Using a more systematic approach to debugging code, justifying what is wrong and how it can be corrected 	<p>pattern recognition to modify code</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporating variables to make code more efficient • Remixing existing code • Using a more systematic approach to debugging code, justifying what is wrong and how it can be corrected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debugging their own code • Writing code to create a desired effect • Using a range of programming commands • Using repetition within a program • Amending code within a live scenario 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programming using the language Python • Changing a program to personalise it • Evaluating code to understand its purpose • Predicting code and adapting it to a chosen purpose • Altering a website's code to create changes
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Component 5: Using Software

<p>Using a simple online paint tool to create digital art</p>	<p>Using a basic range of tools within graphic editing software</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking and editing photographs • Understanding how to create digital art using an online paint tool • Developing control of the mouse through dragging, clicking and 	<p>Developing word processing skills, including altering text, copying and pasting and using keyboard shortcuts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using word processing software to type and reformat text • Using software to create story animations 	<p>Taking photographs and recording video to tell a story.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using software to edit and enhance their video adding music, sounds and text on screen with transitions 	<p>Building a web page and creating content for it</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing and creating a webpage for a given purpose • Use Google online software for documents, presentations, forms and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using logical thinking to explore software more independently, making predictions based on their previous experience • Using a software programme (Sonic Pi or Scratch) to create music • Using video editing software or 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using logical thinking to explore software independently, iterating ideas and testing continuously • Using search and word processing skills to create a presentation • Planning, 	
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		<p>resizing of images to create different effects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing understanding of different software tools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating and labelling images 		<p>spreadsheets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work collaboratively with others 	<p>animation software to animate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify ways to improve and edit programs, videos, images etc. • Independently learning how to use 3D design software package TinkerCAD 	<p>recording and editing a radio play</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating and editing sound recordings for a specific purpose • Creating and editing videos, adding multiple elements: music, voiceover, sound, text and transitions to create a video advert • Using design software TinkerCAD to design a product • Creating a website with embedded links and multiple pages
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Component 6: Using email and the internet

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating in group image searches, led by the teacher 	<p>Searching and downloading images from the internet safely</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding that we are connected to others when using the internet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding that personal information should not be shared on the internet. • Learning how to be respectful to others when sharing content online. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning to log in and out of an email account • Writing an email including a subject, 'to' and 'from' • Sending an email with an attachment • Replying to an email • Identifying useful terms and phrases for search engines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding why some results come before others when searching • Understanding that information on the internet is not all grounded in fact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing searching skills to help find relevant information on the internet • Understanding how apps can access our personal information and how to alter the permissions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding how search engines work
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Component 7: Using data

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representing data through sorting and categorising objects in unplugged scenarios • Representing data through pictograms • Exploring branch databases through physical games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to spreadsheets • Representing data in tables, charts and pictograms • Sorting data and creating branching databases • Identifying where digital content can have advantages over paper when storing and manipulating data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collecting and inputting data into a spreadsheet • Interpreting data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the vocabulary associated with databases: field, record, data • Learning about the pros and cons of digital versus paper databases • Sorting and filtering databases to easily retrieve information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing a weather station which gathers and records sensor data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding how data is collected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding how barcodes, QR codes and RFID work • Gathering and analysing data in real time • Creating formulas and sorting data within spreadsheets
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating and interpreting charts and graphs to understand data 			
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Component 8: Wider use of technology							
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognising common uses of information technology, including beyond school • Understanding some of the ways we can use the internet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning how computers are used in the wider world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the purpose of emails. • Learning what a search engine is • Recognising how social media platforms are used to interact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding that software can be used collaboratively online to work as a team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about different forms of communication that have developed with the use of technology. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about the Internet of Things and how it has led to 'big data'. • Learning how 'big data' can be used to solve a problem or improve efficiency
DIGITAL LITERACY Component 9							
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognising that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools • Learning to log in and log out • When using the internet alongside an adult, or independently, learning what to do if they come across something that worries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logging in and out and saving work on their own account • Understand the importance of a password • When using the internet to search for images, learning what to do if they come across something online that worries them or makes them feel uncomfortable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding that personal information should not be shared on the internet. • Learning how to be respectful to others when sharing content online. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning to be a responsible digital citizen; understanding their responsibilities to treat others respectfully and recognising when digital behaviour is unkind • Learning about cyberbullying • Learning that not all emails are 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognising what appropriate behaviour is when collaborating with others online • Recognising that information on the Internet might not be true or correct and that some sources are more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about how permissions work and how to change them • Identifying possible issues with online communication • Considering the effects of screen-time on physical and mental wellbeing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the importance of secure passwords and how to create them, along with two-step authentication • Using search engines safely and effectively • Recognising that updated software can help to

	<p>them or makes them feel uncomfortable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognising when someone has been unkind online • Learning some top tips for staying safe online • Understanding how we 'share' information on the internet 		<p>genuine, recognising when an email might be fake and what to do about it</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning that not all information on the internet is factual • Understanding who personal information should/ should not be shared with 	<p>trustworthy than others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about different forms of advertising on the internet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about online bullying and where to seek advice 	<p>prevent data corruption and hacking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering their digital footprint and online reputation and future implications they may have • Learning about how to collect evidence and report online bullying concerns
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