## **Curriculum Subject Overview – Computing**



	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Phase	Year 1&2	Year 3&4	Year 5&6
St Peter's Classes	Kingfishers, Finches and Sparrows	Owls and Starlings	Eagles, Herons and Ravens
National Curriculum Aims	Can understand and apply the fundamental principles and computer science, including abstraction, logic, algorithms an representation.      Can analyse problems in computational terms, and have represented to solve se	Computer Science	
		apply information technology, including new or unfamiliar ytically to solve problems.  Digital Literacy	Information Technology
National Curriculum Requirements	<ol> <li>Create and debug simple programs</li> <li>Use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs</li> <li>Use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content</li> <li>Recognise common uses of information technology beyond school</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>of input and output</li> <li>3. Use logical reasoning to explain how some sing correct errors in algorithms and programs</li> <li>4. Understand computer networks including the</li> </ul>	by decomposing them into smaller parts ograms; work with variables and various forms imple algorithms work and to detect and internet; how they can provide multiple e opportunities they offer for communication at how results are selected and ranked, and it (including internet services) on a range of e of programs, systems and content that analysing, evaluating and presenting data

Essential Characteristics of learning in Computing  The learning characteristics developed through the subject overtime	<ul> <li>Competence in coding for a variety of practical and inventive purposes, including the application of ideas within other subjects.</li> <li>The ability to connect with others safely and respectfully, understanding the need to act within the law and with moral and ethical integrity.</li> <li>An understanding of connected nature of devices.</li> <li>The ability to communicate ideas well by using applications and devices throughout the curriculum.</li> <li>The ability to collect, organise and manipulate data effectively.</li> </ul>
Threshold Concepts  Threshold concepts are the 'big ideas' that shape children's thinking within each subject.	Computer Systems and Networks – identifying hardware and using software, while exploring how computers communicate and connect to one another.  Programming – Understanding that a computer operates on algorithms, and learning how to write, adapt and debug code to instruct a computer to perform set tasks.  Creating Media – Learning how to use various devices – record, capture and edit content such as videos, music, pictures and photographs.  Data Handling – ensuring that information is collected, recorded, stored, presented and analysed in a manner that is useful and can help to
	solve problems.  Online Safety – Understanding the benefits and risks of being online – how to remain safe, keep personal information secure and recognising when to seek help in difficult situations. (This concept is taught on an ongoing basis but also discretely through the PSHE curriculum).

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Threshold Concepts		<ul><li>Creatir</li><li>Data I</li></ul>	amming ng Media Handling e Safety	
Cycle A Autumn	Programming 2: Algorithms and de- bugging	Computer Systems and Networks: Emailing	Online Safety: Taught in Autumn term PSHE unit  Computer Systems and Networks: Journey Inside a Computer	Online Safety: Taught in Autumn term PSHE unit  Computer Systems and Networks: Search Engines
Cycle A Spring		Online Safety: Taught in Spring term PSHE unit		
Cycle A Summer	Programming: Bee-Bots  Data Handling: Introduction to data  Online Safety: Taught in Summer term PSHE unit	Data Handling: Comparison Cards Databases	Data Handling: Investigating Weather	Data Handling: Big Data 1
Cycle B Autumn		Programming: Programming Scratch	Programming: Programming Scratch  (Y5 – Further coding with Scratch)	Programming: Further Coding with Scratch
Cycle B Spring		Creating Media: Website Design	Creating Media: Stop Motion Animation	Creating Media: History of Computers
Cycle B Summer				

Note: Pupils revisit the five key threshold concepts throughout KS1 and KS2. Each time it is revisited, it is covered with greater complexity. Upon returning to each concept, prior knowledge is utilised so pupils can build on previous foundations, rather than starting again.

Online safety is taught throughout the year. The curriculum has been designed so that online safety is taught through our PSHE curriculum in some cases. Highlighted in yellow.

## Summary of Essential Knowledge & Threshold Concepts By Sequences of Learning

KEY STAGE ONE	Cycle A		Cycle B
Year 1&2		Autu	mn Term
Unit Title:	Algorithms Unplugged	Algorithms and Debugging	What is a computer?
Threshold	Progra	mming	Computer Systems and Networks
Concept Agreed Core Knowledge	An algorithm is when instructions are put in exact order.  Decomposition means breaking a problem into manageable chunks and that it is important in computing.  Know that we call errors in an algorithm 'bugs' and fixing these is 'debugging.'	To understand what machine learning is and how it enables computers to make predictions.  Loops in programming are when you set a certain instruction (or instructions) to be repeated multiple times.  Abstraction is the removing of unnecessary detail to help solve a problem.	To know the difference between a desktop and a laptop computer.  To know that people control technology.  To know some input devices that give a computer an instruction about what to do.  To know computers often work together.
Key Skills	Recognising that some devices are input devices and others are output devices.  Learning that decomposition means breaking a problem down into smaller parts.  Using decomposition to solve unplugged challenges.  Developing the skills associated with sequencing in unplugged activities.  Following a basic set of instructions.  Assembling instructions into a simple algorithm.  Learning to debug instructions when things go wrong.  Learning to debug an algorithm in an unplugged scenario	Developing confidence with the keyboard and the basics of touch typing.  Articulating what decomposition is. Decomposing a game to predict the algorithms used to create it. Learning that there are different levels of abstraction.  Explaining what an algorithm is. Following an algorithm. Creating a clear and precise algorithm. Learning that programs execute by following precise instructions. Incorporating loops within algorithms. Using logical thinking to explore software, predicting. Using an algorithm to write a basic computer program.	Understanding what a computer is and that it's made up of different components.  Recognising that buttons cause effects, and that technology follows instructions.  Learning how we know that technology is doing what we want to do via its output.  Using greater control when taking photos with cameras. Tablets or computers. Developing word processing skills, including altering text, copying and pasting and using keyboard shortcuts.  Using word processing software to type and reformat text. Creating and labelling images

Agreed Essential Vocabulary	Algorithm, automatic, bug, chunks, clear, code, debug, decompose, decomposition, device, directions, input, instructions, manageable, motion, order, organise, output, precise, programming, problem, robot, sensor,	Developing word processing skills, including altering text, copying and pasting and using a keyboard.  Abstraction, algorithm, artificial intelligence, bug, clear, correct, data, debug, decompose, error, key features, loop, predict, unnecessary	Battery, buttons, camera, computer, desktop, device, digital, digital recorder, electricity, function, input, invention, keyboard, laptop, monitor, mouse, output, paying till, scanner, screen, system, tablet, technology, video, wires
Resources (including software and hardware)	sequence, solution, specific, steps, tasks  Dressing up clothes and accessories, dice, selection of reading books for sorting, 2D shapes for drawing around	Scratch website, lego or building blocks, mini figures	Sketchpad (free online software), sticky notes, clipboards, tablets or digital cameras, a device for filming
Year 1&2		Spri	ng Term
Unit Title:			Digital Imagery
Threshold Concept:			Creating Media (Microsoft Office 365 Version)
Agreed Core			To understand that holding a camera or device still and considering angles and light are important to take good pictures.
Knowledge			To know that you can edit, crop and filter photographs.
Key Skills			To know how to search safely for images online.  Learning how to explore and tinker with hardware to find out how it works.  Learning where keys are located on the keyboard.  Learning how to operate a camera to take photographs and videos.  Developing the skills associated with sequencing in unplugged activities.  Using a basic range of tools within graphic editing software.  Taking and editing photographs.  Developing control of the mouse through dragging, clicking and resizing of images to create different effects.  Developing understanding of different software tools.  Searching and downloading images from the internet safely.
Agreed Essential Vocabulary			Background, blurred, camera, clear, crop, delete, device, digital camera, download, drag and drop, edit, editing software, filter, image, import, internet, keyword, online, photograph, resize, save as, screen, search engine, sequence, software, storage space, visual effects
Resources (including software and hardware)			Microsoft photos, Microsoft PowerPoint, a selection of small people toys, animals and dinosaurs, picture books, small world play characters, digital cameras, tablets

Year 1&2		Sun	nmer Term
Unit Title:	Bee-Bots	Introduction to Data	
Threshold	Programming	Data Handling	
Concept:			
Agreed Core	To understand the basic functions of a Bee-Bot.	To know how charts and pictograms can be created using a computer.	
Knowledge	To know that you can use a camera/tablet to make simple videos.	To understand that a branching database is a way of classifying a group of objects.	
	To know that algorithms move a Bee-Bot accurately to a chosen destination.	To know that computers understand different types of 'input'.	
Key Skills	Learning how to explore and tinker with hardware to find out how it works. Learning how to operate a camera to take photos and videos. 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. Following a basic set of instructions. Assembling instructions into a simple algorithm. Programming a floor robot to follow a planned route. Learning to debug instructions when things go wrong. Using programming language to explain how a floor robot works. Learning to debug n algorithm in an unplugged scenario. Taking and editing photographs.	Learning how to explore and tinker with hardware to find out how it works. Recognising that some devices are input devices and others are output devices.  Learning where keys are located on the keyboard.  Developing control of the mouse through dragging, clicking and resizing of images to create different effects, Developing understanding of different software tools.  Recognising devices that are connected to the internet.  Understanding that technology can be used to represent data in different ways: pictograms, tables, pie charts, bar charts, block graphs etc.  Using data representations to answer questions about data.  Using software to explore and create pictograms and branching databases.	
Agreed	Algorithm, artificial intelligence, Bee-Bot, clear, code, debug, demonstration,	Bar chart, block graph, branching database, categories, chart, click and	
Essential	filming, inputting, instructions, pause,	drag, compare, count, data, data	
Vocabulary	precise, predict, program, tinker, video, video recording	collection, data record, data representation, edit, input, keyboard, line graph, mouse, information, label, pictogram, pie chart, process, record, resizer, sort, tables. Values, tally	
Resources (including	Building blocks, charged Bee-Bots or Blue-Bots, fully charged digital recording devices e.g. digital cameras or tablets,	J2E – JIT5, sketchpad (free online software), tablet or digital camera, clipboards	

software and	a large space e.g. school hall, coloured	
hardware)	cones	

LOWER KEY STAGE TWO	Cycle A	Cycle B	
Year 3&4	Autumn Term		
Unit Title:	Networks and the Internet	Programming Scratch	
Threshold Concept	Computer Systems and Networks	Programming	
Agreed Core	To know that a network connects computers and other devices together enabling them to link together quickly and easily.	To know that Scratch is a programming language and some of its basic functions.	
Knowledge	To know that a server is central to a network and responds to requests made.	To understand how to use loops to improve programming.	
	To know that a router connects us to the internet.	To understand how decomposition is used in programming.  To understand that you can remix and adapt existing code.	
	To know how the internet uses networks to share files.  To know what a packet is and why it is important for website data transfer.		
Key Skills	Learning about the process of routers.  Understanding the role of the key components of a network.  Understanding that websites and videos are files that are shared from one computer to another.  Learning about the role of packets.  Understanding how networks work and their purpose.  Identifying the key components within a network, including whether they are wired or wireless.  Recognising links between networks and the internet.  Learning how date is transferred.	Using decomposition to explore the code behind an animation. Using repetition in games. Using logical reasoning to explain how simple algorithms work. Explaining the purpose of an algorithm. Forming algorithms independently. Using logical thinking to explore more complex software: predicting, testing and explaining what it does. Incorporating loops to make code more efficient. Continuing existing code. Making reasonable suggestions for how to debug their own and others' code.	
Agreed Essential Vocabulary	Cables, component, connection, corrupted, data, desktop, device, DSL, fibre, file, internet, laptop. Network, network map, network switch, packets, radio waves, router, server, submarine cables, tablet, text map, The Cloud, Web Server, website, website trackers, WiFi, wired	Algorithm, animations, application, code, code block, coding application, debug, decompose, interface, game, loop, predict, program, remixing code, repetition code, review, scratch, sprite, tinker	
Resources (including software and hardware)	Microsoft PowerPoint, Scratch (website), digital cameras or tablets to take photographs, string	Scratch (website)	
Year 3&4	Spring Term		

Unit Title:		Website Design
Threshold		Creating Media
Concept:		
Agreed		To know that a website is a collection of pages that are all connected.
Core		To know that websites usually have a homepage and subpages as well as
Knowledge		clickable links to new pages, called hyperlinks.
14 01 111		To know that websites should be informative and interactive.
Key Skills		Building a web page and creating content for it.  Designing and creating a webpage for a given purpose.
		Using software to work collaboratively with others.
Agreed		Assessment, audience, checklist, collaboration, content, contributions, create,
Essential		design, embed, evaluate, features, Google Sites, hobby, homepage,
Vocabulary		hyperlinks, images, insert, online, plan, progress, published, record. Review, style, subpage, tab, theme, web page
Resources		Microsoft Sway, Microsoft Word
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Agreed	Categorise, category, chart, data, database, excel, fields, filter, graph,	
Essential	information, interpret, PDF, questionnaire, record, representation, sort, spreadsheets	
Vocabulary	spieddsiieeis	
Resources	Microsoft Forms, Microsoft Excel	
(including		
software and		
hardware)		

Year 4&5	Cycle A	Cycle B
	Autu	mn Term
Unit Title:	Journey Inside a Computer	Programming Scratch
Threshold Concept	Computer Systems and Networks	Programming
Agreed Core Knowledge	To know that inputs and outputs play on computers.  To know what the following components inside a computer are: CPU, RAM, hard drive, and how they work together.	To know that Scratch is a programming language and some of its basic functions.  To understand how to use loops to improve programming.
	To know what a tablet is and how it is different from a laptop/desktop computer.	To understand how decomposition is used in programming.  To understand that you can remix and adapt existing code.
Key Skills	Understanding what the different components of a computer do and how they work together.  Drawing comparisons across different types of computers.  Using decomposition to explain the parts of a laptop computer.  Explaining the purpose of an algorithm.	Using decomposition to explore the code behind an animation. Using repetition in games. Using logical reasoning to explain how simple algorithms work. Explaining the purpose of an algorithm. Forming algorithms independently. Using logical thinking to explore more complex software: predicting, testing and explaining what it does. Incorporating loops to make code more efficient. Continuing existing code. Making reasonable suggestions for how to debug their own and others' code.
Agreed Essential Vocabulary	Algorithm, assemble, CPU, data, decompose, desktop, disassemble, GPU (Graphics processing unit), hard drive, HDD (hard disk drive), infinite loop, input, keyboard, laptop, memory, microphone, monitor, mouse, output, photocopies, program, QR code, RAM (random access memory), ROM (read only memory), storage, tablet device, technology, touchscreen	Algorithm, animations, application, code, code block, coding application, debug, decompose, interface, game, loop, predict, program, remixing code, repetition code, review, scratch, sprite, tinker

Resources (including software and hardware)	Sketchpad, pieces of string, large sized paper, felt tip pens, tablet or device with QR scanner installed	Scratch (website)
Year 4&5	Spring Term	
Unit Title:		Stop-Motion Animation
Threshold		Creating Media
Concept:		
Agreed		To know that decomposition of an idea is important when creating stop-
Core		motion animations.
Knowledge		To understand that stop motion animation is an animation filmed one frame at a time using models, and with tiny changes between each photograph.
		To know that editing is an important feature of making and improving a stop motion animation.
Key Skills		Decomposing animations into a series of images.  Decomposing a story to be able to plan a program to tell a story.  Using video editing software to animate.
Agreed		Animation, animator, background, character, decomposition, design, digital
Essential		device, edit, evaluate, flip book, fluid movement, frames, model, moving images, onion skimming, still images, stop motion, storyboard, thaumatrope,
Vocabulary		zoetrope
Resources		Microsoft Photos, plasticine to create objects/characters, plastic containers or
(including software and		cellophane to wrap children's creations with, cameras or tablets
hardware)		
Year 4&5	Sum	nmer Term
Unit Title:	Investigating Weather	
Threshold	Data Handling	
Concept:		
Agreed Core Knowledge	To know that computers can use different forms of input to sense the world around them so that they can record and respond to data ('sensor data').	
	To know that the weather machine is an automated machine that respond to sensor data.	

	To understand that weather forecasters use specific language, expression and pre-prepared scripts to help create weather forecast films.
Key Skills	Using tablets or digital cameras to film a weather forecast. Understanding that weather stations use sensors to gather and record data which predicts the weather. Using keywords to effectively search for information on the internet. Searching the internet for data. Designing a device which gathers and records sensor data. Recording data in a spreadsheet independently. Sorting data in a spreadsheet to compare using the 'sort by' option. Understanding that data is used to forecast weather.
Agreed Essential Vocabulary	Accurate, backdrop, climate zone, cold, collaboration, condensation, cylinder, degrees, evaporation, extreme weather, forecast, heat sensor, lightning, measurement, pinwheel, presenter, rain, satellite, script, sensitive, sensor data, solar panel, tablet/digital camera, temperature, thermometer, tornado, warm, weather
Resources (including software and hardware)	Microsoft Excel, Sketchpad, iMovie or other film editing software (optional)

Year 5&6	Cycle A	Cycle B	
	Autumn Term		
Unit Title:	Search Engines	Further Coding with Scratch	
Threshold Concept	Computer Systems and Networks	Programming	
Agreed Core Knowledge	To know how search engines work.  To understand that anyone can create a website and therefore we should take steps to check the validity of websites.  To know that web crawlers are computer programs that crawl through the internet.	To understand that a variable is a value that can change (depending on conditions) and know that you can create them in Scratch.  To know what a conditional statement is in programming.  To understand that variables can help you to create a quiz on Scratch.	
Key Skills	To understand what copyright is.  Developing searching skills to help find relevant information on the internet.  Learning how to use search engines effectively to find information, focusing on keyword searches and evaluating search returns.	Using decomposition to solve a problem by finding out what code was used. Using decomposition to understand the purpose of a script of code. Creating algorithms for a specific purpose.	

	Learn about different forms of communication that have developed with the use of technology.  Recognise that information on the internet might not be true or correct and learning ways of checking validity.	Coding a simple game. Incorporating variables to make code more efficient. Remixing existing code.
Agreed Essential Vocabulary	Algorithm, appropriate, copyright, correct, credit, data leak, deceive, fair, fake, inappropriate, incorrect, index, information, keywords, network, privacy, rank, real, search engine, TASK, web crawler, website	Broadcast block, code blocks, conditional, coordinates, decomposition, features, game, information, negative numbers, orientation, parameters, position, program, project, script, sprite, stage, tinker, variables
Resources (including software and hardware)	Sketchpad (free online tool)	Scratch website
Year 5&6	Spri	ng Term
Unit Title:		History of Computers
Threshold Concept:		Creating Media
Agreed Core		To know that radio plays are plays where the audience can only hear the action so sound effects are important.
Knowledge		To know that sound clips can be recorded using sound recording software.
Key Skills		To know that sound clips can be edited and trimmed.  Learning about the history of computers and how they have evolved over
,		time. Using the understanding of historic computers to design a computer for the future. Using search and word processing skills to create a presentation. Planning, recording and editing a radio play. Creating and editing sound recordings for a specific purpose.
Agreed		Background noise, byte, computer, devices, file, FX, gigabyte, graphics, hard drive, hardware, kilobytes, megabytes, memory storage, mouse, overlay, play,
Essential Vocabulary		processor, radio play, RAM, raspberry Pi, record, reverb, ROM, script, smartphone, sound, sound effects
Resources (including software and hardware)		Soundtrap or Audacity,
Year 5&6	Sumi	mer Term
Unit Title:	Big Data 1	

Threshold	Data Handling
Concept:	
Agreed Core	To know that data contained within barcodes and QR codes can be used by computers.
Knowledge	
	To know that infrared waves are a way of transmitting data.
	To know that Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) is a more private way of transmitting data.
	To know that data is often encrypted so that even if it stolen it is not useful to the thief.
Key Skills	Understanding and identifying barcodes, QR codes and RFID. Identifying devices and applications that can scan or read barcodes, QR codes and RFID. Understanding how barcodes, QR codes and RFID work.
	Gathering and analysing data in real time. Creating formulas and sorting data within spreadsheets. Learning how 'big data' can be used to solve a problem or improve efficiency.
Agreed Essential	Algorithms, barcode, binary, Boolean, brand, chips. Commuter, contactless, data, encrypted, infrared, magicband, privacy, proximity,
Vocabulary	QR code, QR scanner, radio waves, RFID, signal, systems/data analyst,
	transmission, wireless
Resources	Microsoft Excel, video recording devices, range of working remote controls (e.g. for interactive whiteboard, television, stereo).
(including software and hardware)	

Progression of Skills within Each Threshold Concept