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About hardware (Computer Science)	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
	• Explore and tinker with hardware to find out how it works. • Recognise that some devices are input devices and others are output devices. • Understand what a computer is and that it's made up of different components. • Know how we know that technology is doing what we want it to do via its output. • Know where keys are located on the keyboard and develop confidence with the keyboard and the basics of touch typing. • Use greater control when taking photos with cameras, tablets or computers and know how to operate a camera or tablet to take photos and videos. • Know that buttons cause effects and that technology follows instructions.	• Know what the different components of a computer do and how they work together. • Draw comparisons across different types of computers. • Know about the purpose of routers. • Use tablets or digital cameras to film a weather forecast. • Understand that weather stations use sensors to gather and record data which predicts the weather.	• Know that external devices can be programmed by a separate computer. • Know the difference between ROM and RAM. • Recognise how the size of RAM affects the processing of data. • Understand the fetch, decode, execute cycle. • Learn about the history of computers and how they have evolved over time. • Use the understanding of historic computers to design a computer of the future. • Understand and identify barcodes, QR codes and RFID. • Identify devices and applications that can scan or read barcodes, QR codes and RFID. • Understand how corruption can happen within data during transfer (for example when downloading, installing, copying and updating files).

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About Networks and Data Representation (Computer Science)	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
		• Understand that computer networks provide multiple services, such as the World Wide Web, and opportunities for communication and collaboration. • Understand the role of the key components of a network. • Identify the key components within a network, including whether they are wired or wireless. • Understand that websites and videos are files that are shared from one computer to another. • Learn about the role of packets. • Understand how networks work and their purpose. • Recognise links between networks and the internet. Learn how data is transferred.	• Learn the vocabulary associated with data: data and transmit. • Learn how the data for digital images can be compressed. • Recognise that computers transfer data in binary and understanding simple binary addition. • Relate binary signals (Boolean) to the simple character-based language, ASCII. • Learn that messages can be sent by binary code, reading binary up to eight characters and carrying out binary calculations. • Understand how bit patterns represent images as pixels. • Understand that computer networks provide multiple services.

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Computational Thinking (Computer Science)	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
	• Learn that decomposition means breaking a problem down into smaller parts and articulating this. • Use decomposition to solve unplugged challenges. • Use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs. • Develop the skills associated with sequencing in unplugged activities. • Follow a basic set of instructions. • Assemble instructions into a simple algorithm. • Follow an algorithm. • Create a clear and precise algorithm. • Learn that programs execute by following precise instructions. • Incorporate loops within algorithms. • Decompose a game to predict the algorithms used to create it. • Learn that there are different levels of abstraction. • Use decomposition to solve unplugged challenges. • Use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs. • Develop the skills associated with sequencing in unplugged activities. • Learn that programs execute by following precise instructions. Incorporating loops within algorithm.	• Use decomposition to explore the code behind an animation. • Use repetition in programs. • Use logical reasoning to explain how simple algorithms work. • Explain the purpose of an algorithm. • Form algorithms independently. • Use decomposition to solve a problem by finding out what code was used. • Use decomposition to understand the purpose of a script of code. • Identify patterns through unplugged activities. • Use past experiences to help solve new problems. • Use abstraction to identify the important parts during both plugged and unplugged activities. • Use decomposition to explain the parts of a laptop computer. • Explain the purpose of an algorithm.	• Decompose a program without support. • Predict how software will work based on previous experience. • Use past experiences to help solve new problems. • Write increasingly complex algorithms for a purpose. • Decompose a program into an algorithm. • Decompose animations into a series of images. • Decompose a story to be able to plan a program to tell a story.

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Programming	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
(Computer Science)		• Use logical thinking to explore more complex software; predicting, testing and explaining what it does. • Incorporate loops to make code more efficient. • Continue an existing code. • Make reasonable suggestions for how to debug their own and others' code. • Create algorithms for a specific purpose. • Code a simple game. • Use abstraction and pattern recognition to modify code. • Incorporate variables to make code more efficient. • Remix existing code.	• Programme an animation. • Iterate and develop their programming as they work. • Confidently use loops in programming. • Use a more systematic approach to debugging code, justifying what is wrong and how it can be corrected. • Write code to create a desired effect, using a range of programming commands. • Use repetition within a program. • Predict code and adapt it to a chosen purpose. • Change a program to personalise it. • Evaluate code to understand its purpose. • Debug quickly and effectively to make a program more efficient. • Remix existing code to explore a problem. • Use and adapt nested loops. • Programme using the language Python.

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How to use software (Information Technology)	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
	• Use a basic range of tools within graphic editing software. • Take and edit photographs. • Develop control of the mouse through dragging, clicking and resizing of images to create different effects. • Develop understanding of different software tools. • Develop word processing skills, including altering text, copying and pasting and using keyboard shortcuts. • Use word processing software to type and reformat text. • Create and label images. Use software (and unplugged means) to create story animations.	• Take photographs and recording video to tell a story. • Use software to edit and enhance their video adding music, sounds and text on screen with transitions. • Design and create a webpage for a given purpose. • Build a web page and creating content for it. • Use software to work collaboratively with others. • Use online software for documents, presentations, forms and spreadsheets.	• Use logical thinking to explore software more independently, making predictions based on their previous experience, iterating ideas and testing continuously. • Identify ways to improve and edit programs, videos, images etc. • Use search and word processing skills to create a presentation. • Independently learn how to use 3D design software package TinkerCAD. • Plan, record and edit an audio recording. • Create and edit sound recordings for a specific purpose. • Create and edit videos, adding multiple elements: music, voiceover, sound, text and transitions. • Use design software TinkerCAD to design a product. • Create a website with embedded links and multiple pages. • Use software programme Sonic Pi/Scratch to create music. • Use video editing software to animate.

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How to use email and internet searches (Information Technology)	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
	• Recognise devices that are connected to the internet. • Understand that we are connected to others when using the internet. • Search for appropriate images to use in a document. • Understand what online information is. Search for and download images from the internet safely.	• Learn to log in and out of an email account. • Write an email including a subject, 'to' and 'from.' • Send an email with an attachment. • Reply to an email. • Understand why some results come before others when searching. • Use keywords to effectively search for information on the internet. • Understand that information found by searching the internet is not all grounded in fact. • Search the internet for data	• Understand how search engines work. • Develop searching skills to help find relevant information on the internet. • Learn how to use search engines effectively to find information, focussing on keyword searches and evaluating search returns.

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How to use data (Information Technology)	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
	- Understand that technology can be used to represent data in different ways: pictograms, tables, pie charts, bar charts, block graphs etc. - Collect and input data into a spreadsheet. - Interpret data from a spreadsheet. - Use representations to answer questions about data. - Use software to explore and create pictograms and branching databases.	- Understand the vocabulary associated with databases: field, record, data. - Learn about the pros and cons of digital versus paper databases. - Sort and filter databases to easily retrieve information. - Create and interpret charts and graphs to understand data. - Understand that data is used to forecast weather. - Record data in a spreadsheet independently. - Sort data in a spreadsheet to compare using the 'sort by...' option. - Design a device which gathers and records sensor data.	- Understand how data is collected in remote or dangerous places. - Understand how data might be used to tell us about a location. - Understand how barcodes, QR codes and RFID work. - Gather and analysing data in real time. - Create formulas and sorting data within spreadsheets.
About the wider use of technology (Information Technology)	- Recognise common uses of information technology, including beyond school. - Understand some of the ways we can use the internet. - Know how computers are used in the wider world.	- Understand the purpose of emails. - Recognise how social media platforms are used to interact. - Understand that software can be used collaboratively online to work as a team.	- Know about the Internet of Things and how it has led to 'big data'. - Know how 'big data' can be used to solve a problem or improve efficiency. - Know about different forms of communication that have developed with the use of technology.

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Digital Literacy	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
	• Log in and out and saving work on their own account. • When using the internet to search for images, know what to do if they come across something online that worries them or makes them feel uncomfortable. • Understand how to interact safely with others online. • Recognise how actions on the internet can affect others. • Recognise what a digital footprint is and how to be careful about what we post. • Know how to create a strong password. • Understand how to stay safe when talking to people online and what to do if they see or hear something online that makes them feel upset or uncomfortable. • Identify whether information is safe or unsafe to be shared online. • Know the importance of being respectful of others when sharing online and ask for their permission before sharing content. • Know strategies for checking if something they read online is true.	• Recognise that different information is shared online including facts, beliefs and opinions. • Know how to identify reliable information when searching online. • Know how to stay safe on social media. • Consider the impact technology can have on mood. • Know about cyberbullying. • Know that not all emails are genuine and recognise when an email might be fake and what to do about it. • Recognise that information on the internet might not be true or correct and that some sources are more trustworthy than others. • Know to make judgements about the accuracy of online searches. • Identify forms of advertising online. • Recognise what appropriate behaviour is when collaborating with others online. Reflect on the positives and negatives of time spent online. • Identify respectful and disrespectful online behaviour.	• Identify possible dangers online and learning how to stay safe. • Evaluate the pros and cons of online communication. • Recognise that information on the internet might not be true or correct and learning ways of checking validity. • Know what to do if they experience bullying online. • Know how to use an online community safely. • Use search engines safely and effectively. • Understanding the importance of secure passwords and how to create them. • Know about the positive and negative impacts of sharing online. • Know strategies to create a positive online reputation. • Know strategies to capture evidence of online bullying in order to seek help. • Recognise that updated software can help to prevent data corruption and hacking.

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Knowledge about how to Create Media	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
	• Understand that holding the camera still and considering angles and light are important to take good pictures. • Know that you can edit, crop and filter photographs. • Know how to search safely for images online. • Understand that an animation is made up of a sequence of photographs. • Know that small changes in my frames will create a smoother looking animation. • Understand what software creates simple animations and some of its features e.g. onion skinning.	• Know that different types of camera shots can make my photos or videos look more effective. • Know that I can edit photos and videos using film editing software. • Understand that I can add transitions and text to my video. • Know some of the features of web design software. • Know that a website is a collection of pages that are all connected. • Know that websites usually have a homepage and subpages as well as clickable links to new pages, called hyperlinks. • Know that websites should be informative and interactive.	• Know that sound clips can be recorded using sound recording software and that sound clips can be edited and trimmed. • Understand that stop motion animation is an animation filmed one frame at a time using models, and with tiny changes between each photograph. • Know that decomposition of an idea is important when creating stop-motion animations. • Know that editing is an important feature of making and improving a stop motion animation

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Knowledge about computer systems and networks	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
	• To know that "log in and log out" means to begin and end a connection with a computer. • To know that a computer and mouse can be used to click, drag, fill and select and also add backgrounds, text, layers, shapes and clip art. • To know that passwords are important for security. • To know that when we create something on a computer it can be more easily saved and shared than a paper version. • To know some of the simple graphic design features of a piece of online software. • To know the difference between a desktop and laptop computer. • To know that people control technology. • To know that buttons are a form of input that give a computer an instruction about what to do (output). • To know that computers often work together. • To know that touch typing is the fastest way to type. • To know that I can make text a different style, size and colour.	• To know what a tablet is and to understand that email stands for 'electronic mail.' • To know that an attachment is an extra file added to an email. • To understand that emails should contain appropriate and respectful content. • To know that cyberbullying is bullying using electronics such as a computer or phone. • To understand that software can be used collaboratively online to work as a team. • To know what type of comments and suggestions on a collaborative document can be helpful. • To know that you can use images, text, transitions and animation in presentations. • To know what a tablet is and how it is different from a laptop/desktop computer. • To understand what a network is and how a school network might be organised. • To know that a server is central to a network and responds to requests made. • To know how the internet uses networks to share files. • To know that a router connects us to the internet. • To know what a packet is and why it is important for website data transfer.	• To know the difference between ROM and RAM. • To understand the importance of having a secure password and what "brute force hacking" is. • To know that the first computers were created at Bletchley Park to crack the Enigma code to help the war effort in World War 2. • To know about some of the historical figures that contributed to technological advances in computing. • To understand what techniques are required to create a presentation using appropriate software. • 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 what copyright is.

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Knowledge about computer systems and networks (cont.)	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
	• To know that "copy and paste" is a quick way of duplicating text. • To know what a tablet is and to understand that email stands for 'electronic mail.' • To know that an attachment is an extra file added to an email. • To understand that emails should contain appropriate and respectful content. • To know that cyberbullying is bullying using electronics such as a computer or phone.	• To know the roles that inputs and outputs play. To know what some of the different components inside a computer are e.g. CPU, RAM, hard drive, and how they work together.	

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Knowledge about programming	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
	• To understand that an algorithm is when instructions are put in an exact order. • To know that input devices get information into a computer and that output devices get information out of a computer. • To understand that decomposition means breaking a problem into manageable chunks and that it is important in computing. • To know that we call errors in an algorithm 'bugs' and fixing these 'debugging'. • To know that coding is writing in a special language so that the computer understands what to do. • To understand that the character in ScratchJr is controlled by the programming blocks. • To know that you can write a program to create a musical instrument or tell a joke. • To understand the basic functions of a Bee-Bot. • To know that you can use a camera/tablet to make simple videos. • To know that algorithms move a bee-bot accurately to a chosen destination.	• To know that Scratch is a programming language and some of its basic functions. • To understand how to use loops to improve programming. • To understand how decomposition is used in programming. • To understand that you can remix and adapt existing code. • 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. • To know that combining computational thinking skills (sequence, abstraction, decomposition etc) can help you to solve a problem. • To understand that pattern recognition means identifying patterns to help them work out how the code works. • To understand that algorithms can be used for a number of purposes, e.g. animation, games design, etc.	• To know that a Micro:bit is a programmable device. • To know that Micro:bit uses a block coding language similar to Scratch. • To understand and recognise coding structures including variables. • To know what techniques to use to create a program for a specific purpose (including decomposition). • To know that there are text-based programming languages such as Logo and Python. • To know that nested loops are loops inside of loops. • To understand the use of random numbers and remix Python code. • To know that a soundtrack is music for a film/video and that one way of composing these is on programming software. • To understand that using loops can make the process of writing music simpler and more effective. • To know how to adapt their code while performing their music.

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Knowledge about programming (cont.)	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
	• To understand what machine learning is and how that enables computers to make predictions. • To know that loops in programming are where you set a certain instruction (or instructions) to be repeated multiple times. • To know that abstraction is the removing of unnecessary detail to help solve a problem		

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Knowledge about data handling	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
	• To know how that charts and pictograms can be created using a computer. • To understand that a branching database is a way of classifying a group of objects. • To know that computers understand different types of 'input'. • To understand that you can enter simple data into a spreadsheet. • To understand what steps you need to take to create an algorithm. • To know what data to use to answer certain questions. • To know that computers can be used to monitor supplies.	• To know that a database is a collection of data stored in a logical, structured and orderly manner. • To know that computer databases can be useful for sorting and filtering data. • To know that different visual representations of data can be made on a computer. • 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. This is called 'sensor data'. • To know that a weather machine is an automated machine that responds to sensor data. • To understand that weather forecasters use specific language, expression and pre-prepared scripts to help create weather forecast films.	• To know that Mars Rover is a motor vehicle that collects data from space by taking photos and examining samples of rock. • To know what numbers using binary code look like and be able to identify how messages can be sent in this format. • To understand that RAM is Random Access Memory and acts as the computer's working memory. • To know what simple operations can be used to calculate bit patterns. • To know that data contained within barcodes and QR codes can be used by computers. • 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 is stolen it is not useful to the thief. • To know that data can become corrupted within a network but this is less likely to happen if it is sent in 'packets'. • To know that devices that are not updated are most vulnerable to hackers.

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Knowledge about online safety	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
	- To know that the internet is many devices connected to one another. - To know that you should tell a trusted adult if you feel unsafe or worried online. - To know that people you do not know on the internet (online) are strangers and are not always who they say they are. - To know that to stay safe online it is important to keep personal information safe. - To know that 'sharing' online means giving something specific to someone else via the internet and 'posting' online means placing information on the internet. - To understand the difference between online and offline. - To understand what information I should not post online. - To know what the techniques are for creating a strong password. - To know that you should ask permission from others before sharing about them	- To know that not everything on the internet is true: people share facts, beliefs and opinions online. - To understand that the internet can affect your moods and feelings. - To know that privacy settings limit who can access your important personal information: information, such as your name, age, gender etc. - To know what social media is and that age restrictions apply. - To understand some of the methods used to encourage people to buy things online. - To understand that technology can be designed to act like or impersonate living things. - To understand that technology can be a distraction and identify when someone might need to limit the amount of time spent using technology.	- To know different ways we can communicate online. - To understand how online information can be used to form judgements. - To understand some ways to deal with online bullying. - To know that apps require permission to access private information and that you can alter the permissions. - To know where to go for support if they are being bullied online or feel that their health is being affected by time online. - To know that a 'digital footprint' means the information that exists on the internet as a result of a person's online activity. - To know what steps are required to capture bullying content as evidence. - To understand that it is important to manage personal passwords effectively. - To understand what it means to have a positive online reputation. - To know some common online scams.

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	online and that they have the right to say 'no.' • To understand that not everything I see or read online is true.	• To understand what behaviours are appropriate in order to stay safe and be respectful online.	
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