

Subject: Computing

Theale CE Primary School Subject Overview



Group	Year	Term	Topic Overview	Recommended Lesson Focus
FS2/Year 1	FS2	Autumn (1)	Children in Foundation Stage will recognize that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools. They select and use technology for particular purposes. For example:	L1 – Introduction to computers and digital technology L2 – What are computers
		Autumn (2)	Communication and Language – “Being Imaginative”. Using a variety of applications to create electronic artwork and stories. Reading – An introduction to online tools that require reading to properly understand. Create slideshows and receive emails. Writing – Writing on an electronic device using a keyboard or touchscreen.	L1 – Introduction to iPads and Purple Mash L2 – Create a picture in 2Paint L3 – Editing pictures in 2Paint L4 – (poss Christmas events/activities)
		Spring (3)	Exploring and using Media – Experiment with electronic tools for making music, paintings and 3D modeling. Life Skills – Using technology to learn more about healthy living and relationships.	L1 – What are instructions? Giving and following instructions. L2 – Instructions for direction (1) L3 – Instructions for direction (2)
		Spring (4)		L1 – Representing instructions with pictures L2 – Representing instructions with pictures (2) L3 – Consolidation
		Summer (5)		L1 – Introduction to Bee Bots L2 – Bee Bot exploration L3 – Bee Bot exploration
		Summer (6)		L1 – Planning an algorithm L2 – Coding and debugging an algorithm L3 – Coding an algorithm L4 – Consolidation
	Year 1	Autumn (1)	Online Safety – Why do we have usernames, passwords and avatars? How do they keep us safe? Understanding what makes a good username, avatar and password	L1 – Logging in / usernames and passwords L2 – Creating avatar / exploring Purple Mash L3 – TBC depending on no. of transition weeks
		Autumn (2)	Art and Design – Animated Story books: Exploring and creating e-books, comparing similarities and differences with traditional books	L1 – Create an e-book page L2 – Add background and animation L3 – Add sound and copy and paste L4 – Add to your e-book (poss Christmas events/activities)

		Spring (3)	Introduction to coding – Begin to understand how computers depend on specific instructions to function and create basic programmes.	L1 – Instructions L2 – Objects and Actions
		Spring (4)	Introduction to coding (cont...)	L1 – Events / When Code Executes L2 – Setting the Scene L3 – Using a Plan
		Summer (5)	Coding and computational thinking – Lego Builders: begin to think logically about scenarios. Children will be introduced to the term ‘algorithm’. This concept is at the core of coding.	L1 – Following Instructions L2 – Following and Creating Simple Instructions L3 – To consider how the order of instructions affects results
		Summer (6)	Data Handling – Pictograms: What is a pictogram? How can it be used to present and interpret data Introduction to Spreadsheets – Introduction to how spreadsheets use data and how to add images	L1 – Data in Pictures / Class Pictogram L2 – Recording Results L3 – Introduction to Spreadsheets L4 – Adding Images to Spreadsheet / Using the Image Toolbox
Year 2 L3	Year 2	Autumn (1)	Online Safety – searching the internet safely and understanding our “digital footprint”	L1 - SMART Rules - Discussion L2 - Email Safety and Screentime - Spam Emails L3 - Screentime and Digital Footprint
		Autumn (2)	Coding – writing code and debugging where needed	L1 – Algorithms L2 – Collision detection L3 – Properties and buttons L4 – Debugging (poss Christmas events/activities)
		Spring (3)	Spreadsheets – using spreadsheets to store data and the copy/paste tool	L1 – Copying and Pasting / Totalling tools L2 – Using a spreadsheet to add amounts L3 – Creating a table and block graph
		Spring (4)	Art and Design – Creating images: Exploring different styles of traditional art using electronic medium, e.g. pointilism, cubism	L1 – Introduction and Impressionism L2 – Pointillist Art / Piet Mondrian (combined lesson) L3 – William Morris and Pattern
		Summer (5)	Presenting Ideas – using a range of tools to explore non-fiction and fiction topics	L1 – Presenting a Story Three Ways L2 – Presenting Ideas as a Quiz L3 – Making a Non-Fiction Fact File
		Summer (6)	Data Handling – Asking questions and creating branching data bases	L1 – Using and Creating Pictograms L2 – Asking Yes or No Questions / Binary Trees (combined lesson) L3 – Using 2Question - a ComputerBased Binary Tree Program L4 – Using 2Investigate: a NonBinary Database.

	Year 3	Autumn (1)	Online Safety – What are PEGI ratings? Why do we have them? Digital foot prints and using digital media – what happens to things we post online? How can we keep ourselves safe?	L1 - SMART Rules - Discussion and Poster L2 - Trusted Sources L3 - PEGI and BBFC ratings
	Autumn (2)	Coding – introduction to repeating “loops”, including variables and the “if” command	L1 – Flowcharts L2 – Timers and repeat L3 – Code, test and debug L4 – Interactive scene (poss Christmas events/activities)	
	Spring (3)	Spreadsheets – using coordinates to navigate spreadsheets and creating bar charts	L1 – Creating Pie Charts and Bar Graphs L2 – Using more than and Spin Button Tools	
	Spring (4)	Branching Databases – learning how to organize and sort information by creating a database	L1 – Introducing Databases L2 – Branching Databases L3 – Creating a branching database on the computer	
	Summer (5)	email – writing and sending emails to specific addresses, including attachments when appropriate	L1 – Communication / Composing Emails L2 – Using Email Safely: Part 1 & 2 L3 – Attachments	
	Summer (6)	Simulations – understanding how computers allow us to explore dangerous or difficult situations in safety	L1 – What Are Simulations? L2 – Exploring a Simulation L3 – Analysing and Evaluating a Simulation L4 – (production week)	
Year 4 & 5	Year 4	Autumn (1)	Online Safety – consider the risks and benefits of computer use, including as part of a healthy lifestyle	L1 – Online safety / SMART / screentime L2 – Plagiarism L3 – TBC depending on no. of transition weeks
	Autumn (2)	Coding – LOGO: Using repeat loops and variable to create shapes and mathematical patterns	L1 – IF statements L2 – Co-ordinates L3 – Repeat and number variables L4 – Make a game (poss Christmas events/activities)	
	Spring (3)	Spreadsheets – planning and budgeting for an event (imaginary or other)	L1 – Formula Wizard and Formatting Cells L2 – Using a Spreadsheet for Budgeting	
	Spring (4)	Effective searching and Computer Hardware – Review how to use search engines effectively. Learn the different parts that make up a computer	L1 – Effective searching for information (use a set of questions that link to history topic) L2 – Use Search Effectively to Answer Questions L3 – Reliable Information Sources	

		Summer (5)	Animation – Creating ‘stop motion’ animations	L1 – Animating an Object L2 – 2Animate Tools L3 – Stop Motion Animation
		Summer (6)	Making music – Compose a piece of music using digital software	L1 – Understanding Music L2 – Rhythm and Tempo / Melody and Pitch L3 – Creating Music L4 – (production)
	Year 5	Autumn (1)	Online Safety – Understanding the importance of being safe online, including personal data and sharing concerns about things online, downloading software and apps, the need for being healthy	L1 – Online safety / SMART L2 – Age certificates and password importance L3 – Citing Sources / Reliability
		Autumn (2)	Coding – designing and creating games that make use of timers and variables	L1 – Simplifying code L2 – Decomposition and abstraction L3 – Friction and function L4 – Strings (poss Christmas events/activities)
		Spring (3)	Spreadsheets – writing formulae to resolve age-appropriate mathematical problems (e.g. calculate area of triangles)	L1 – Conversion of measurements L2 – The count tool (consider doing lesson 3 in Spring 2 and only doing 2 database lessons)
		Spring (4)	Data Handling – Exploring and creating databases	L1 – Searching a Database L2 – Creating a Class Database L3 – Creating a Topic Database
		Summer (5)	Writing and Presenting – Choosing appropriate fonts, styles and layouts for different text types	L1 – Word Processing (fonts, styles and images) L2 – Word Processing (templates and tables) L3 – Google Slides (not on PM but would be great to do)
		Summer (6)	3D Modeling – understanding the real-world applications and different stages of 3D computer design	L1 – Introducing 2Design and Make / Moving Points L2 – Designing for a Purpose L3 – Printing and Making L4 – (production)
Year 6	Year 6	Autumn (1)	Online Safety – understanding the risks and benefits of social media and the potential harms of excessive screen time.	L1 – Online Safety L2 – Review SMART / safety game L3 – TBC depending on no. of transition weeks
		Autumn (2)	Coding – Writing and debugging code to include sequencing, repetition and variable dependent algorithms.	L1 – Complex programme – timer / score / variables L2 – Functions L3 – Flowcharts and debugging L4 – User input (poss Christmas events/activities)

	<i>Spring (3)</i>	<i>Spreadsheets – Using formulae to explore real life situations and solve mathematical problems</i>	<i>L1 – Creating a Computational Model (discount formula) L2 – Use a Spreadsheet to Plan Pocket Money Spending</i>
	<i>Spring (4)</i>	<i>Networks – Understanding what a network is and why they are important; recognizing the internet as a global network</i>	<i>L1 – The World Wide Web and the Internet L2 – Our School Network and Accessing the Internet L3 – Research (PiTop/Micro:bit)</i>
	<i>Summer (5)</i>	<i>Binary – investigating number systems other than base 10; understanding simple binary and its significance in computing</i>	<i>L1 – What is Binary? L2 – Counting in Binary L3 – Game States using Binary</i>
	<i>Summer (6)</i>	<i>Text adventures – Design and make a choose-your-own-adventure game using hyperlinks</i>	<i>L1 – What Is a Text Adventure? Planning a Story Adventure L2 – Making a Story-based Adventure Game L3 – Coding Comprehension of Text Adventure Game L4 – (production)</i>