St Margaret's CE Primary School
Computing: Progression of Skills (from Kapow Primary)

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Computer Science: Hardware	• Learning how to explore and tinker with hardware to find out how it works • 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	• 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 it to do via its output. • Using greater control when taking photos with tablets or computers • Developing confidence with the keyboard and the basics of touch typing	• Understanding what the different components of a computer do and how they work together • Drawing comparisons across different types of computers • Learning what a server does	• Learning about the purpose of routers	• Learning that external devices can be programmed by a separate computer • Learning the difference between ROM and RAM • Recognising how the size of RAM affects the processing of data • Understanding the fetch, decode, execute cycle	• Learning about the history of computers and how they have evolved over time • Using the understanding of historic computers to design a computer of the future • Learning how barcodes, QR codes and RFID work • Learning about some of the methods which cause data corruption

Computer Science: Networks and Data Representation			• 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	• Consolidating understanding of the key components of a network • 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 opportunities for communication and collaboration	• Learning the vocabulary associated with data: data and transmit • 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 • 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	• Understanding that computer networks provide multiple services

Computer Science: Computational Thinking	• Learning that decomposition means breaking a problem down into smaller parts • 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 instructions used to carry out a task, in a specific order • Follow a basic set of instructions • Assembling instructions into a simple algorithm	• Articulating what decomposition is • 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 • 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	• Using decomposition to explain the parts of a laptop computer • Using decomposition to explore the code behind an animation • Using repetition in programs • Understanding that computers follow instructions • Using an algorithm to explain the roles of different parts of a computer • Using logical reasoning to explain how simple algorithms work • Explaining the purpose of an algorithm • Forming algorithms independently	• Solving unplugged problems by decomposing them into smaller parts • Using decomposition to understand the purpose of a script of code • Using decomposition to help solve problems • Identifying patterns through unplugged activities • 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	• 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	• Decomposing a program into an algorithm • Using past experiences to help solve new problems • Writing increasingly complex algorithms for a purpose

Computer Science: Programming	• Programming a Bee-bot/Blue-bot to follow a planned route • Learning to debug instructions when things go wrong • Developing a how-to video to explain how the Vee-bot/ Blue-bot works. • Learning to debug an algorithm in an unplugged scenario	• Using logical thinking to explore software, predicting, testing and explaining what it does • Using an algorithm to write a basic computer program • Learning what loops are • Incorporating loops to make code more efficient	• Using logical thinking to explore more complex software; predicting, testing and explaining what it does • Incorporating loops 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	• Understanding that websites can be altered by exploring the code beneath the site • Coding a simple game • Using abstraction and pattern recognition to modify code	• Programming an animation • Iterating and developing their programming as they work • Beginning to use nested loops (loops within loops) • 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	• Debugging quickly and effectively to make a program more efficient • Remixing existing code to explore a problem • Using and adapting nested loops • 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
Information Technology: Using Software	• Using a basic range of tools within graphic editing software • Taking and editing photographs • Understanding how to create digital art using an online paint tool	• Developing word processing skills, including altering text, copying and pasting and using keyboard shortcuts • Using word processing software to type and reformat text	• Taking photographs and recording video to tell a story. • Using software to edit and enhance their video adding music, sounds and text on screen with transitions	• Building a web page and creating content for it • Designing and creating a webpage for a given purpose • Use Google online software for documents, presentations, forms and spreadsheets.	• Using logical thinking to explore software more independently, making predictions based on their previous experience • Using software programme Sonic Pi to create music • Using the	• Using logical thinking to explore software independently, iterating ideas and testing continuously • Using search and word processing skills to create a presentation • Planning, recording

	• Developing control of the mouse through dragging, clicking and resizing of images to create different effects • Developing understanding of different software tools	• Using software to create story animations • Creating and labelling images		• Work collaboratively with others	animation software: Stop Motion to create video animation • Identify ways to improve and edit final products • Independently learning how to use 3D design software package TinkerCAD	and editing a radio play • 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
Information Technology: Using Email and the Internet	• Searching and downloading images from the internet safely		• 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		• Developing searching skills to help find relevant information on the internet • Learning how to use search engines effectively to find information, focussing on keyword searches and evaluating search returns	• Understanding how search engines work

Information Technology: Using Data	• 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	• Collecting and inputting data into a spreadsheet • Interpreting data	• 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 • Creating and interpreting charts and graphs to understand data	• Designing a weather station which gathers and records sensor data	• Understanding how data is collected	• Understanding how barcodes, QR codes and RFID work • Gathering and analysing data in real time • Creating formulas and sorting data within spreadsheets
Information Technology: Wider use of Technology	• Recognising common uses of information technology, including beyond school • Recognising uses of technology beyond school	• Learning how computers are used in the wider world	• Understanding the purpose of emails.	• Understanding that software can be used collaboratively online to work as a team	• Learning what a search engine is	• 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	• Logging in and out and saving work on their own account • Understand the importance of a password • When using the internet to search	• Understanding how to stay safe when talking to people online. Not sharing personal information and what to do if they see or hear something online	• Learning to be a responsible digital citizen; understanding their responsibilities to treat others respectfully and recognising when digital behaviour is	• Recognising what appropriate behaviour is when collaborating with others online • Recognising that information on the Internet might not be true or correct	• Identifying possible dangers online and learning how to stay safe. • Creating an animation about digital safety • Recognising that information on the	• Understanding the importance of secure passwords and how to create them • Using search engines safely and effectively • Recognising that

	for images, learning what to do if they come across something online that worries them or makes them feel uncomfortable	that makes them feel upset or uncomfortable	unkind • Learning about cyberbullying • Learning that not all emails are genuine, recognising when an email might be fake and what to do about it	and that some sources are more trustworthy than others	Internet might not be true or correct and learning ways of checking validity • Learning to use an online community safely	updated software can help to prevent data corruption and hacking