



Sheffield SEND Computing Progression Framework



This progression framework has been created to accompany the [Sheffield SEND Computing Scheme of Work](#), to indicate the progression of skills and knowledge in the computing curriculum for learners working below National Curriculum level. It uses the P scales as a point of reference. For students working at national curriculum levels, please see the [Sheffield Primary Computing Progression Framework](#).

The following documents show a general overview of progression in the 4 strands of the scheme of work, plus the online safety and digital literacy themes that are embedded across the scheme.

Strand 1	Key Skills: What is a Computer?
Strand 2	Communication: Multimedia
Strand 3	Communication: Data
Strand 4	Programming & Algorithms
Online Safety & Digital Literacy	

The statements reference the [Revised P Scales for Computing](#) by Elliott, Galloway, Medhurst & Paveley – an attempt by educators across the country to create a set of P Scales statements that better reflect the Computing programs of study.

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1. WHAT IS A COMPUTER?

Explore technology

Use different digital devices, e.g. computer, camera, tablet

Access content using an appropriate access device

2. COMMUNICATION: MULTIMEDIA

Access a range of multimedia content

Demonstrate a preference for a piece of content from a selection

Use technology to explore digital content

Create very simple digital content, e.g. make marks in an art package

3. COMMUNICATION: DATA

Access content in a range of formats, e.g. image, video, audio

Identify objects of a single category e.g. colour

Indicate 1 or lots of an object represented in a digital resource

4. PROGRAMMING & ALGORITHMS

Make something happen using technology

Expect an outcome from an action when using technology

Repeat an action to trigger a specific outcome

5. ONLINE SAFETY & DIGITAL LITERACY

Access digital content online, e.g. images, video, music

1. WHAT IS A COMPUTER?

Access content using an appropriate access device

Recognise different digital devices, e.g. computer, camera, tablet

Recognise that different devices are used for different purposes, e.g. camera to take photo

Choose appropriate technology from a limited selection to fulfil a familiar task, e.g. to watch video.

2. COMMUNICATION: MULTIMEDIA

Create simple digital content e.g. digital art

Operate a digital device with support to fulfil a task, e.g. take a photograph

Know that you can control multimedia content, e.g. play and stop video and audio

Choose media from a selection for a given purpose

3. COMMUNICATION: DATA

Sort familiar objects into 2 given categories

Count up to 3 objects represented in a digital resource

4. PROGRAMMING & ALGORITHMS

Control technology for a purpose e.g. move a remote control car to a destination

Recognise the success or failure of an action when using technology

Follow an instruction to control a device

5. ONLINE SAFETY & DIGITAL LITERACY

Choose content to watch or listen to on a familiar web page

1. WHAT IS A COMPUTER?

Recognise that you can access content on a digital device

Use a mouse, touchscreen or appropriate access device to target and select options on screen

Recognise and use a range of digital devices

Recognise commonly used parts of a computer, e.g. mouse, screen, keyboard

2. COMMUNICATION: MULTIMEDIA

Choose media from a selection to convey information, e.g. image for a poster

Operate a digital device independently to fulfil a task

Select basic options in a familiar application, e.g. colour of pen

3. COMMUNICATION: DATA

Recognise content in a range of formats e.g. text, image, video, audio

Sort familiar objects into 2 or more categories

Answer basic questions about information displayed in images e.g. more or less

4. PROGRAMMING & ALGORITHMS

Follow simple instructions to control a digital device

Recognise that we control computers

Identify the steps of a known task

5. ONLINE SAFETY & DIGITAL LITERACY

Know that some online content is inappropriate

Know that some information is private

1. WHAT IS A COMPUTER?

Recognise the basic parts of a computer, e.g. mouse, screen, keyboard

Recognise basic parts of a keyboard, e.g. spacebar, numbers and letters (if used)

Know that you can access the same content on different devices

Recognise that information and media can be stored on a digital device, e.g. they ask to view a photo that has been taken on a tablet

2. COMMUNICATION: MULTIMEDIA

Select basic options in a familiar application to change appearance of media, e.g. font size, pen style.

Choose a digital device from a selection to complete a specific task

Present information using appropriate software with support

3. COMMUNICATION: DATA

Identify text, image, video and audio content

Collect simple data (e.g. likes/dislikes) on a topic

Present simple data using images, e.g. number of animals poster

4. PROGRAMMING & ALGORITHMS

Try alternative approaches to achieve a goal when using technology

Input a short sequence of instructions to control a device e.g. Bee-Bot

Recognise that we control computers by giving them instructions

Order two or three steps of a known task

5. ONLINE SAFETY & DIGITAL LITERACY

Recognise inappropriate content and know to tell an appropriate adult

Can describe what makes a good friend

Know that some information is private and we shouldn't share it with everyone