



Sheffield Primary Computing Progression Framework - Teach Computing Curriculum -



This framework is mapped to the progression of units in the Teach Computing Curriculum from the National Centre for Computing Education: <https://teachcomputing.org/curriculum>.

Statements starting with - indicate declarative knowledge

Statements starting with > indicate procedural knowledge

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Foundation (NB above and beyond Early Learning Goals – can be used to assess pupils working below age expectations in KS1)

Computing Systems & Networks / Key Skills

- > Use different digital devices.
- 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 a selection of digital devices.
- Recognise and begin to name the basic parts of a computer, e.g. mouse, screen, keyboard
- Select a digital device to fulfil a specific task, e.g. to take a photo.
- Are aware that some online content is inappropriate.
- Are aware that information can be public or private.
- Know to tell an appropriate adult if they see something on the computer that upsets them.

Creating Media

- > Use technology to explore and access digital content.
- > Operate a digital device with support to fulfil a task.
- > Create simple digital content, e.g. digital art.
- > Choose media to convey information, e.g. image for a poster.

Data & Information

- > Access content in a range of formats, e.g. image, video, audio.
- > Answer basic questions about information displayed in images e.g. more or less.

Programming

- > Explore technology.
- > Repeat an action with technology to trigger a specific outcome.
- Recognise the success or failure of an action.
- > Follow simple instructions to control a digital device.
- Recognise that we control computers.
- > Input a short sequence of instructions to control a device.

Year 1

Computing Systems & Networks / Key Skills

- Explain that technology is something that helps us
- Recognise a range of digital devices.
- Name a range of digital devices, e.g. laptop, phone, games console.
- > Log on to the school computer / unlock the school tablet with support.
- Identify the main parts of a computer, e.g. mouse, keyboard, screen.
- > Use a suitable access device (mouse, keyboard, touchscreen) to control an activity on a computer.
- > Open key applications independently.
- > Save and open files with support.
- > Use the keyboard to type and edit text.
- Explain why we use passwords.
- Identify rules to keep safe and healthy when using technology
- Know who to tell if concerned about content or contact online.
- Talk about their use of technology at home.

Creating Media

- > Create simple digital content, e.g. digital art.
- > Select basic tools/options to change the appearance of digital content, e.g. filter on an image / font / size of paintbrush.
- Recognise that you can edit digital content to change its appearance.
- > Choose appropriate tools to change the appearance of digital content for a purpose
- Recognise the difference between creating content on a computer and on paper.
- Recognise that digital content belongs to the person who created it.

Data & Information

- > Identify an appropriate label for a group of objects.
- Recognise that we can label and group objects according to their properties.
- Recognise that computers require input from humans to perform tasks.
- > Group similar objects according to a given property.
- Make choices about how to group objects.
- > Answer questions about groups of objects.
- Recognise examples of personal information e.g. name, image.

Programming

- Recognise that we control computers by giving them instructions.
- > Input a simple program e.g. to control a floor robot.
- > Predict the outcome of a simple algorithm or program.
- > Plan out a simple program to control a floor robot or sprite on a screen.
- > Debug an error in a simple algorithm or program.
- > Create a simple algorithm.
- Recognise that an algorithm is a precise set of ordered instructions which can be turned into code.
- Explain that we can use algorithms to plan out our programs.
- > Make decisions about the design of a program.

Year 2

Computing Systems & Networks / Key Skills

- Recognise examples of information technology.
- Recognise that a range of digital devices contain computers, e.g. phone, games console, smart speaker.
- Explain what the basic parts of a computer are used for e.g. mouse, keyboard
- > Open key applications independently.
- > Save and open files to/from a given folder.
- > Move and resize an image in a document.
- Explain that information technology is a computer or something that works with a computer.
- Talk about uses of information technology in the real world.
- Remember a simple password to log onto the computer or a website.
- Identify rules for acceptable use of technology in school.

Creating Media

- > Create simple digital content for a purpose, e.g. digital music.
- Recognise that we can use technology in different ways, e.g. to make music or take and view photographs.
- > Apply edits to digital content to achieve a particular effect, e.g. add a filter to a photo.
- > Present ideas and information by combining media, e.g. text and images.
- Explain how content has been improved.
- Describe the features of a good piece of content, e.g. a photo.
- Recognise that we can use different types of media to convey information, e.g. text, image, audio, video.
- Recognise what personal information is and the need to keep it private.
- Recognise that images can be changed.

Data & Information

- Recognise different forms of digital content, i.e. text, image, video and audio.
- > Collect simple data (e.g. likes/dislikes) on a topic.
- > Present simple data using images, e.g. number of animals.
- Recognise charts and pictograms and why we use them.
- > Explain information shown in a simple chart or pictogram.
- > Modify simple charts or pictograms, e.g. add title, item or labels.
- Identify the key features of a chart or pictogram.
- > Collect data on a topic (eye colour, pets etc.) and present in a pictogram or chart.

Programming

- Explain that computers have no intelligence and we have to program them to do things.
- > Create a program with multiple steps e.g. to control a floor robot.
- > Predict the outcome of an algorithm or program with multiple steps.
- > Identify and correct errors in a given algorithm or program, and recognise the term debugging.
- Recognise that there may be more than one solution to a problem.
- Recognise that the order of instructions in a sequence is important.
- Explain what an algorithm is, and that when inputted on a computer it is called a program.
- > Plan out a program by creating an algorithm and evaluate its success.

Year 3

Computing Systems & Networks / Key Skills

- Describe what a computer is (input > process > output).
- Explain the difference between input and output devices on a computer.
- Know where to save and open files (e.g. in shared folder).
- > Save files with appropriate names.
- > Use a keyboard effectively to type in text.
- > Use left-, right- and double-click on the mouse.
- > Use a search engine to find simple information.
- Recognise that school computers are connected.
- Identify the parts of a network, including switch, server and wireless access point.
- Explain why we need to keep our password safe

Creating Media

- > Present ideas and information by combining media independently, e.g. text and images.
- > Design and create simple digital content for a purpose/audience, e.g. poster.
- > Edit digital content to improve it, e.g. resize text.
- Identify the features of a good piece of digital content.
- Explain why we use technology to create digital content.
- Identify use of desktop publishing in the real world.
- Recognise why we use different types of media to convey information, e.g. text, image, audio, video.
- Recognise that digital content belongs to the person who first created it, but we can give permission for others to use it.

Data & Information

- > Identify suitable attributes to separate objects into groups.
- Recognise charts, pictograms and branching databases, and why we use them.
- > Identify an object using a branching database
- > Recognise an error in a branching database.
- > Create a branching database using pre-prepared images and questions
- Identify the features of a good question in a branching database.
- > Independently plan out and create a branching database.
- > Evaluate a given branching database and suggest improvements.
- Compare different ways of presenting data.
- Recognise when to share personal information and when not to.

Programming

- > Predict the outcome of a block or text-based program (Scratch/Logo).
- > Successfully modify an existing program, e.g. change background, number of times things happen.
- Explain what a sequence is.
- Recognise that different inputs (events) can be used to start a program.
- > Create a program using a range of events/inputs to control what happens
- > Identify errors in a block or text-based program and correct them.
- Recognise that we can create an algorithm to help plan out a program.
- Recognise that we need to test out programs to check that they work.
- > Make choices about the design of a program and implement them,

Year 4

Computing Systems & Networks / Key Skills

- Recognise that you can organise files using folders.
- > Know how to copy and paste text or images in a document.
- > Use a search engine to find specific information.
- Describe the different parts of a network.
- Recognise that the Internet is a network of computers and other digital devices connected together all around the world.
- Know that you use a web browser to access information stored on the internet.
- Recognise that the World Wide Web is the part of the internet that contains websites and web pages.
- Recognise that websites are created by people.
- Recognise what kinds of websites are trustworthy sources of information.
- > Remember and use an individual password.

Creating Media

- > Plan out and create digital content for a specific purpose, e.g. podcast.
- > Edit digital content to improve it according to feedback.
- Identify the features of a good piece of digital content and apply these in own design.
- Explain the benefits of using technology to present information.
- Know where to find copyright-free content, e.g. creative commons images.
- > Combine digital media for a purpose, e.g. layer up recorded audio and music, add text to images.
- Explain that an image can be altered and what this might mean for the images they see around them.
- Recognise that the media can portray groups of people differently.

Data & Information

- > Draw conclusions from information stored in a database, chart or table.
- Recognise that we can use computers to collect data over time.
- Recognise that sensors are used to capture data from the real world.
- > Choose a question and collect data to answer it..
- > Choose appropriate formats to present data in order to convey information.
- Explain the benefits of using a data logger.

Programming

- > Identify repeated steps in a program or algorithm.
- > Create examples of algorithms containing count-controlled loops.
- > Use a count-controlled loop (e.g. repeat 3 times) to make a program more efficient.
- Recognise a forever loop in a program or algorithm.
- > Use a forever loop in a program to keep something happening.
- Recognise that we can decompose projects to make them easier to plan and debug.
- Explain when to use forever loops and count-controlled loops, and use them effectively in programs.
- Recognise common mistakes in programs and how to correct them.
- > Design, implement code, test and debug a program.



Year 5

Computing Systems & Networks / Key Skills

- > Type using fingers on both hands.
- > Use common keyboard shortcuts, e.g. ctrl C (copy), ctrl V (paste).
- Explain what makes a strong password.
- > Use folders to organise files.
- Recognise the elements of a computer system
- Recognise that there is more than one search engine, and they may produce different results.
- > Use a search engine effectively to find information and images.
- Recognise how search engines select results.
- Explain the factors that affect how webpages are ranked by search engines.
- Critically evaluate websites for reliability of information.
- > Demonstrate responsible use of an online services and know a range of ways to report concerns.

Creating Media

- Identify and use appropriate hardware and software to fulfil a specific task.
- > Consider the audience when designing and creating digital content.
- > Combine media and effects effectively to create complex digital artefacts.
- Identify success criteria for creating digital content for a given purpose and audience.
- > Evaluate their own content against success criteria and make improvements accordingly.
- Know where to find copyright free images and audio, and why this is important.

Data & Information

- Recognise charts, pictograms and databases, and why we use them.
- > Present information using a suitable chart
- > Explore a record card database to find out information.
- Name the key parts of a database, e.g. record, field, search.
- > Answer questions about information stored in a database.
- > Use advanced search techniques in a database to find out specific information.
- Name some benefits of using a computer to create charts and databases.
- > Use a database to find out specific information and present findings.

Programming

- Recognise a range of input and output devices in a physical system, including sensors.
- Recognise selection in a program or algorithm.
- > Use simple selection in algorithms and programs to change what happens depending on if a condition is met, e.g. *if...then...*
- > Design a program for a purpose. Decompose into parts and create an algorithm for each part.
- Explain why we use selection, and use two-way selection in programs and algorithms, i.e. *if...then...else...*
- Recognise that different solutions may exist for the same problem.
- > Predict what will happen in a program or algorithm when the input changes (e.g. sensor, data or event).
- > Evaluate a program and make improvements accordingly.

Year 6

Computing Systems & Networks / Key Skills

- > Type efficiently using both hands.
- > Organise files effectively using folders and files names.
- > Use the advanced search tools when using a search engine to find specific information and images.
- Explain the basic function of an operating system.
- Recognise how data is transferred across the Internet in packets.
- Identify different ways of communicating and sharing information online.
- Explain that devices connected to the Internet have unique addresses called IP addresses.
- Explain what makes a strong password and why this is important at school and in the wider world.
- Explain how algorithms are used to track online activities with a view to targeting advertising and information.
- Recognise that communication on the Internet may not be private.

Creating Media

- > Select, combine and remix a range of media to create original content.
- Recognise the benefits of using a computer to create 3D designs.
- > Consider all steps of the design process when creating content (e.g. identify problem, plan, create, evaluate, share.)
- Identify the most effective tools to present information for a specific purpose.
- Explain the benefits of using technology to collaborate with others.
- Recognise common features of web pages.
- > Evaluate existing digital content in terms of effectiveness, design and user experience.
- Know where to find copyright free images and audio, and how to credit the creator if required.

Data & Information

- Recognise what a spreadsheet is and what it is used for.
- > Use simple formulae in a spreadsheet to find out information from a set of data.
- Recognise different data types (e.g numbers, words) and why this is important.
- > Collect data for a purpose and plan out a spreadsheet to present it effectively, using relevant formulae.
- > Produce graphs from data in a spreadsheet to answer a question.
- > Analyse and evaluate data and information in a spreadsheet, chart or database.
- Recognise that poor quality data leads to unreliable results.

Programming

- Recognise variables in a program and what they do.
- > Create and use simple variables, e.g. to keep score.
- Explain why we use variables in programs.
- Recognise that a variable has a name and a value.
- Explain common errors in programs and how to fix them.
- > Design and program a physical computing system that uses sensors.
- > Plan out a program in detail, including task, algorithm, code and execution level.
- Name a range of sensors in physical systems.
- Recognise key concepts (sequence, selection, repetition and variables) in a range of languages and contexts, and how these influence the flow of a program.