



Teaching Guide.

F1 Recycled Racers

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Introduction

In this workshop, students will learn how to create a balloon powered recycled racer and race it in their own class F1 race. To help them keep track of the winner of their races, they will also learn about different types of data and how to use a table to store it. Students will also learn about how to use a spreadsheet to store and manipulate data. This workshop uses recycled materials. You might like to arrange for learners to bring the recycled materials that they will need for this workshop from home. For more details, see the resources section.













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Learning Outcomes

- 1. Follow an algorithm written in sequence
- 2. Identify how energy is transferred to a car
- 3. Draw a picture to represent inputs and outputs
- 4. Use a table to present information
- 5. Choose the correct order of instructions to solve a problem
- 6. Name the parts of spreadsheet
- 7. Use a cell reference to identify a cell
- 8. Identify examples of text and number data types
- 9. Define the meaning of text and number data types
- 10. Label the parts of a table
- 11. Identify inputs as a result of outputs
- 12. Use logic to predict what will happen when air is blown into a balloon powered car
- 13. Draw lines to show how an electric circuit is wired together
- 14. Identify examples of text and number data types from a range of examples
- 15. Draw a sequence of graphical instructions to solve a problem
- 16. Collect data and display it in a table
- 17. Evaluate what will happen when air is blown into a balloon powered car
- 18. Write their own examples of text and number data types



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Files/Resources

U = Unplugged activity, B = Beginner activity, I = Intermediate activity, A = Advanced activity

Please note: Unless otherwise stated, resources are required per student / per pair.

| Filename / Resource | Resource Type | Purpose/Description | Activity No |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Pen or pencil | Classroom resource | Completing activities | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| Coloured | Classroom | | 2, 3, 4 |
| pens, pencils | resource | Completing activities | |
| or crayons | | | |
| DSH-Teaching- | Teaching | | All activities |
| Presentation- | presentation | | |
| F1-Recyled- | | Introducing activities | |
| Racers | | | |
| DSH- | Worksheets | | 2, 5, 6, 7, 10 |
| worksheets- | | Completing | |
| F1-Recycled- | | unplugged activities | |
| Racers | | | |
| DSH-reference | Instructions | | 1 |
| sheet-balloon | | Instructions to create | |
| powered car | | recycled racer | |
| instructions | | | |
| 4 plastic bottle | Classroom | Creating recycled | 1 |
| tops | resource | racer | |
| 1 750ml plastic | Classroom | Creating recycled | 1 |
| bottle | resource | racer | |
| 2 straws | Classroom | Creating recycled | 1 |
| 2 3010103 | resource | racer | |
| 1 balloon | Classroom | Creating recycled | 1 |
| | resource | racer | |
| 2 bamboo | Classroom | Creating recycled | 1 |
| skewers | resource | racer | |



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| Ruler | Classroom | Creating recycled | 1 |
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| Kuler | resource | racer | |
| Stickytano | Classroom | Creating recycled | 1 |
| Sticky tape | resource | racer | |
| Pair of scissors | Classroom | Creating recycled | 1 |
| | resource | racer | |
| Get started - | Spreadsheet | Conversion for the sector of the sector | 10, 12 |
| Recycled | file | Spreadsheet for | |
| racers | | recording race results | |
| Mini | Classroom | | 11 |
| whiteboard | resource | Required for | |
| and pen or | | recording race results | |
| scrap paper | | | |
| PC or laptop | Hardware | Required for creating | 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 |
| | | spreadsheet | |
| Spreadsheet | Software | | 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 |
| software e.g., | | Dequired for exection | |
| Microsoft | | Required for creating | |
| Excel or | | spreadsheet | |
| Google Sheets | | | |

PLEASE NOTE: The activities outlined in this workshop pack are a suggested outline of how the workshop can be delivered. It is envisaged that teachers will adapt the resources and the organisation of them according to the needs of their class.







Session Overview

Session1: If students are not going to punch the holes in the bottle tops to make wheels for themselves, complete this task prior to the session.

Session 4: Save the Get started - Recycled racers file in a location that your students can access (or if your students are more able, they can start with a blank spreadsheet).

Use your masking tape to mark out start and end lines for each student group to use for their race. It is recommended that you have a race area for each group as this will reduce the time it will take to run the race segment of the lesson.

U = Unplugged activity

SESSION 1

| Activity No | Session Content / Activity | Resources Used |
|-------------|---|--|
| | Introduce the LOs for the session to your students and then read the class the About recycled racers section. Explain to your students that they will be building cars from recycled materials to take part in a race and that they will learn how to represent the information about who wins the race on their computer. | DSH-Teaching-Presentation-F1-Recyled-Racers slides 1 – 7 |
| | Read your students the fun fact about Bertone's car that runs on recycled plastic. | |

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| | Invite your students to follow the instructions in DSH- | DSH-Teaching-Presentation-F1-Recyled-Racers slide 8 |
|-------------|--|--|
| U1 | reference sheet-balloon powered car instructions to build | DSH-reference sheet-balloon powered car instructions Per student (or pair of students): |
| | Remind your students to take care while using scissors and to use their ruler to measure their parts accurately. | 4 plastic bottle tops |
| | | 1 750ml plastic bottle |
| | Move around the room and help where required. | 2 straws |
| | Give your students some time to test their cars and make sure that they understand how to make them move. | 1 balloon |
| | | 2 bamboo skewers |
| | | Sticky tape |
| | | Pair of scissors |
| | | Ruler |
| U2 | Students should decorate their cars to make them look different to the rest of their classes. Cars can be decorated using coloured pens, pencils or crayons and paper. Adding anything heavy to the cars should be avoided as this will make the cars harder to move. Remind students to make sure that they can still blow into the straw to inflate the balloon. | DSH-Teaching-Presentation-F1-Recyled-Racers slide 9 |
| Check-point | Invite your students to use the letter at the beginning of each instruction to write the correct order that the | DSH-Teaching-Presentation-F1-Recyled-Racers slide 10 |
| | | |





| | instructions should be in to make the balloon powered car move. | DSH-worksheets-F1-Recycled-Racers slide 2 (printed 1 per car) |
|-------------|---|---|
| | Answer: | |
| | С, В, А | |
| SESSION 2 | | |
| Activity No | Session Content / Activity | Resources Used |
| | Introduce the LOs for the session to your students. | DSH-Teaching-Presentation-F1-Recyled-Racers slides 17 – 18 |
| | Tell your students that a table is used to show information in a way that makes it easier for people to read and understand. Show your students slide showing the parts of a table. Explain that a table is a grid of columns and rows while pointing to the example. State that the little rectangles make up the grid are called cells. Spend some time pointing to the different parts of the table and asking your students to call out the name of that part. | DSH-Teaching-Presentation-F1-Recyled-Racers slides 19 |
| U5 | Recap that last session your students created a recycled race car that used a balloon to make the car move. Alternatively, | DSH-Teaching-Presentation-F1-Recyled-Racers slide 20 |







you can ask your students to recap the session for you. Explain that Mia would like some help to find out what parts she will need so she can build Beau's race car too. Point to the table in the workbook and show your students how Mia has written the names of the parts that she needs to make a balloon powered racer in the table.

Ask your students if they can see anything missing from the table. They should be able to tell you that Mia has forgotten to write down how many she needs of each part. Ask your students to look at the name of the part and its picture in each row (point these out to your students) and write down the number of each part needed in the column with the header 'How many do you need?'. Tell your students that a header is the word we used to talk about the title of a column, explain that the first answer has been done for them.

Answer:

Plastic bottle tops - 4

750 ml plastic bottle – 1

Straws – 2

Balloon – 1

Bamboo skewers - 2

DSH-worksheets-F1-Recycled-Racers slide 3 (printed 1 per student)







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| | two of the most popular are Microsoft Excel and Google | |
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| | Sheets. Introduce the software title that you will be using. | |
| U7 | Direct your students to look at the picture of the spreadsheet on their worksheet and ask them if they can see anything about it that is similar to what they already know about tables. They should be able to tell you that the spreadsheet is also made of rows, columns, and cells. Use printable 1c. Blank spreadsheet to point out the parts of the spreadsheet – table, row, column, cell. | DSH-Teaching-Presentation-F1-Recyled-Racers slide 26 DSH-worksheets-F1-Recycled-Racers slide 5 (printed 1 per student) |
| | Ask your students to use the words in the box to label the parts of the spreadsheet. | |
| | Answer: | |
| | A: Column | |
| | B: Table | |
| | C: Row | |
| | D: Cell | |
| | Explain that spreadsheet software has a lot more rows and columns that the table they used in the previous session. Excel has a maximum of 1,048,576 rows by 16,384 columns | DSH-Teaching-Presentation-F1-Recyled-Racers slide 27 Spreadsheet software |
| and Google Sheets has a maximum of 40,000 rows by 18,278 columns. If time allows, give your students the challenge of scrolling to the bottom of the spreadsheet software you are using. | Mini-whiteboard and pen (one per student) | |







Select cell A1 by left clicking on the cell that intersects row 1 and column A:

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Explain that the cell that you have selected has a cell reference which is like an address for the cell. You make up the cell reference by giving the column letter and then the row number. Tell your students that the cell that you have selected has the cell reference A1. Point out that cell references are always written with the letter first and then the number.

Select a different cell and ask your students to write down on their whiteboards what they think the cell reference is. Run through this activity a few times until you are happy that your students understand how to use cell references.



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| 8 | Once your students understand how to select cells using a cell reference, follow the steps in the teacher presentation to demonstrate how to colour a cell in using the fill tool. Students will have come across the fill tool while using Scratch, begin the demonstration by asking your students to tell you what the fill tool does. | DSH-Teaching-Presentation-F1-Recyled-Racers slide 28 Spreadsheet software |
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| | Read the top tip box and reinforce that you can see what cell is selected as it has a darker line around it and that they can check the cell reference of a selected cell by looking at the name box in the top left corner. | |
| | Give your students some time to experiment with colouring in some cells and then go over how to remove colour from a cell using the information in the top tip box. There is no need to save students work for this session. | |
| 9 | Direct your students to colour in the cells as referenced in the teacher presentation. Answer: | DSH-Teaching-Presentation-F1-Recyled-Racers slide 29 Spreadsheet software |



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| 10 | Put your students into pairs. Ask your students to play a game of treasure hunt. Each student should secretly use the fill tool to colour one cell yellow on their spreadsheet. Tell your students to keep the coloured cell within columns A – G and rows 1 – 11. Students should then take it in turns to give a cell reference to their partner. If the cell reference is close to the yellow cell, they should say warm. If the reference is far away from the yellow cell they should respond with cold. Students should take it in turns to give cell references and respond accordingly until one person finds the yellow 'treasure' cell. | DSH-Teaching-Presentation-F1-Recyled-Racers slide 30 Spreadsheet software |
| Check-point | Ask your students to write down the cell reference for the cell that has been filled red as shown in the teacher presentation. Answer: | DSH-Teaching-Presentation-F1-Recyled-Racers slide 31 |

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| SESSION 4 | | |
|-------------|---|--|
| Activity No | Session Content / Activity | Resources Used |
| | Introduce the LOs for the session to your students. | DSH-Teaching-Presentation-F1-Recyled-Racers slides 32 – 33 |
| | Explain to your students that today is race day and that they will be racing the cars that they have made earlier in the workshop. | DSH-Teaching-Presentation-F1-Recyled-Racers slides 34 |
| | Remind your students that they have learnt how to select cells and use cell references to point out cells in a spreadsheet. Ask one of your students to demonstrate how to select a cell on your teacher computer and then call out a couple of cell references and choose students at random to come and select the cell you referenced on the teacher computer. | |
| | Tell your students that in this session they will learn how to type information into a spreadsheet. Explain that they will be using a spreadsheet to write down the order that people finish their recycled racers race. | |
| | Explain that information that is typed into a computer is called data and that they will be learning to type two types of data – text and number. | |



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| 11 | Use the instructions in the teacher presentation to | DSH-Teaching-Presentation-F1-Recyled-Racers slide 35 |
|-----|---|--|
| | demonstrate to your students how to open Get started - Recycled racers and type their name into cell A4. | Spreadsheet software |
| | Demonstrate how to use the shift key to make capital letters and explain that when you type words into a spreadsheet you are using text data. More able students can recreate the whole table in a blank spreadsheet rather than opening Get started – Recycled racers. | Get started – Recycled racers spreadsheet |
| | Put your students into groups of 5 and ask them to type the names of the rest of their group into the cells below where they have typed their own name. Explain that they will need to press the enter key to move to the next cell when they have finished typing. If you have students who have the same name you may like to demonstrate how to use the space key too. | |
| | Demonstrate how to use the backspace and delete keys to correct any mistakes in their typing. | |
| U12 | Tell your students that it is time to run their race. Explain | DSH-Teaching-Presentation-F1-Recyled-Racers slide 36 |
| | that they should have their mini whiteboard and pen ready to write down the order that everyone in the group finishes | Mini-white boards |
| | the race. Demonstrate how to line up the cars on the start line in one groups race area and explain that the cars need to cross the finish line – point out where their finish line is. Ask each group to show you where their start and finish line is. | Balloon powered cars from session 1 |







| | Tell all student groups to get their cars lined up on the start line in their groups race area and tell your students to get their cars ready to move by blowing in the straw, winding up the elastic band or turning on the switch. Give your students a countdown and ask them to let their cars go. Remind your students to write down the order that their cars cross their finish line on their whiteboard to use later. | |
|-------------|--|---|
| 13 | Once the races are finished, use the instructions in the teacher presentation to demonstrate how to use numbers to add the order that each person finished to their spreadsheet. Explain that we call the order that each person finishes a race their place. State that when you type numbers into a computer you are using the number data type. Demonstrate where your students will find numbers on their keyboard. Allow some time for your students to add the placings for their race to their spreadsheet. Remind them to use the information they have written on their whiteboards. | DSH-Teaching-Presentation-F1-Recyled-Racers slide 37 Spreadsheet software Get started – Recycled racers spreadsheet |
| Check-point | Ask students to look at the picture on the slide and then match the pieces of data to the data type they are. Answers: Chocolate, tree, fish, yellow – text 100, 3, 45, 7 - number | DSH-Teaching-Presentation-F1-Recyled-Racers slide 38 |



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Digital Schoolhouse Progression Matrix

The Digital Schoolhouse progression matrix is a simplified mechanism for measuring pupil progress. It stretches from base level understanding at the beginner level to introducing GCSE content at the advanced level. The shaded statements reflect skills and concepts covered in the workshop, these have been cross referenced to specific activities in order to reflect both their level of complexity and provide a guideline on which to measure progress. For more details about this framework see 'Enter the Matrix' included in this workshop pack.

U = Unplugged activity, B = Beginner activity, I = Intermediate activity, A = Advanced activity

Algorithms

| | Beginner | Activity No | Intermediate | Activity No | Advanced | Activity No |
|---------------|--|-------------|--|-------------|--|-------------|
| Understanding | Understands what an algorithm is | 1 | Understands that algorithms are not the same as programming | | Understands that different algorithms exist for the same problem | |
| Writing | Represents algorithms using graphical notation such as pictures | 2, 3 | Represents algorithms using structured notation such as flowcharts | | Represents algorithms using pseudocode | |
| Limitations | Understands that computers need precise instructions | | Can identify tasks best completed by humans or computers | | Understands that some problems cannot be solved computationally | |
| Planning | Can identify the steps needed to solve a problem | 2, 3 | Can identify the programming constructs needed to solve a problem (pattern recognition) | | Can identify the modules needed to solve a problem e.g. top down design | |
| Tracing | Uses logical reasoning to predict outputs and show an awareness of inputs | 3 | Uses logical reasoning to explain how an algorithm works | | Evaluates the effectiveness of algorithms and models for similar problems | |
| Designing | Designs solutions (algorithms) that use sequence, selection i.e. if, then and else and iteration | | Designs solutions by decomposing a problem and creating a sub-solution for each of these parts | | Designs a solution to a problem that uses generalization to create objects and classes (OOP) | |

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Programming

| | Beginner | Activity No | Intermediate | Activity No | Advanced | Activity No |
|---------------------------|---|-------------|---|-------------|---|-------------|
| Writing | Can create a simple program in an environment that does not rely on text e.g. programmable robots etc | | Has practical experience of a high-level textual language, including use of standard libraries | | Has experience of designing programs that include a graphical user interface | |
| Program flow | Understands that programs execute by following precise instructions | | Understands how modular programs work using sub-routines | | Appreciates the effect of the scope of a variable e.g. a local variable can't be accessed from outside its function unless passed as a parameter | |
| Selection | Uses selection statements in programs, including an if, then and else statement | | Understands the difference between, and appropriately uses if and if, then and else Statements | | Uses nested selection statements | |
| Iteration | Uses loops, within programs | | Understands the difference between, and uses 'while', 'until' and 'for' loops | | Uses nested iteration and recursion | |
| Debugging | Detects and corrects simple semantic errors i.e. debugging, in programs | | Detects and corrects syntactical errors | | Applies a modular approach to error detection and correction | |
| Program design | Creates programs that implement algorithms to achieve given goals | | Can design a program based on an algorithm | | Designs modular programs using a range of methodologies e.g. RAD, waterfall | |
| Data types and structures | Declares and assigns variables | | Selects appropriate data types | | Understands and uses one and two dimensional data structures | |
| Operators | Uses arithmetic operators | | Uses a range of operators and expressions e.g. Boolean | | Understands and uses negation with operators e.g. not equal to | |







Data

| | Beginner | Activity No | Intermediate | Activity No | Advanced | Activity No |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|-------------|--|-------------|
| Representation | Recognises that digital content can be represented in many forms | 5, 11 | Understands how bit patterns represent different forms of data e.g. character sets, sound, numbers and images | | Understands how the same bit patterns can be used for different forms of data e.g. metadata | |
| Transfer | Knows that data can be transferred from one computer to another | | Knows that computers transfer data in binary | | Understands and can explain the need for data compression, and performs simple compression methods | |
| Types | Recognises different types of data: text, number | 6, 11, 12, 13 | Defines data types: string, integer, real and Boolean | | Understands how different data types can be used within data structures e.g. arrays must be made up of the same data type whereas lists can use several | |
| Binary | Can carry out simple binary to decimal conversions | | Performs operations using bit patterns e.g. binary addition, conversion between binary and hexadecimal, binary subtraction etc | | Understands the relationship between binary and electrical circuits, including Boolean logic | |
| File Size | Understands that data takes up space on a computer | | Understands the relationship between binary and file size (uncompressed) | | Knows the relationship between data representation and data quality e.g. resolution and colour depth etc, including the effect on file size | |
| Data and Information | Understands the difference between data and information | | Recognises that poor-quality data leads to unreliable results, and inaccurate conclusions | | Understand the mechanisms used to cleanse data e.g. validation, range checks etc | |
| Searching | Can sort data, use filters and perform single criteria searches for information | 8, 9, 10 | Queries data on one table using a typical query language, including more complex searches for information e.g. using Boolean and relational operators | | Queries data on multiple tables using a typical query language | |
| Structure | Recognises that data can be structured in tables to make it useful | 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 | Understands that all the data about a person or thing can be stored as a record | | Knows what a relational database is, and understands the benefits of storing data in multiple tables | |



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Hardware and Software

| | Beginner | Activity No | Intermediate | Activity No | Advanced | Activity No |
|----------------------|---|----------------------------|---|-------------|---|-------------|
| Processing | Understands that computers have no intelligence and that computers can do nothing unless a program is executed | | Knows that programs are executed by the processor i.e. the CPU | | Understand that processors can work in different ways e.g. multitasking, scheduling | |
| Software | Recognises that all software executed on digital devices is programmed | | Knows that there is a range of operating systems and application software for the same hardware | | Understands the concept of proprietary and open-source software including how this relates to licencing | |
| Devices | Recognises that a range of digital devices can be considered a computer | | Understands why and when computers are used | | Understands how technology has developed e.g. Moore's Law | |
| Components | Recognises and can use a range of input and output devices | 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 | Recognises and understands the function of the main internal parts of basic computer architecture | | Knows that processors have instruction sets and that these relate to low-level instructions carried out in the main internal parts of a computer | |
| Operating systems | Understands that the operating system is software that specifies the function of a computing device | | Understands the main functions of the operating system | | Understands that there are different types of operating system and some of there common uses e.g. real time on auto pilot systems on a plane | |
| Data transfer | Knows that data is transferred around a computer system using input devices, sensors and application software | | Knows that data can be transferred between computer systems using physical, wireless and mobile networks | | Knows how data can be transferred between computer systems e.g. packet and circuit switching | |
| Architecture | Understands the difference between hardware and software | | Understands how hardware uses software to execute instructions e.g. the fetch-execute cycle | | Understands computer architecture in relation to the fetch execute cycle, including how data is stored in memory | |









Communication

| | Beginner | Activity No | Intermediate | Activity No | Advanced | Activity No |
|----------------------|--|-------------|--|-------------|---|-------------|
| www | Accesses content using a web browser | | Understands that web pages are created using HTML and CSS | | Understands how dynamic web pages use the client-server model and that web servers process and store data entered by users | |
| Online safety | Understands why and how to keep personal information private and knows what to do when concerned about something online | | Has an awareness of a range of online harms and demonstrates responsible use of technologies and online services in order to protect themselves | | Understands how and why online threats are carried out and how to protect against them | |
| Search engines | Navigates the web and can carry out simple web searches to collect digital content | | Understands how to effectively use search engines e.g. Boolean, advanced search functions etc | | Knows how search results are selected and ranked, including that search engines use 'web crawler programs' | |
| Networks | Understands the difference between the internet and internet service e.g. world wide web | | Understands data is transmitted between digital computers over networks, including different topologies e.g. ring, star, mesh | | Knows the names and purposes of network components and protocols | |
| Internet services | Shows an awareness of, and can use a range of internet services e.g. email | | Selects, combines and uses internet services | | Uses internet services to work collaboratively | |



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Digital skills

| | Beginner | Activity No | Intermediate | Activity No | Advanced | Activity No |
|------------|--|----------------------------|---|-------------|---|-------------|
| Invention | Uses software under the control of the teacher to create, store and edit digital content | 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 | Uses and selects internet services, digital devices and application software to create, store and edit digital content | | Evaluates the appropriateness of digital devices, internet services and application software to achieve given goals | |
| Audience | Understands what an audience is | | Recognises the audience when designing and creating digital content | | Undertakes creative projects that are tailored to meet the needs of an audience | |
| Purpose | Can talk about how they use computers | | Can talk about how other people use computers | | Can discuss the issues around how other people might use computers e.g. Data Protection Act, Computer Misuse Act, Copyright etc | |
| Evaluation | Can comment on the success of their solution | | Designs and uses criteria to critically evaluate the quality of solutions | | Documents user feedback, the improvements identified, and the refinements made to the solution | |
| Content | Can gather content | 12 | Makes judgements about content when evaluating and repurposing it for a given audience | | Evaluates the trustworthiness of content, considers the usability of visual design features and properties of media when designing and creating digital artefacts | |



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Computing Programmes of Study Links

- 1.1 understand what algorithms are; how they are implemented as programs on digital devices; and that programs execute by following precise and unambiguous instructions
- 1.2 create and debug simple programs
- 1.3 use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs
- 1.4 use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content
- 1.5 recognise common uses of information technology beyond school
- 1.6 use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private; identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies
- 2.1 design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals, including controlling or simulating physical systems; solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts
- 2.2 use sequence, selection, and repetition in programs; work with variables and various forms of input and output
- 2.3 use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs
- 2.4 understand computer networks including the internet; how they can provide multiple services, such as the world wide web; and the opportunities they offer for communication and collaboration
- 2.5 use search technologies effectively, appreciate how results are selected and ranked, and be discerning in evaluating digital content
- 2.6 select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals, including collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting data and information
- 2.7 use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly; recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour; identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact
- 3.1 design, use and evaluate computational abstractions that model the state and behaviour of real-world problems and physical systems
- 3.2 understand several key algorithms that reflect computational thinking [for example, ones for sorting and searching]; use logical reasoning to compare the utility of alternative algorithms for the same problem
- 3.3 use two or more programming languages, at least one of which is textual, to solve a variety of computational problems; make appropriate use of data structures [for



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example, lists, tables or arrays]; design and develop modular programs that use procedures or functions

- 3.4 understand simple Boolean logic [for example, AND, OR and NOT] and some of its uses in circuits and programming; understand how numbers can be represented in binary, and be able to carry out simple operations on binary numbers [for example, binary addition, and conversion between binary and decimal]
- 3.5 understand the hardware and software components that make up computer systems, and how they communicate with one another and with other systems
- 3.6 understand how instructions are stored and executed within a computer system; understand how data of various types (including text, sounds and pictures) can be represented and manipulated digitally, in the form of binary digits
- 3.7 undertake creative projects that involve selecting, using, and combining multiple applications, preferably across a range of devices, to achieve challenging goals, including collecting and analysing data and meeting the needs of known users
- 3.8 create, re-use, revise and re-purpose digital artefacts for a given audience, with attention to trustworthiness, design and usability
- 3.9 understand a range of ways to use technology safely, respectfully, responsibly and securely, including protecting their online identity and privacy; recognise inappropriate content, contact and conduct and know how to report concerns
- 4.1 develop their capability, creativity and knowledge in computer science, digital media and information technology
- 4.2 develop and apply their analytic, problem-solving, design, and computational thinking skills
- 4.3 understand how changes in technology affect safety, including new ways to protect their online privacy and identity, and how to identify and report a range of concerns.









Computational Thinking Strands

AL – Algorithmic Thinking

| Ref. | Activity |
|----------------|--|
| A1 | Formulating instructions to achieve a desired effect |
| A2 | Formulating instructions to be followed in a given order (sequence) |
| A3 | Formulating instructions that use arithmetic and logical operations |
| A 4 | Writing sequences of instructions that store, move and manipulate data (variables and assignment) |
| A5 | Writing instructions that choose between different constituent instructions (selection) |
| A6 | Writing instructions that repeat groups of constituent instructions (loops/iteration) |
| A7 | Grouping and naming a collection of instructions that do a well-defined task to make a new instruction (subroutines, procedures, functions, methods) |
| <u> </u> | Writing instructions that involve subroutines that use copies of themselves (recursion). |
| <u>49</u> | Writing sets of instructions that can be followed at the same time by different agents (computers/people, parallel thinking and processing, concurrency) |
| A10 | Writing a set of declarative rules (coding in Prolog or a database query language) |
| A11 | Using an appropriate notation to write code to represent any of the above |
| A12 | Creating algorithms to test a hypothesis |



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- A13 Creating algorithms that give experience-based solutions (heuristics)
- A14 Creating algorithmic descriptions of real world processes so as to better understand them (computational modelling)
- A15 Designing algorithmic solutions that take into account the abilities, limitations and desires of the people who will use them

DE – Decomposition

Ref. Activity

- D1 Breaking down artefacts into constituent parts to make them easier to work with
- D2 Breaking down a problem into simpler versions of the same problem that can be solved in the same way (recursive and divide and conquer strategies)

GE – Generalisation

Ref. Activity

| G1 | Identifying patterns and commonalities in artefacts |
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| G2 | Adapting solutions, or parts of solutions, so they apply to a whole class of similar problems |
| G3 | Transferring ideas and solutions from one problem area to another |









AB – Abstraction

| Ref. | Activity |
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| Ab1 | Reducing complexity by removing unnecessary detail |
| Ab2 | Choosing a way to represent an artefact, to allow it to be manipulated in useful ways |
| Ab3 | Hiding the full complexity of an artefact (hiding functional complexity) |
| Ab4 | Hiding complexity in data, for example by using data structures |
| Ab5 | Identifying relationships between abstractions |
| Ab6 | Filtering information when developing solutions |

EV – Evaluation

| Ref. | Activity |
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| E1 | Assessing that an artefact is fit for purpose |
| E2 | Assessing whether an artefact does the right thing (functional correctness) |
| E3 | Designing and running test plans and interpreting the results (testing) |
| E4 | Assessing whether the performance of an artefact is good enough (utility: effectiveness and efficiency) |
| E5 | Comparing the performance of artefacts that do the same thing |
| E6 | Making trade-offs between conflicting demands |
| E7 | Assessing whether an artefact is easy for people to use (usability) |
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| E8 | Assessing whether an artefact gives an appropriately positive |
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| | experience when used (user experience) |

- E9 Assessment of any of the above against the specification and set criteria
- E10 Stepping through processes or algorithms/code step-by-step to work out what they do (dry run/tracing).
- E11 Using rigorous argument to justify that an algorithm works (proof)
- E12 Using rigorous argument to check the usability or performance of an artefact (analytical evaluation)
- E13 Using methods involving observing an artefact in use to assess its usability (empirical evaluation)
- E14 Assessing whether a product meets general performance criteria (heuristics)





