**Progression of Skills in Computing**

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| **Strands** | EYFS | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| **Digital Literacy** | Children recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools.  Children find out about and use a range of everyday technology. | Recognise common uses of information technology beyond school.  Understand the rules and responsibilities outlined by the school’s acceptable use policy and begin to understand where to go for help when pupils have concerns.  Develop an understanding of how to keep their personal information private and understand they need to use technology safely and respectfully. | Know their responsibilities from their school’s acceptable use policy and how to report any concerns they have.  Recognise situations using technology and the internet involving content and contact that are not safe and know where to go for help.  Begin to develop an understanding of the importance of computers and the internet to communicate.  Develop their knowledge of the technology used in everyday life in a range of situations and are able to discuss their ideas | Use technology safely and respectfully and have an understanding of how to keep information secure.  Realise the importance of reporting any concerns they have using the internet and other communication technologies and know some ways of they can do it.  Develop an understanding of what is acceptable and unacceptable online behaviour.  Realise that not all information on the internet is trustworthy and there is a need to verify its reliability. | Use technology respectfully, responsibly and safely, knowing how to keep their information and passwords secure.  Know different ways of reporting concerns about content and contact involving the internet and other communication technologies.  Have a greater understanding of what is acceptable and unacceptable online behaviour.  Start to develop strategies to verify the reliability and accuracy of information on the internet and develop an awareness of copyright. | Use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly and continue to develop skills to identify risks involved with contact and content including developing an understanding of digital footprints and online reputation.  Know a range of ways of reporting concerns about content and contact involving the internet and other communication technologies, including online bullying and online grooming.  Understand what acceptable and unacceptable online behaviour is.  Use strategies to verify the reliability and accuracy of information on the internet such as fake news and understand copyright. | Competent users of technology using it safely, respectfully and responsibly and know about self-image and identity.  Demonstrate that they can identify the risks involved with content and contact and they know a wide range of ways of reporting any concerns they have.  Understand what acceptable and unacceptable online behaviour is.  Use strategies to verify and evaluate the reliability and accuracy of information on the internet and understand what copyright and plagiarism is and how it relates to their work. |
| **Information Technology** | They select and use a range of technology for particular purposes.  They select appropriate applications that support an identified need. | Use technology with support, to create, store and retrieve digital content such as text and images.    Use a simple search to find information or files.  Develop understanding of how simulations work through exploring simple examples (optional). | Use technology with purpose to create, store, organise, retrieve and manipulate digital content.  Learn to make a range of simple digital assets such as presentations, movies, audio files and graphs.  Navigate the web and carry out simple searches using suitable search engines and begin to understand that not everything on the internet is true.  Use simple simulations and understand how they work (optional). | Use a variety of software and devices to create digital assets such as programs, graphs and multimedia content for a defined purpose.  Develop their search strategies further by refining their use of keywords and starting to use appropriate key phrases and questions.  Use more complex simulations and understand the effects of changing variables | Use and combine a variety of software and devices with increasing independence, to create a range of digital assets such as programs, databases, systems and multimedia content.  Understand how search operators (e.g. Boolean operators) can change searches and select appropriate information for their tasks.  Use models and simulations to produce graphs and explore patterns and relationships. Use programming software to make simple simulations (CS). | Select, use and combine a range of software and use a wider range of devices to create a variety of digital assets such as programs, systems, databases, spreadsheets and multimedia content for a defined purpose.  Understand about the use of operators in searching and continue developing their effective search techniques by using different operators in their searches.  Create simple models/simulations to investigate real life problems. Use programming software to make simulations (CS). | Independently select, use and combine a wide range of software on a variety of devices.  Design and create a range of digital assets such as programs, systems and multimedia content for a defined purpose and audience.  Use advanced searches and a range of operators in searches.  Create models to investigate real life problems, using their knowledge to make predictions. |
| **Computer Science** |  | Understand what algorithms are and develop strategies to help find bugs in them.  Make very simple programs | Use algorithms and know that they can be implemented as programs on devices.  Know what debugging is and can find errors in their programs.  Understand that programs execute by following a precise set of instructions.  Create simple programs and further develop their strategies and logical thinking to find bugs and predict outcomes in their algorithms and programs | Plan and write algorithms and programs using sequence and repetition and further develop their computational thinking strategies to solve problems and errors in their algorithms and programs.  Have knowledge and experience of using a range of different inputs and outputs and a basic understanding of the binary system.  Describe some of components of a computer network and some of the ways in which computer networks can be used | Design and write more complex algorithms and programs using sequence, repetition and selection.  Further develop their computational thinking to help debug their programs and design and solve problems and tasks.  Have a simple understanding of how search engines work.  Develop their understanding of inputs, binary and outputs further, demonstrating how they can use programs to control external devices such as sensors, motors and robots.  Understand the difference between the internet and World Wide Web. | Design and write programs using sequence, repetition, selection and variables.  Develop greater understanding of how to use selection and repetition in more complex programs.  Understand how search engines work.  Further develop their computational thinking showing they can plan and decompose tasks; explain how the algorithms they write work and correct errors in their programs.  Plan and write programs to control external devices such as sensors and motors and can explain about the inputs and outputs used.  Have an understanding of how a computer network works and the opportunities that it offers for communication and collaboration. | Know how search engines work and what ‘ranking’ is when related to search engines.  Design and create more complex programs using sequence, repetition, selection and variables appropriately.  Develop their computational thinking and can demonstrate that they can decompose and evaluate their tasks and correct errors in their algorithms and programs.  Confident in their knowledge of binary, inputs and outputs and can plan and write programs to solve tasks to control external devices such as sensors and motors.  Know how different computer networks work, including the roles of the components and the opportunities and benefits that they offer for communication and collaboration.  Understand the difference between the internet and internet services. |