Progression of skills in Computing



Areas of	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
learning							
Computing	Children will	This unit	Learners should	This unit	This unit	This unit	This unit
Systems &	interact with	progresses	have an	progresses	progresses	progresses	progresses
Networks	technology	students'	understanding of	students'	students'	learners'	students'
(Digital literacy)	through intuitive	knowledge and	what technology is	knowledge and	knowledge and	knowledge and	knowledge and
	play. This will lead	understanding of	and where it is	understanding of	understanding of	understanding of	understanding of
	onto children	technology and	used in a school	technology by	networks in Year	computing	computing
	interacting with	how they interact	context. They	focussing on	3. In Year 5, they	systems and	systems and
	computer	with it in school.	should also be	digital and non-	will continue to	online	online
	keyboard and	Learners will build	familiar with the	digital devices, and	develop their	collaborative	collaborative
	mouse.	their knowledge of	technology	introducing the	knowledge and	working.	working.
		parts of a	available in their	concept of	understanding of		
		computer and	own school	computers	computing		
		develop the basic	setting.	connected	systems and		
		skills needed to		together as a	online		
		effectively use a	This unit	network.	collaborative		
		computer	progresses	Following this unit,	working.		
		keyboard and	students'	learners will			
		mouse.	knowledge and	explore the			
			understanding of	internet as a			
			technology and	network of			
			how they interact	networks.			
			with it beyond				
			school. Learners				
			will also build on				
			their knowledge of				
			using technology				
			safely and				
			responsibly, and				
			begin to consider				
			the implications of				

			the choices that they make.				
Programming	Children will begin	Programming A -	Programming A -	Programming A -	Programming A -	Programming A -	Programming A -
(Computer	with unplugged	This unit	In advance of the	This unit assumes	This unit	This unit assumes	This unit assumes
Science)	activities and	progresses	lessons in this Year	that learners will	progresses	that learners will	that pupils will
	progress onto	students'	2 unit, pupils	have some prior	students'	have prior	have some prior
	beginning to	knowledge and	should have had	experience of	knowledge and	experience of	experience of
	understand the	understanding of	some experience	programming; the	understanding of	programming	programming in
	basics of giving	giving and	of creating short	KS1 NCCE units	programming. It	using block-based	Scratch.
	and following	following	programs and	cover floor robots	progresses from	construction (e.g.	Specifically, they
	instructions to a	instructions. It	predicting the	and ScratchJr.	the sequence of	scratch) and	should be familiar
	robot through	moves from giving	outcome of a	However,	commands in a	understand the	with the
	programming.	instructions to	simple program.	experience of	program to using	concepts of	programming
		each other to	This unit	other languages or	count-controlled	sequence and	constructs of
		giving instructions	progresses	environments may	loops. Pupils will	repetition. The	sequence,
		to a robot by	students'	also be useful.	create algorithms	KS1 NCCE units	repetition, and
		programming it.	knowledge and		and then	focus on floor	selection. These
			understanding of	Programming B -	implement those	robots and Scratch	constructs are
		Programming B –	algorithms and	This unit assumes	algorithms as	Jr, however	covered in the
		Introduction to	how they are	that learners will	code.	experience of	Year 3, 4, and 5
		animation - This	implemented as	have some prior		other languages or	National Centre
		unit progresses	programs on	experience of	Programming B -	environments may	for Computing
		learners'	digital devices.	programming. The	This unit presumes	also be useful.	Education
		knowledge and	Pupils will spend	KS1 NCCE units	that learners are		programming units
		understanding of	time looking at	focus on floor	already confident	Programming B –	respectively. Each
		programming and	how the order of	robots and Scratch	in their	Selection in	year group
		follows on from	commands affects	Jr, however	understanding of	quizzes - This unit	includes at least
		'Programming A –	outcomes. Pupils	experience of	sequence,	assumes that	one unit that
		Moving a robot',	will use this	other languages or	repetition and	learners will have	focuses on
		where children will	knowledge and	environments may	selection	prior experience of	Scratch.
		have learned to	logical reasoning	also be useful. The	independently	programming	
		program a floor	to trace programs	Year 3	within	using block-based	Programming B -
		robot using	and predict	Programming A	programming. If	construction (eg	This unit presumes
		instructions.	outcomes.	unit introduces the	learners are not	Scratch),	that learners are
				Scratch	yet ready for this,	understand the	already confident
				programming	you may wish to	concepts of	in their
				environment and	revisit earlier	'sequence' and	understanding of

			Programming B –	the concept of	programming units	'repetition', and	cognonco
			Introduction to	· ·	where these	have some	sequence, repetition and
				sequences.			selection
			quizzes - these		constructs are	experience of	
			unit progresses		introduced.	using 'selection'.	independently
			learners'			Ideally, learners	within
			knowledge and			will have	programming. If
			understanding of			completed	learners are not
			instructions in			'Programming A –	yet ready for this,
			sequences and the			Selection in	you may wish to
			use of logical			physical	revisit earlier
			reasoning to			computing' before	programming units
			predict outcomes.			undertaking this	where these
						unit, as this will	constructs are
						provide them with	introduced.
						the required	
						knowledge of	
						'selection'.	
Creating Media	Learners will begin	Digital painting -	Make music -	Animation - This	Audio editing -	Vector drawing -	3D Modelling -
(Information	to explore media	Learners should be	Learners should	unit progresses	This unit	This unit	This unit
technology)	through role-play	familiar with:	have experience of	students'	progresses	progresses	progresses
	and curiosity.	How to	making choices on	knowledge and	students'	students'	students'
		switch their device	a tablet/computer,	understanding of	knowledge and	knowledge and	knowledge and
		on	and they should	using digital	understanding of	understanding of	understanding of
		•	be able to navigate	devices to create	creating media, by	digital painting	creating 3D
		Username	within an	media, exploring	focusing on the	and has some links	graphics using a
		S	application.	how they can	recording and	to desktop	computer. Prior to
		 Passwords 	Learners should	create stop frame	editing of sound to	publishing in	undertaking this
			also have some	animations.	produce a podcast.	which learners	unit, learners
		<mark>For an</mark>	experience of	Following this unit,	Following this unit,	used digital	should have
		introduction to	patterns.	learners will	learners will	images. They are	worked with 2D
		<mark>keyboard and</mark>		further develop	explore combining	now creating the	graphics
		mouse skills,	This unit	their video editing	audio with video in	images that they	applications.
		learners may	progresses	skills in Year 5.	the 'Video editing'	could use in	
		benefit from	students'		unit in Year 5.	desktop publishing	Web page creation
		completing the	knowledge	Desktop publishing		documents.	- This unit
		Year 1 Computing	through listening	- This unit	Learners should		progresses
			to music and	progresses	have experience of		students'

	Networks unit Digital writing — This unit progresses students' knowledge and understanding of using computers to create and manipulate digital content, focussing on using a word processor. The learners will develop their ability to find and use the keys on a keyboard in order to create digital content. The learners are then introduced to manipulating the resulting text, making cosmetic changes, and justifying their reason for making these changes.	considering how music can affect how we think and feel. Learners will then purposefully create rhythm patterns and music-	learners' knowledge and understanding of using digital devices to combine text and images building on work from the following units; Digital Writing Year 1, Digital painting Year 1, and Digital Photography Year 2.	making choices on a tablet/computer. They should be able to navigate within an application. Photo editing - This unit progresses students' skills through editing digital images and considering the impact that editing can have on an image. Learners will also consider how editing can be used appropriately for different scenarios, and create and evaluate 'fake' images, combining all of their new skills.	Video editing - This unit progresses learners' knowledge and understanding of creating media by guiding them systematically through the process involved in creating a video. By the end of the unit, learners will have developed the skills required to plan, record, edit, and finalise a video.	knowledge and understanding of the following: digital writing, digital painting, desktop publishing, digital photography, photo editing, and vector drawing.
	these changes.					
Data and	This unit will	This unit	This unit	This unit	This unit	This unit
information	introduce pupils to	progresses	progresses	progresses pupils'	progresses pupils'	progresses
(Computer	data and	students'	students'	knowledge and	knowledge and	students'
science)	information. It will	knowledge and	knowledge and	understanding of	understanding of	knowledge and
	introduce pupils to	understanding of	understanding of	data and how it	why and how	understanding of
	the concept of	grouping data.	presenting	can be collected	information might	data and teaches

labelling and	information. It	over time to	be stored in a	them how to
grouping objects	builds on their	answer questions.	database, and	organise and
based on their	knowledge of data	The unit also	looks at how tools	modify data within
properties. Pupils	and information	introduces the	within a database	spreadsheets.
will develop their	from key stage 1.	idea of automatic	can help us to	
understanding	They continue to	data collection.	answer questions	
that objects can be	develop their		about our data. It	
given labels, which	understanding of		moves on to	
is fundamental to	attributes and		demonstrate how	
their future	begin to construct		a database can	
learning	and interrogate		help us display	
concerning	branching		data visually, and	
databases and	databases as a		how real-life	
spreadsheets. In	means of		databases can be	
addition, pupils	displaying and		used to help us	
will begin to	retrieving		solve problems.	
improve their	information.		Finally, the pupils	
ability to use			create a	
dragging and			presentation	
dropping skills on			showing	
a device.			understanding and	
			application of all	
			the tools used	
			within the unit.	