

# I am a computer scientist

I am a computer scientist. I understand that the world is made up of problems that can be solved if I break them down into simpler parts. As a computer scientist, I can process, create and analyse simple algorithms. I can think logically and show resilience and determination when problem solving. When I have evaluated the algorithm, I can collaborate with my peers to try again, to de-bug and remove any unnecessary detail. As a computer scientist, I understand the importance of thinking and planning carefully before I start 'doing' as well as reviewing outcomes. I can make predictions about outcomes based on my past experiences and my understanding of the digital world. I seek to handle and present data in a variety of ways which helps me to learn creatively and make links across other curriculum areas. When online, I can safely, responsibly and respectfully browse the world wide web, being discerning when evaluating content and select appropriately. I understand that my online identity is an extension of my real-life identity therefore I am aware of my digital footprint. This helps me to prepare for my future and as an active participant in our ever-changing digital world.



### **Key Concepts for Computer scientists**

	Key Concepts/strands	Contexts
What is computing?	Computational Thinking	
The first computer was designed by Charles	<ul> <li>Algorithms and algorithmic thinking</li> </ul>	
Babbage and Ada Lovelace and is known as the Difference Engine in the 1820s and 30s.	De-bugging	
Since then advances in technology have meant that the slow and massive machines	Abstraction	
have developed into more efficient and	Decomposition	
compact devices we know today. The versatile nature of this technology means	Pattern Recognition	
that it is in constant use and is ever changing		
but in essence runs on similar mathematical principals as the original machines.	Computer Systems	
With this technology, we can store huge amounts of information and manipulate it at	Hardware	
need. A language has developed around this	Networks	
technology which enables computer scientists to design and improve both	Data representation	
hardware and software as well as share ideas. Our study of computing gives us a		
foundational understanding of this language	Digital Literacy	
and grounding in the main principals.	Functional IT skills	
	Creation or presentation of content	
	E-Safety	
	Safe, respectful, responsible use of technology	
	Identifying dangers	
	Know where or who to contact if they have concerns	

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Computational thinking (CT): Programs are made up of simple step-by-step instructions, these are called algorithms. This decision- making process includes decomposition, abstraction, pattern recognition, logical thinking, evaluation and generalisation. This facilitates an understanding of how computers 'think'.	Decomposition  Algorithms	Decomposition  ★ Begin to understand algorithms are step-by-step instructions for achieving a goal (the 'how to' part of a recipe for a cake)  Algorithms:  ★ Begin to understand that algorithms can describe everyday activities and can be followed by humans and by computers.  ★ Begin to understand that programs work by following algorithms  ★ Begin to show care and precision to avoid errors (being able to compare sets of instructions and see any differences).  ★ Begin to run, evaluate and de-bug a simple algorithm with support	Understand computational thinking and programming concepts (CT): familiarise new vocabulary such as algorithms through unplugged resources and begin to apply these on a computer with support (Barefoot – see Appendix)  Recognise and begin to use some digital devices (DL, CS): laptops, tablets and consoles. Turning on and off safely, familiarising themselves with the QWERTY keyboard, using the mouse and mouse pad.
Digital Literacy (DL):  Developing the required skills needed to live, learn, and work in a society where communication and access to information is increasingly through digital technologies like internet platforms, social media, and mobile devices.	Searching Deciding Presenting	Begin to use technology safely     Begin to recognise and name common uses of information technology beyond school     Begin to use technology to create, store and retrieve digital content online	Begin to use software (DL &CT): such as: beebot (drawing a square on the floor), kodable, J2code, Scratch Jnr, code.org etc including Microsoft office tools      Understand common icons (DL): minimize, maximize,
E-safety:  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.	Personal information Where to go for help	E-safety may not be taught as a discrete area but should be referred to whenever technology is used in all curriculum areas.  Begin to understand how to keep personal information private Begin to know what to do when content that is concerning appears Begin to know who to speak to if concerned about contact from others	* Understand how to stay safe (DL): name trusted adults, begin to follow SMART rules (see appendix), understand technology and software within their age restrictions

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Computational	Decompositio	Algorithms:	★ Understand computational thinking and programming
thinking: Programs are made up of simple step-by-step instructions, these are called algorithms. This	n Algorithms	<ul> <li>★ Understand that algorithms are implemented as programs on digital devices</li> <li>★ Understand that programs execute by following precise and unambiguous instructions</li> <li>★ Use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs</li> <li>★ Algorithms can be represented in simple formats [flow chart, storyboards and narrative text]</li> <li>★ Begin to express algorithms using icons</li> </ul>	concepts (CT): familiarise with new vocabulary such as algorithms through unplugged resources and apply these on a computer with support (Barefoot – see Appendix)
logical decision-making process includes decomposition, abstraction, pattern recognition, logical thinking, evaluation and generalisation. This facilitates an	Evaluation	<ul> <li>Begin using loops, arithmetic operator and if statements when creating algorithms with support</li> <li>Decomposition:</li> <li>Create and debug simple programs with some support</li> <li>Steps can be repeated, and some steps can be made up of smaller steps</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>★ Independently use some digital devices (DL, CS): laptops, tablets, smart phones, smart speakers and consoles. Using the QWERTY keyboard, using the mouse and mouse pad and begin to use shortcuts.</li> <li>★ Begin to use software (DL &amp; CS): such as: beebot (drawing a square on the floor), kodable, J2code, Scratch Jnr, code.org etc including Microsoft office tools</li> </ul>
understanding of how computers 'think'.			<ul> <li>Understand common icons (DL): minimize, maximize, new tab, play/pause, record, save, camera on/off etc</li> </ul>
Digital Literacy:  Developing the required skills needed to live, learn, and work in a society where		<ul> <li>Use technology safely and respectfully</li> <li>Use technology purposefully to create, store and retrieve digital content</li> <li>Begin to know the difference between some digital forms and begin to understand the different ways that they communicate information (words, numbers, images and audio)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understand how to stay safe (DL &amp; ES): name trusted adults, begin to follow SMART rules (see appendix), understand technology and software within their age restrictions</li> </ul>
communication and access to information is increasingly through digital technologies like internet platforms, social media, and mobile devices.			<ul> <li>★ Turn a range of devices on and off safely and log in independently</li> <li>★ Opening, using and saving commonly used programmes (Microsoft office tools).</li> <li>★ Manipulate font size, type and colour in a range of programs</li> <li>★ Be able to access and navigate different menu types</li> <li>★ Understand appropriate websites, games and apps</li> </ul>
E-safety:  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.		E-safety may not be taught as a discrete area but should be referred to whenever technology is used in all curriculum areas.  Understand how to keep personal information private  Know what to do when content that is concerning appears  Know who to speak to if concerned about contact from others  Identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies	★ Understand appropriate websites, games and apps which have age restrictions to ensure they are appropriate. (see appendix)  ★ Recognise common programs and/or APPS (YouTube, Netflix, Skype, FaceTime)  ★ Know who their trusted adults are to talk to about concerns  ★ Understand and apply SMART rules when online  ★ Know how to seek help and support if concerned e.g. Childline/NSPCC/thinkuknow (see appendix)

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Computational		Design and write algorithms that accomplish specific goals	★ Use digital devices (DL, CS) laptops, tablets, smart
thinking:		Debug programs	phones, smart speakers and consoles for a range of
Programs are made up		Use sequence, selection, and repetition in programs; work with variables	purposes. Turning on and off safely, logging on correctly, familiarising themselves with the QWERTY
of simple step-by-step		Work with various forms of input and output	keyboard and beginning to type, using the mouse and
instructions, these are		<ul> <li>solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts</li> </ul>	mouse pad to select and manipulate items on screen.
called algorithms. This			mouse pad to select and manipulate items on selecti.
decision-making process			
includes decomposition,			
abstraction, pattern			
recognition, logical			★ Understand computational thinking and programming
thinking, evaluation and			concepts (CT). Understand and apply the concepts and key vocabulary such as de-bugging using the
generalisation.			glossary and barefoot unplugged resources (click
Practising these			here). Begin planning the steps needed to complete a
facilitates an			task. Start creating algorithms in a range of different
understanding of how			programs J2code, Scratch, code.org,
computers 'think' and is			https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/elibrary/resourc
the basis of creating			e/35832/scratch-beginners,
user friendly programs.			https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/tp-i-005-planit-
			computing-year-2-programming-turtle-logo-and-
			scratch-unit-pack
Computer systems: The storage, manipulation and		<ul> <li>understand computer networks including the internet; how they can provide multiple services,</li> </ul>	
communication of data is conducted		such as the world wide web; and the opportunities they offer for communication and	
by a range of computer systems from large scale servers, which		collaboration	
contain vast databases to photos		Use search technologies effectively	★ Become increasingly familiar with certain software
stored on a memory card.		Use a variety of software to accomplish given goals	(DL), being able to locate and run common programs
Hardware and software are involved in computer systems and they		Collect information	from the desktop or program menu. Start using
interact with the user for a		Design and create content	different programs like word processing, presenting,
particular purpose.		Present information	camera/photo albums, video recording and editing,
		<ul> <li>Understanding web addresses</li> <li>What is a browser</li> </ul>	audio recording and editing; and
		What is an ISP	
		Who created the internet?	
		• Who dreated the internet.	
Digital Literacy: Use of IT		Use technology responsibly	★ Understand common icons (DL) like different browser
Embedding the required skills		Identify a range of ways to report concerns about contact	icons and the icons that enable different job to be
needed to live, learn, and work in a			done (Settings cog, email letter, volume speaker, find
society where communication and access to information is increasingly			magnifying glass or zoom magnifying glass)
through digital technologies, like			
internet platforms, social media, and mobile devices.			
Using prior knowledge and with			
support start creating content that			★ Understand how to stay safe (DL): name trusted
can be shared and used digitally.			adults, begin to follow SMART rules (see appendix),
			understand technology and software within their age
			restrictions

		<ul> <li>* Turn a range of devices on and off safely and log in independently</li> <li>* Opening, using and saving commonly used programmes (Microsoft office tools).</li> <li>* Manipulate font size, type and colour in a range of programs</li> <li>* Be able to access and navigate different menu types</li> <li>* Understand appropriate websites, games and apps which have age restrictions to ensure they are appropriate. (see appendix)</li> <li>* Recognise common programs and/or APPS (YouTube, Netflix, Skype, FaceTime)</li> <li>* Know who they're trusted adults are to talk to about concerns</li> <li>* Understand and apply SMART rules when online</li> <li>* Know how to seek help and support if concerned e.g. Childline/NSPCC (see appendix</li> </ul>
Digital literacy: E-safety  Use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private, identify where to go for help and support when there are concerns about content or contact from others online.  Being responsible for what is said and done online and the impact it can have on others.	E-safety may not be taught as a discrete area but should be referred to whenever technology is used all curriculum areas.	in

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Computational thinking: Programs are made up of simple step-by-step instructions, these are called algorithms. This decision- making process includes decomposition, abstraction, pattern recognition, logical thinking, evaluation and generalisation. Practising these facilitates an understanding of how computers 'think' and is the basis of creating user friendly programs.	<ul> <li>Design and create programs that accomplish specific goals independently</li> <li>Use repetition in programs</li> <li>Control or simulate physical systems</li> <li>Use logical reasoning to detect, de-bug and correct errors in programs</li> </ul>	
Computer systems: The storage, manipulation and communication of data is conducted by a range of computer systems from large scale servers, which contain vast databases to photos stored on a memory card.  Hardware and software are involved in computer systems and they interact with the user for a particular purpose.	<ul> <li>Understand how computer networks can provide multiple services, such as</li> <li>Appreciate how search results are selected</li> </ul>	the World Wide Web
Digital Literacy: Use of IT  Embedding the required skills needed to live, learn, and work in a society where communication and access to information is increasingly through digital technologies like internet platforms, social media, and mobile devices.  Using prior knowledge and with support start creating content that can be shared and used digitally.	<ul> <li>Select a variety of software to accomplish given goals</li> <li>Select, use and combine internet services</li> <li>Analyse information</li> <li>Evaluate information</li> <li>Collect data</li> <li>Present data</li> <li>Understand the opportunities computer networks offer for communication</li> <li>Identify a range of ways to report concerns about content</li> </ul>	
Digital literacy: E-safety  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.  Being responsible for what they say and do online and the impact it can have on others.	Recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour	

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Computational thinking:		Decomposition	*	
Programs are made up of simple step-by-step instructions, these are called algorithms. This decision- making process includes		Solve problems by decomposing them into smaller more manageable parts		digital devices (DL, CS)
decomposition, abstraction, pattern		Abstraction		
recognition, logical thinking,		•		
evaluation and generalisation. Practising these facilitates an			*	Understand computational thinking and programming
understanding of how computers 'think' and is the basis of creating		Pattern recognition		concepts (CT).
user friendly programs.		Algorithms		
		<ul> <li>Use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work</li> </ul>		
		Use logical reasoning to detect and correct errors in algorithms		
			*	Use a range of software competently (DL),
		Programming concepts		
		Use selection in programs		
	ļ	Work with variables		
Computer systems:		Combine a variety of software to accomplish given goals	]	
The storage, manipulation and communication of data is		Select, use and combine software on a range of digital devices	*	,,
conducted by a range of computer		Analyse data		keyboard shortcuts across a range of software
systems from large scale servers, which contain vast databases to		Evaluate data		packages (DL UoIT)
photos stored on a memory card.		Design and create systems		
Hardware and software are involved		besign and create systems		
in computer systems and they				
interact with the user for a			*	Understand how to stay safe (DL ES):
particular purpose.			^	Officerstally flow to stay safe (DL ES).
Digital Literacy: Use of IT		Understand computer networks, including the internet		
		Appreciate how search results are ranked		
Embedding the required skills needed to live, learn, and work in a		Understand the opportunities computer networks offer for collaboration		
society where communication and			*	Understand rights and responsibilities of online
access to information is increasingly through digital technologies like		Be discerning in evaluating digital content		behaviour(DL)
internet platforms, social media,				
and mobile devices.				
Using prior knowledge and with				
support start creating content that can be shared and used digitally.				
can be shared and used digitally.				
Digital literacy: E-safety				
Use technology safely and	ļ			
respectfully, keeping personal	ļ			
information private, identify where to go for help and support when	ļ			
they have concerns about content	ļ			
or contact on the internet or other online technologies.				
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Being responsible for what they say and do online and the impact it can				
have on others.	ļ			

Key Concept	Contexts	Key Knowledge and Vocabulary	Skills: Techniques & Application
Computational	Computational	Decomposition	
thinking:	thinking:	<ul> <li>Solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts that are easier to solve</li> </ul>	
Programs are made up			Understand and apply computational thinking and
of simple step-by-step	Algorithms:	Abstraction	programming concepts (CT):
instructions, these are	visually and	When problem solving, identify and filter out any unnecessary information and just focus on the	programming concepts (cr).
called algorithms. This	textually	information that needed to solve that problem	Understand and correctly use key terminal and
decision-making	representing algorithms	<ul> <li>I understand how important this is and how this helps me to design better more efficient solutions to the problem. I can see how this makes problem solving easier</li> </ul>	Understand and correctly use key terminology
process includes	algoritimis	I understand how abstraction and decomposition are used together as part of my planning	(decomposition, abstraction, pattern recognition
decomposition,	Decompositio	process before creating algorithms	and algorithm)
abstraction, pattern	n of existing	process service decating digoritarins	
recognition, logical	problems to	Pattern recognition	
thinking, evaluation	design	I can identify similarities and differences in situations and can use these to solve problems and	
and generalisation.	algorithms	make programs more efficient	Understand and APPLY the computational thinking
Practising these			concepts of decomposition, abstraction, pattern
facilitates an	Abstraction	Algorithms	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
understanding of how		Know algorithms can be represented visually [flowcharts] or using instructions in simplified	recognition and algorithms to problem solving.
computers 'think' and is		English (will develop into year 7 as Pseudocode)	
the basis of creating		I understand why algorithms must be written without ambiguity and care and precision are	
user friendly programs.		necessary to avoid errors (ordered, specific, logical and understood by a third party/another	
		person)  Use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work	
		Use logical reasoning to test, detect and correct errors in algorithms	
		ose logical reasoning to test, detect and correct errors in algorithms	Algorithms:
			Algorithms.
		Programming concepts	Be able to WRITE as simplified text a set of instructions
		know that iteration is the repetition of a process such as a loop.	(algorithm) to complete a task (any task, does not have to be
		<ul> <li>Algorithms and programs can include selection (if) and repetition/iteration (loops)</li> </ul>	a computer program. E.g. could be to make a cup of tea) that
		<ul> <li>know that a variable is a named area in memory that store values to be used in a program</li> </ul>	are SPECIFIC, ORDERED correctly, CLEAR/UNAMBIGUOUS for
		<ul> <li>give examples of variables in common programs – e.g. score in a game, lives in a game</li> </ul>	a third person
			Students should then understand and BEGIN to be able to
			convert their text algorithms into flowcharts OR be able
			understand and follow the instructions of a flowchart
			algorithm
			Link to example activity
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**Commented [NB1]:** more complicated than it needs to be and quite abstract even for a year 7. I will re-word and clarify procedures and sub-procedures

Computer systems: The storage, manipulation and communication of data is conducted by a range of computer systems from large scale servers, which contain vast databases to photos stored on a memory card.  Hardware and software are involved in computer systems and	Know that digital computers use binary to represent all data     Understand the difference between hardware and software     Understand computer networks, including the internet, and the benefits of using them     Begin to identify some network hardware     Design and create systems	Use a range of digital devices and hardware (DL & CS):  Recognise and name a range of digital devices and hardware (CS)  Begin to understand what data is stored and communicated by computers and how it is transmitted across a network
they interact with the user for a particular purpose.  Digital Literacy: Use of IT  Embedding the required skills needed to live, learn, and work in a society where communication and access to information is increasingly through digital technologies like internet platforms, social media, and mobile devices.	<ul> <li>Understand the opportunities computer networks offer for collaboration</li> <li>Be discerning in evaluating digital content</li> <li>Evaluate the appropriateness of digital devices, internet services and application software to achieve given goals.</li> <li>Recognise issues surrounding the application of information technology beyond school.</li> <li>Combine a variety of software to accomplish given goals</li> <li>Select, use and combine software on a range of digital devices</li> <li>Analyse data</li> <li>Evaluate data</li> <li>Appreciate how search results are ranked (first does not mean best)</li> </ul>	Use a range of software (DL):  Understand common icons and shortcuts (DL): Use of common keyboard shortcuts (e.g. ctrl+s, ctrl+c, ctrl+v, ctrl+x, ctrl+a) Recognition and use

Commented [NB2]: doesn't mean anything without clarification of what system you are being expected to make? Not sure what's wanted here

Using prior knowledge and with support start creating content that can be shared and used digitally.		
Digital literacy: E-safety  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.  Being responsible for what they say and do online and the impact it can have on others.	use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly; recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour; identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact	Understand how to stay safe (DL):

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- Glossary of Computing term, pg 3-5 <a href="https://icompute-uk.com/ewExternalFiles/iCompute-Glossary.pdf">https://icompute-uk.com/ewExternalFiles/iCompute-Glossary.pdf</a>
- Jeremy Kubica Computational Fairy Tales (Permission has been given to use as much of the book as needed).
- Computing at School (<a href="https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0/">https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0/</a>)
- Programming poster for classrooms: https://www.barefootcomputing.org/docs/default-source/october-2019-resource-downloads/jargon-buster-poster\_english.pdf?sfvrsn=4eba91ea\_2\_

#### Appendix

Useful links				
Computational Thinking	Computer Systems	Digital Literacy: Use of IT	Digital Literacy: E-safety	
https://www.scratchir.org/ https://www.barefootcomputing.org/primary- computing-resources	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zvnr g6f bbc bitesize ks2 has content on all 4 strands	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6	https://www.saferinternetday.org/ https://www.net-aware.org.uk/ https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_u khttps://www.childline.org.uk/	
What is coding? https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/ztqxhyc https://scratch.mit.edu/studios/3831769/ https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/elibrary/r			https://www.nspcc.org.uk/ Ditto newsletter: https://www.esafety- adviser.com/latest-newsletter/ https://www.commonsensemedia.org/ https://www.internetmatters.org/ https://www.kiddle.co/	
esource/35832/scratch-beginners  https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/tp-i-0114- planit-computing-year-1-programming-with- scratchir-unit-pack			https://swiggle.org.uk/ https://www.childnet.com/resources/be-smart- online www.thinkuknow.co.uk	
https://www.i2e.com/i2code/ https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/tp-i-005- planit-computing-year-2-programming-turtle- logo-and-scratch-unit-pack				
STEM learning projects KS1: https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/collection /465446/key-stage-1				
BBC bitesize ks3 computing https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zvc9q 6f				
https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/elibrary/resource/36026/bee-bots-123-programming-activity https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/home-key-stage-1-subjects/ict/ict-bee-bot-jackets				
Y1 & 2 Beebots: http://code-it.co.uk/beebot				

Glossary extras

Key definitions add to glossary not here:

Algorithm – a sequence of specific, ordered instructions to complete a task

Decomposition – breaking down a problem into smaller, easier to solve parts

Abstraction – removing or filtering out all unnecessary information in order to focus on what we NEED to solve a problem

Pattern recognition – self explanatory

Variable – names location in memory where values can be stored for use in a program