

Computing

at Banks Lane Infant and Nursery School

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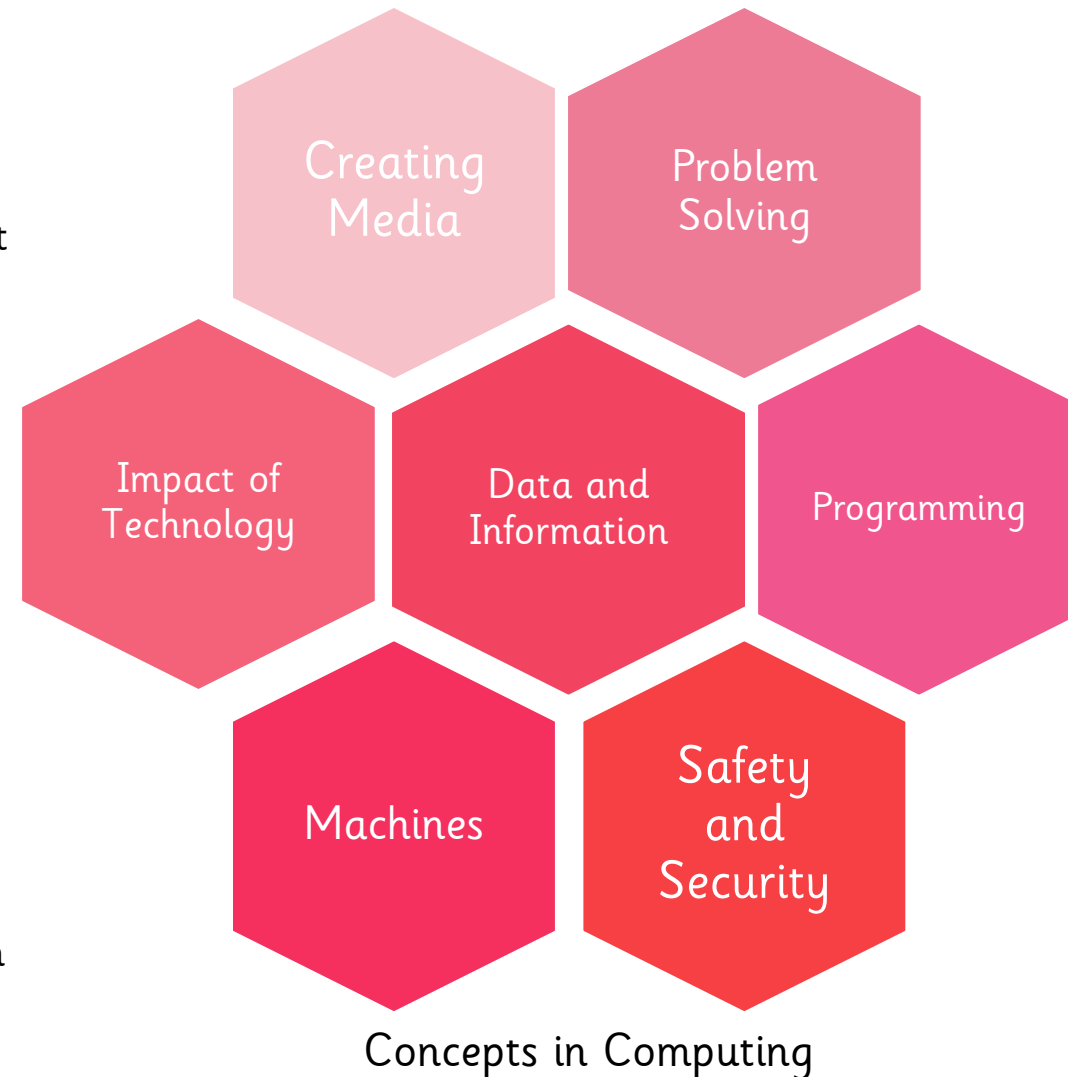
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We judge our Computing curriculum

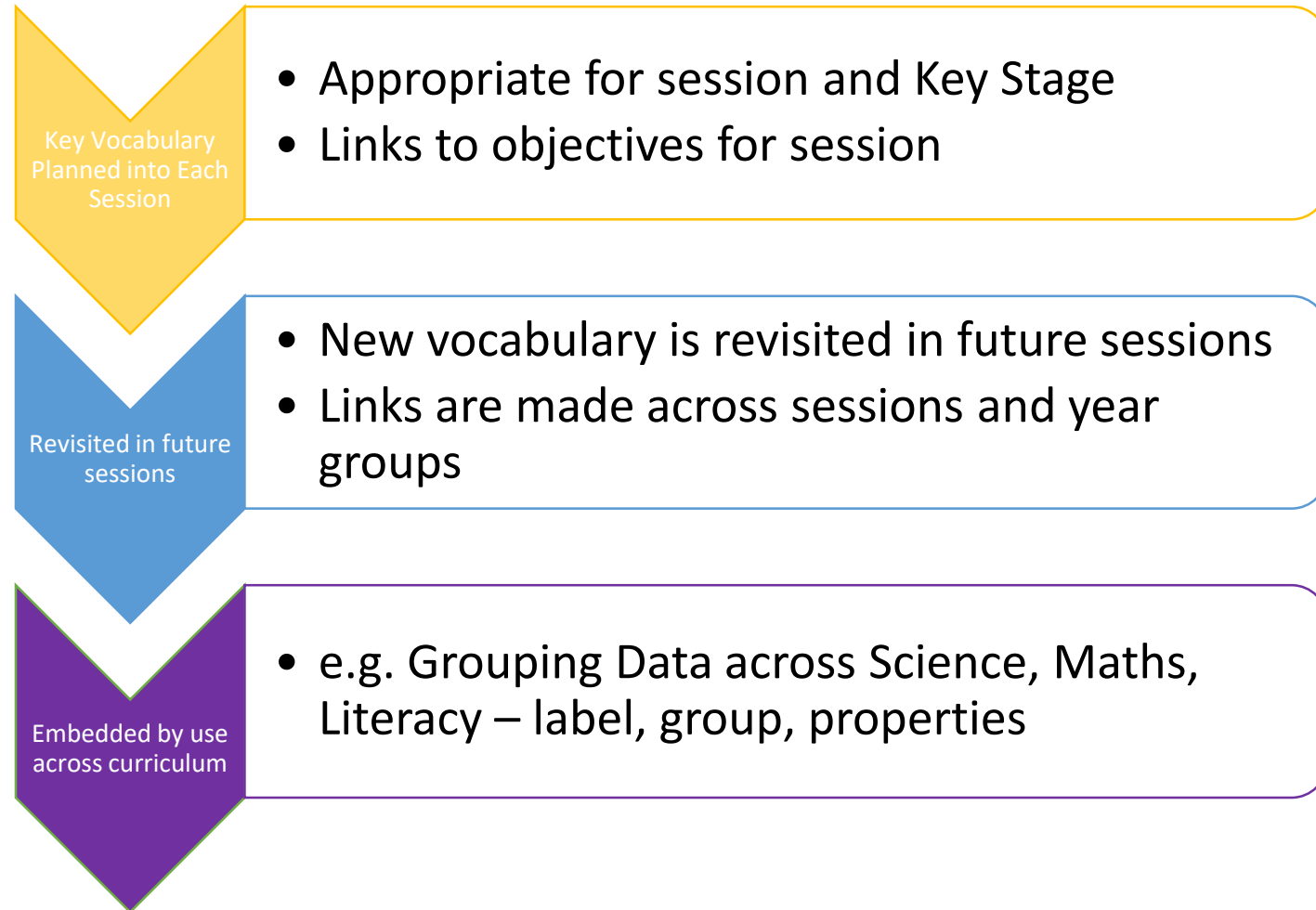
To be Silver Standard

How are knowledge and skills built across school?

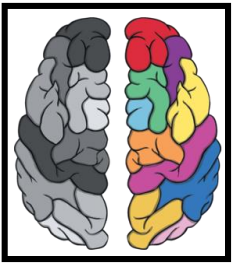
- At Banks Lane Infant and Nursery school, we recognise that children are living within an increasingly technological world and aim to provide them with the vital skills and knowledge to be confident in this area. We ensure that children are exposed to a progressive Computing curriculum in which they can demonstrate an understanding of the skills, knowledge and vocabulary relevant to their age that additionally allows them to revisit the skills and knowledge they have learned through their prior years. This is achieved using the carefully developed 'Progression Model' that allows staff to identify what has been taught prior/next in order to maximise pupil progress.
- Our Computing curriculum for KS1 follows the 'Teach Computing' scheme. We have chosen to follow this scheme because it is 'committed to our vision for every child in every school in England to receive a world-leading computing education.' Teach Computing offers a comprehensive range of support for primary schools to develop inspirational computing teaching.
- We build on prior learning and have a focus on 'Can you still?' This is part of our daily vocabulary in KS1 and this helps our children to embed key skills in order to build on their learning and understanding within Computing.
- The use of this planning is underpinned by high quality teaching across the school. Teachers have a good understanding of the KS1 National Curriculum aims for Computing.
- In EYFS we use Seesaw to log our observations of pupil progress across the seven areas detailed in the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage



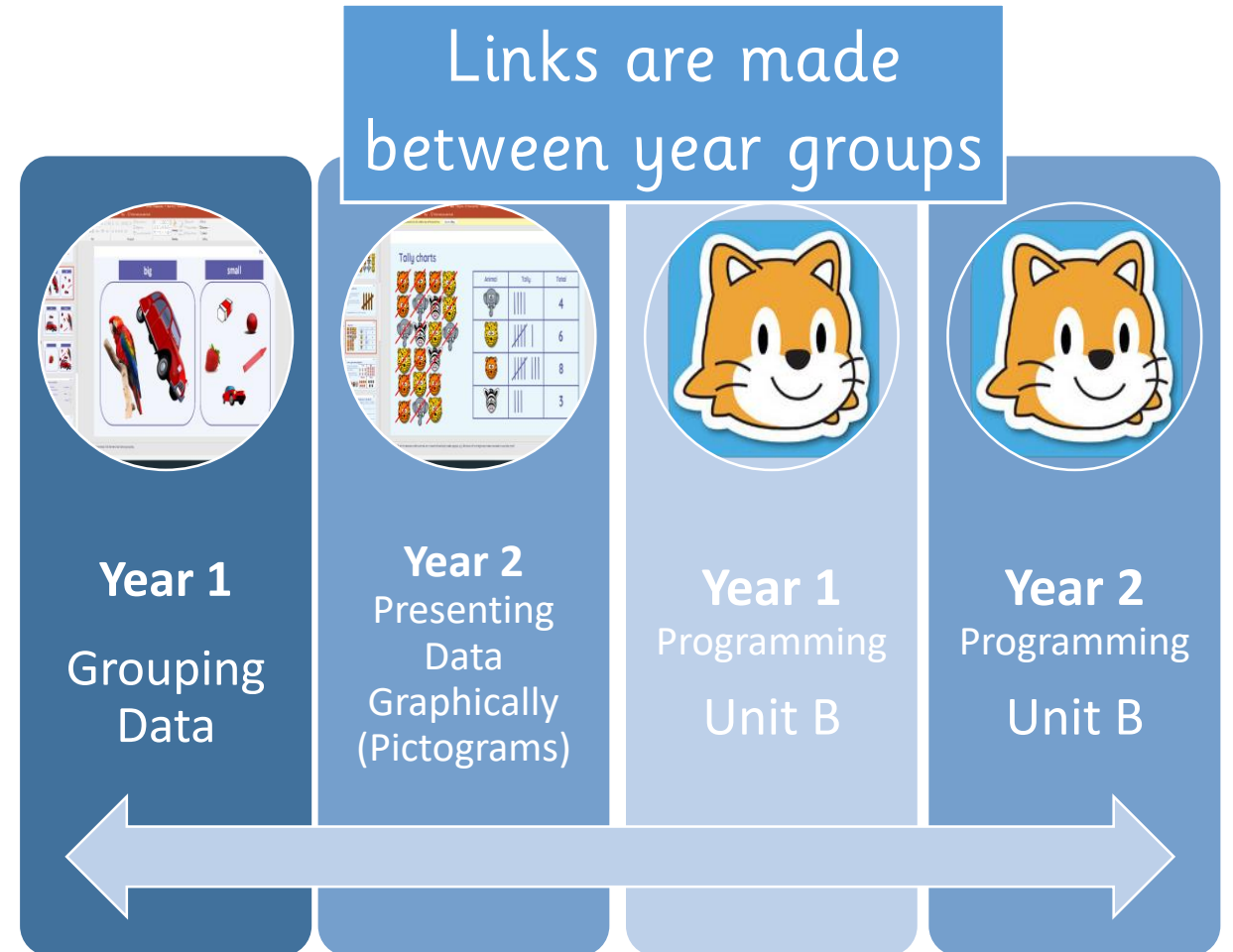
Curriculum Plans – *What are the plans for progression of vocabulary?*



Curriculum plans – *What are the plans for retention of knowledge and skills? Linking learning and remembering learning.*



We use **Can you Still?** teaching strategies at the start of every lesson to ensure that knowledge is embedded and retained.



Pedagogy – How are lessons structured?

Summary

In this lesson, you...

Described objects using different adjectives

Found objects that had similar properties

Next lesson, you will...

Count objects that have similar properties

Group similar objects together in lots of different ways

Count how many objects are in a group

No prior knowledge is assumed

Lessons follow a similar structure each time and end with a 'summary'

Build on skills in steps
e.g. Beebots

[Lesson 1 Buttons](#)

[Lesson 2 Directions](#)

[Lesson 3 Forwards and backwards](#)

[Lesson 4 Four directions](#)

[Lesson 5 Getting there](#)

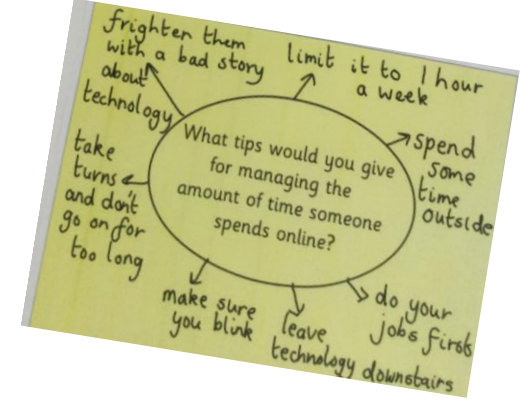
[Lesson 6 Routes](#)

Introduction → Activity → Activity → Plenary → Summary

Set order for planning
– Programming B must follow Programming A

Links made across year groups

Assessment – Measuring progress, knowledge, skills and challenge



Formative assessment is built into the lesson plans, we also make use of unplugged sessions to gauge understanding and progress, as well as circle times for pupil voice

Self assessment by pupils

How confident are you? (1-3)

- I can identify examples of IT
- I can sort school IT by what it's used for
- I can identify that some IT can be used in more than one way

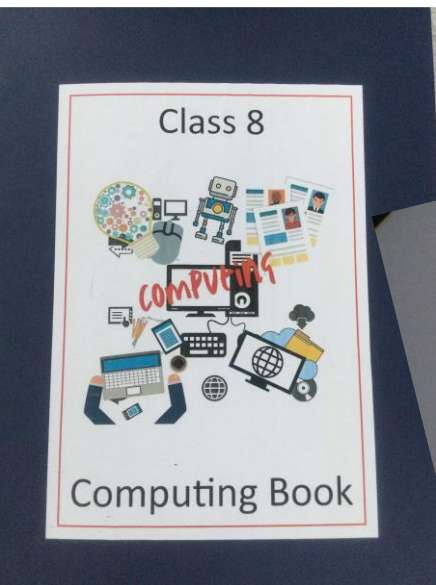
3 – Very confident



2 – Unsure



1 – Not confident



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Computing Progression Model

SEND Assessment Tracker

SENCo	Subject Lead	Class teacher
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Predictions for End of Year

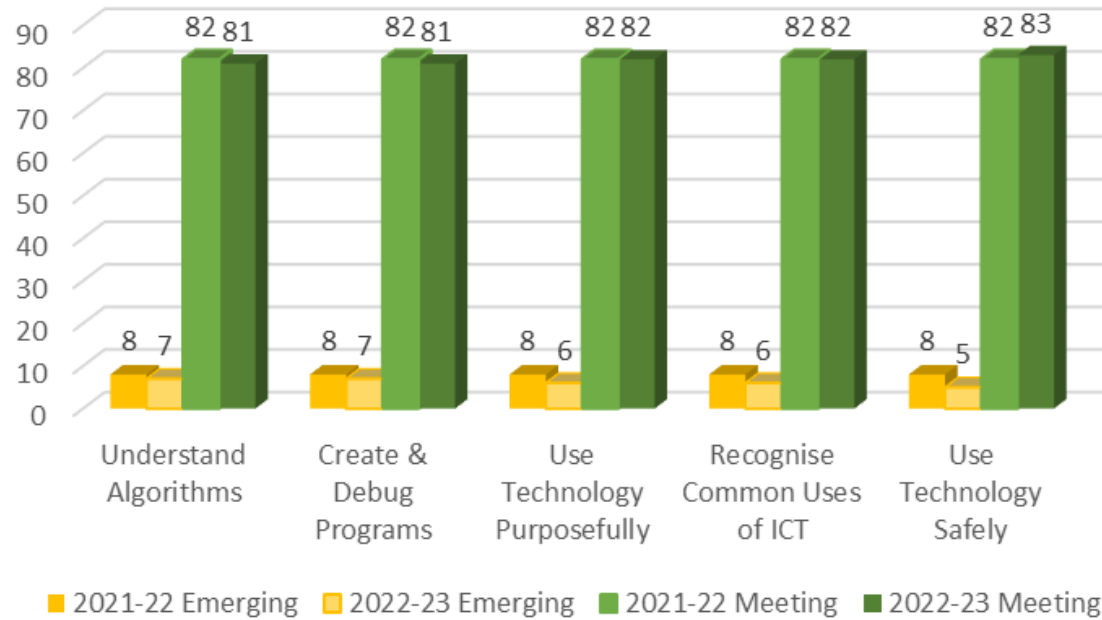
Autumn -

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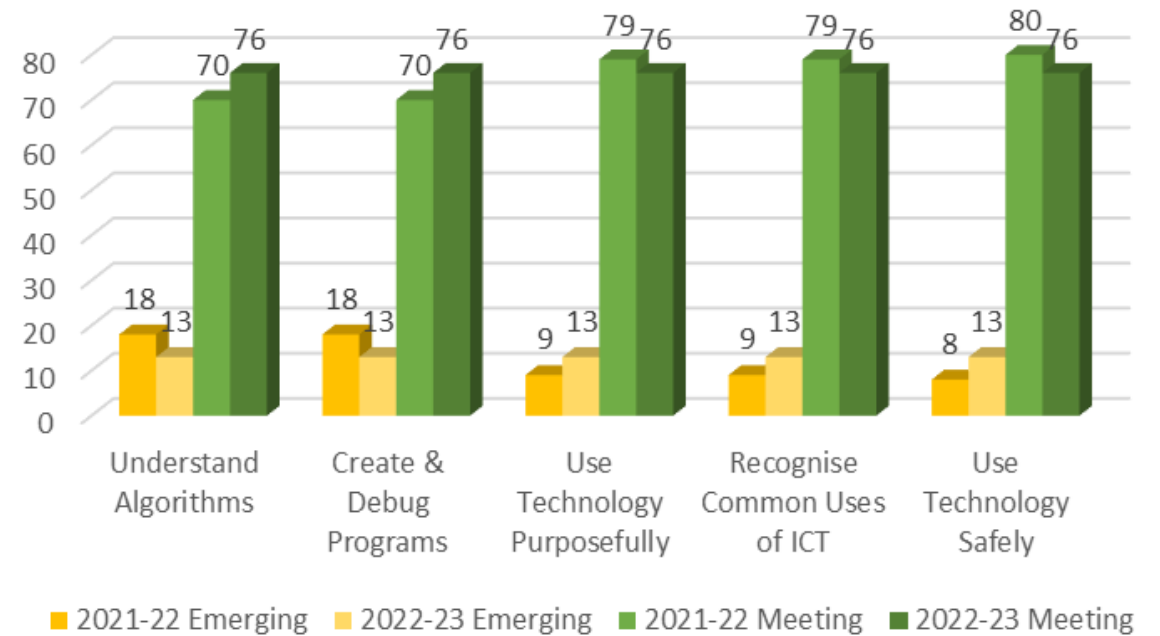
Key Findings

2022-2023

Year 1 Results Comparison



Year 2 Results Comparison



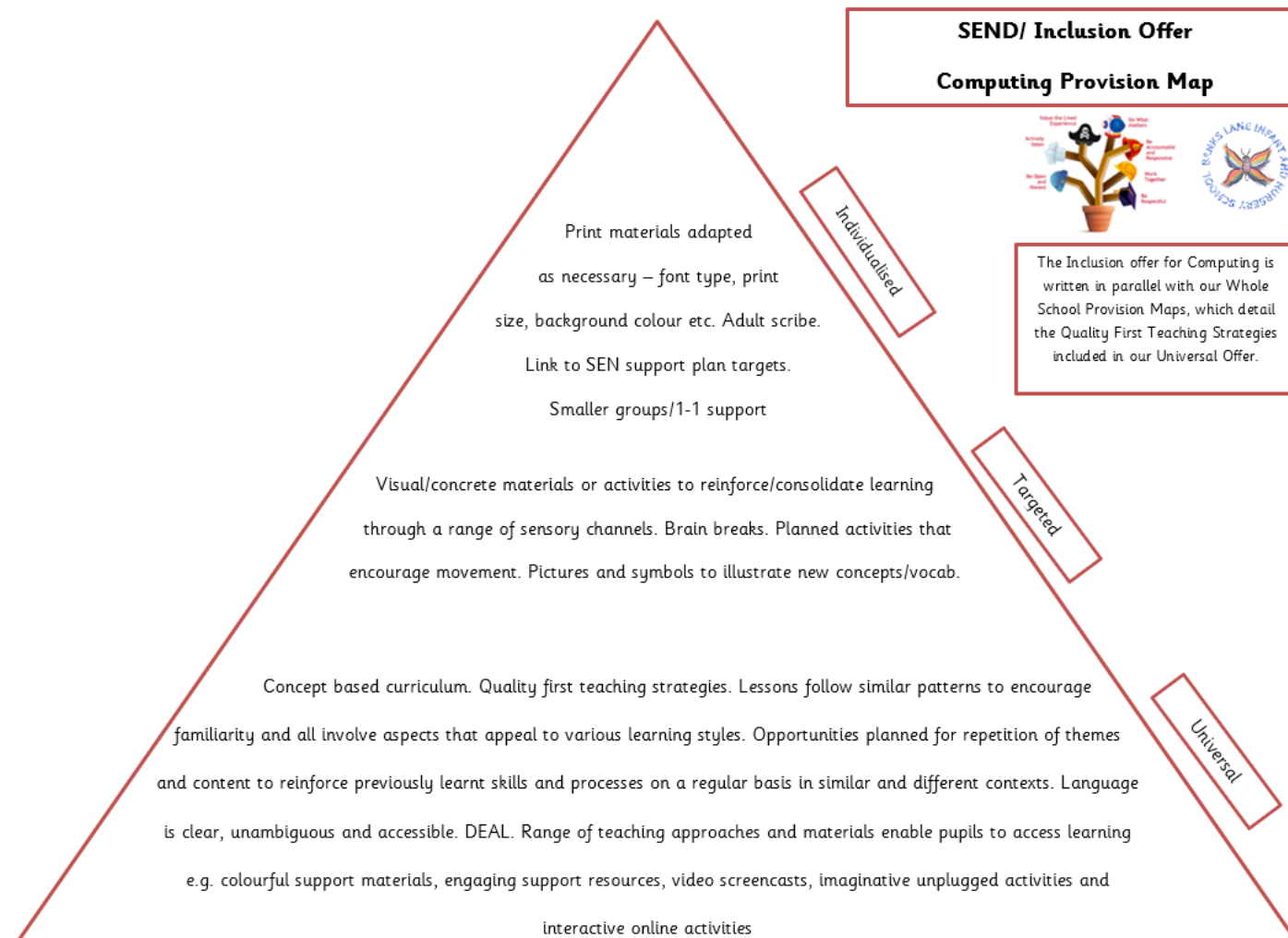
Inclusion – *Challenge and adaptation*



Computing SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities)/inclusion offer



- Computing is offered to all children at BLIS regardless of special educational needs.
- Our curriculum is a spiral planned curriculum that allows for a flexible approach to time spent on units. The curriculum is designed so that content/key themes are revisited. It may be appropriate to revisit computing more so with children with SEND to support 'over learning'.
- Education Planning Framework for Pupils with SEND is used as a tool for planning, resourcing and assessment.
- 'Brain breaks' are provided for all children, as required.
- Inclusive language and resources that are representative of a variety of SEND are used at all times. The language used is direct and clear. New vocabulary is usually introduced in the form of 'vocab cards' and these are supported with simple images. Images will include those of all protected characteristics.
- The curriculum is sometimes delivered in smaller groups to meet the needs of different learners.
- Lessons follow similar patterns to encourage familiarity and all involve aspects that appeal to various learning styles.
- Activities involve group or paired working with valuable roles for each member which encourages peer learning and promotes participation.
- Unplugged activities (computing without a computer) are used to explore concepts and encourage questions. This allows abstract concepts to be taught in a multimodal approach. Programming physical devices (e.g. Bee-Bot) helps pupils learn to program by experiencing their code 'come to life' in multiple ways. Devices with outputs that include sound, movement and light ensure learners with visual or auditory impairment are included.
- Tasks are structured into smaller steps (chunking) that build toward achieving the overall objective.
- All units have differentiated stages that cater to the individual needs of pupils.
- A range of teaching approaches and materials enable pupils to access learning e.g. colourful support materials, engaging support resources, video screencasts, imaginative unplugged activities and interactive online activities.
- A wealth of software and online tools allow SEND pupils to demonstrate skills and progress, express ideas, improve digital literacy and boost self-confidence.
- Our 'Talent in Tech' includes inspirational role models that all children can relate to in some way.



How do we know what's going well?



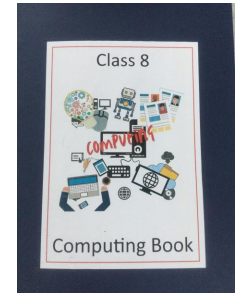
Teacher Voice

As we continue to embed our use of the Teach Computing curriculum, teacher voice feedback will let us know where our gaps are and allow us to offer support, as appropriate



Pupil Voice

Circle times are being utilised by the subject lead to ascertain what's going well. Each session has a different focus – for Autumn 2 the focus is on online games; keeping ourselves safe



We have decided to use floor books to create a place where our children can easily review taught sessions to remind them of their learning. Teachers can use these to help evaluate their planning for unplugged sessions



We use Seesaw in EYFS to track each child's progress. This puts us in a great position for working with families to ensure that all pupils are making good progress and remembering their learning.

Policy and E-Safety



Our E-safety planning is not limited to discreet sessions, but rather follows the needs of our children and the wider community. Our #WakeupWednesdays are linked to circle times (conducted by AL) which elicited which games and online content our children are accessing.

Our Safer Internet Day gives us the opportunity to bring online safety to the forefront, as we spend the rest of the year weaving through our day to day conversations, circle times and high quality teaching sessions.

Policies

- E-Safety Policy
- ICT responsible use policy
- Safeguarding policy



#WakeupWednesday

Parental Engagement – E-Safety

As well as our Wake up Wednesdays, we involve all of our parents for Safer Internet Day.

Tell someone!

If anything worries, upsets or scares you online you should ask for help. Complete the sentences using the word box.

If a video upsets me I can turn the screen and an adult. If someone is mean to me in a game I can ask an to help me that player.

If someone online I don't know makes me feel I can tell an adult and use the report .

someone about my worries means they can help me feel .

tell safety worried better cli
button off block telling adu

In response to: Safer Internet Day 2023 - Can you recommend an app?


We recommend

Name of app

Age rating

Why are you recommending this app?
What do you like about it?

simple racing game and allows the kids to get creative and build their own race tracks.



Internet interview

What internet-connected devices do you own?

How much time do you spend online each day?

What do think MY favourite thing to do online is?

What is your top tip to keep safe online?

What is your favourite thing to do online?

What is your least favourite thing to do online?

What would you like to know more about?

Altru Drama – E-Safety



Ryan from Altru drama ran workshops for each KS1 class.

We covered all different aspects of staying safe online – from uploading photos and content, to talking with others, gaming and streaming content.



The message of the day was
BE KIND

Next steps

- Pupil Voice Forums— Pupil voice circle times will continue across the year in order to track progress, embed learning and identify any areas for support
- Embed planning – We will continue our use of Teach Computing to ensure high quality sessions which are closely linked to the National Curriculum
- Learning walks – Learning walks will be used to allow Subject Lead access to taught sessions

