

Computing

Key vocabulary

A list of vocabulary that is covered across the Kapow Primary Computing scheme of work. Words in bold show new vocabulary as it is introduced.

Curriculum support

Kapow Primary's curriculum access is being improved to make resources more searchable, user-friendly and sustainable.

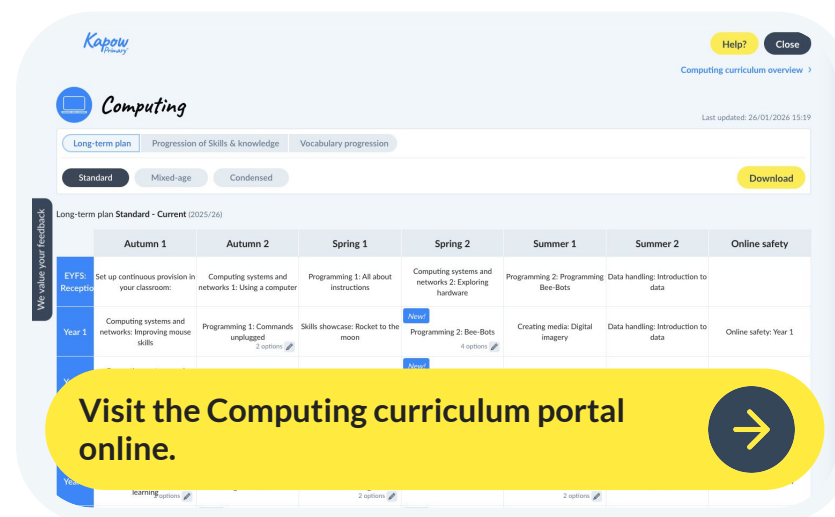
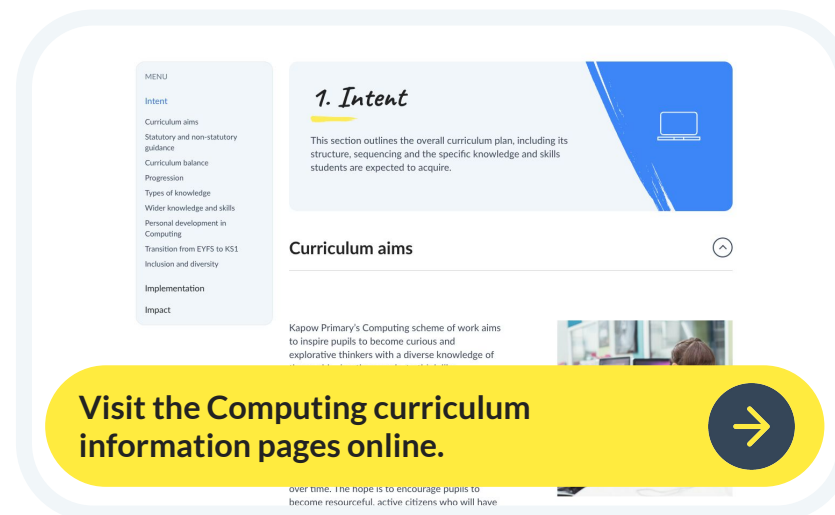
Curriculum information pages and curriculum portals bring together content that was previously only available across multiple PDF documents. This allows quicker access to key information and ensures that the most up-to-date guidance is always available.

Curriculum information pages

These pages outline the intent, implementation and impact of the Kapow Primary curriculum, including the rationale behind the approach. They act as a central hub for curriculum guidance, with links to related resources, embedded media and FAQs to support understanding.

Curriculum portals

The curriculum portals provide an online view of each subject's long-term plan and progression. They bring together key unit information, including national curriculum links, British values and SMSC, knowledge and skills, vocabulary and cross-curricular connections, allowing easy navigation between whole-school and unit-level views.



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Unit	EYFS - Key Vocabulary
Using a computer	arrow, click, computer, computer safety, computer tower, cursor, drag, drop, keyboard, left click, letters, lock, log in, log out, lowercase, monitor, mouse, mouse control, move, numbers, paint, password, personal, protect, right click, secure, security, stamp, type, uppercase
All about instructions	adjective, algorithm, bend down, blindfold, debug, describe, duck, first, follow, give, hop, instructions, last, left, next, order, predict, prediction, right, run, second, sequence, shuffle, skip, stand still, step over, stop, straight on, third, tiptoe, timer, turn, two-part instructions, under, walk around
Exploring hardware	batteries, behind, blurred, blurry, buttons, camera, capture, clear, lick, computer, computer tower, crisp, digital camera, dial, digital clock, electricity, electric toothbrush, gallery, hard-drive, image, iPad, keyboard, keys, larger, lens, memory, mobile phones, monitor, motherboard, mouse, off, on, on top of, open, photograph, photographer, picture, point, power, pull, push, record, remote control, shoot, shut, smaller, speaker, still, system fan, tablets, technology, tinker, twist, under, USB stick, walkie-talkies
Programming Bee-Bots	algorithm, arrow, back, backwards, Bee-Bot, circle, debug, direction, directions, forward, instructions, left, program, right, route, sequence, straight on, turn
Introduction to data	altogether, bigger than, branch database, categorise, category, colour, collect, column, count, data, describe, divide, equal, graph, group, height, in total, least popular, length, less, more, most popular, pattern, pictogram, record, row, share, size, smaller than, sort, square, texture, thicker than, thinner than, weight

Unit	Year 1 - Key Vocabulary
Computing systems and networks: Improving mouse skills	account , click, clipart , computer , drag, drag and drop, duplicate , fill, image, layers , left-click, log in, log off, mouse, password, predict, redo, resize, right click, screen (monitor), software, tool , username, undo
Programming 1	Option 1 Commands unplugged:: command , error , instructions , order Option 2 Algorithms unplugged:: algorithm, artificial intelligence, bug, chunks , code , computer , debug, decompose , device, directions, input , instructions, manageable , order , organise , output , program, problem, solution , specific , tasks , virtual assistant
Skills showcase: Rocket to the moon	annotate , cells, components, create, data, debug, designing , digital content , digital image , document, e-document, edit, editing software, editing program, evaluate, folder, graphics, input, instructions, log in, photo, program, order, robot, save, sequence, share, software, spreadsheet, table
Programming 2: Bee-Bots	Option 1 and 2 - command , instructions , error , program Option 3 and 4 - algorithm, Bee-Bot , code, debug, demonstration , explain, explore, filming, inputting, instructions, pause, precise, predict , program , review, test, tinker , video
Creating media: Digital imagery	background , blurred, camera, clear, crop, delete, device, digital camera , download, drag and drop, edit, editing software, filter, image, import, internet, keyword, online, photograph, resize, save as, screen, search engine, sequence, software, storage space, visual effects
Data handling: Introduction to data	bar chart , block graph, branching database, categorise, chart, click and drag, compare, count, data, data collection, data record, data representation, edit, input, keyboard, line graph, mouse, information, label, pictogram, pie chart, process, record, resize, sort, table, tally, values
Online safety	app, appropriate, device, digital footprint , feelings, going online, in-person interactions, internet, kindness, offline activity, online activity, online experience, online interactions, online safety, personal information , pop-up, posting online, report, responsible digital citizen, screen time, sharing online, stranger, technology, trusted adult, unkind, website

Unit	Year 2 - Key Vocabulary
Computing systems and networks 1: What is a computer?	battery, buttons, camera, computer, desktop , device, digital content , digital recorder , electricity, input, invention, keyboard, laptop , monitor , mouse, output, photograph, robot, scanner , screen , system , tablet, technology , till, video , wire
Programming 1: Algorithms and debugging	Option 1: algorithm , bug , command, debugging , error, instructions, order, sequence Option 2: abstraction , algorithm, artificial intelligence , bug, clear, correct, data, debug, decompose, error, key features , loop , predict, unnecessary
Computing systems and networks 2: Word processing	back button , backspace , bold , copy , copyright , cut, delete, forward button , highlight , image, import, italic , keyboard, keyboard shortcut, layout , navigate , paste , redo , search, space bar , text , text effects , touch typing , underline , undo , word processing
Programming 2: Introduction to block coding MakeCode/ Scratch Jr	algorithm, bug, debug, programming, sequence Option 1 - as above, plus: block coding , evaluate, micro:bit , MakeCode , program) Option 2 - as above, plus: animation, blocks , button, CGI , computer code , fluid , icon , imitate , instructions, loop, 'on tap', repeat, Scratch Jr , sound recording)
Creating media: Stop motion	Animation , animator , background , digital device , drawing , flipbook , frames , moving images , opinion skinning , still images Option 1- as above, plus: decompose, object , plan Option 2- as above, plus: decompose, digital camera, duration , focus , import, object, plan, save, upload Option 3 - as above, plus: debug, effects, evaluate, fluid , pen tool , static
Data handling: International space station	algorithm, astronaut , column , data, digital content, essential , experiment , Goldilocks zone , interactive map , International Space Station , input, monitor, row , satellite , sensor, space , spreadsheet , survival , temperature , thermometer .
Online safety	accepting , consent , denying permission , fake , giving permission , offline , online, password, permission , personal information, pop-up , pressure , private information, real, reliable , sharing online, source , trusted adult

Unit	Year 3 - Key Vocabulary
Computing systems and networks 1: Networks	device, file, internet, network, network switch, packet data, router, server, the cloud, user, Wi-Fi, wired, wireless, wireless access point
Programming: Scratch	loop
Computing systems and networks 2: Emailing	attachment, bcc (blind carbon copy) cc (carbon copy), compose, content, cyberbullying, document, domain, download, email, email account, email address, emoji, emotions, fake, font, genuine, hacker, icons, inbox, information, link, log in, log out, negative language, password, personal information, positive language, reply, responsible digital citizen, scammer, settings, send, sign in, spam email, subject bar, theme, tone, username, virus, WiFi
Computing systems and networks 3: Journey inside a computer	algorithm, assemble, CPU (central processing unit), data, decompose, desktop, disassemble, GPU (graphics processing unit), hard drive, HDD (hard disk drive), infinite loop, input, keyboard, laptop, memory, microphone, monitor, mouse, output, photocopier, program, QR code, RAM (random access memory), ROM (read only memory), storage, tablet device, technology, touchscreen, touchpad
Creating media: Video trailers	application, camera angle, clip, edit, film editing software, graphics, import, key events, music, photo, plan, recording, sound effects, storyboard, time code, trailer, transition, video, voiceover Option 1 - as above, plus: cross blur, crossfade, cross zoom, desktop, digital device, dip to black, directional wipe, laptop Option 2 - as above, plus: cross dissolve, fade to black/white, slide, wipe)
Data handling: Comparison cards databases	categorise, category, chart, data, database, Excel, fields, filter, graph, information, interpret, PDF, questionnaire, record, representation, sort, spreadsheet
Online safety	accurate, age restrictions, autocomplete, belief, charity, content, digital device, fact, fake news, hoax, internet, internet of things, opinion, online emotions, organisation, permission, privacy settings, reliable, search, search engine, share, smart devices, social media platforms

Unit	Year 4 - Key Vocabulary
Computing systems and networks: Collaborative learning	animations, average , bar chart, collaboration , comment, contribution , data, edited , email account, format , freeze , icon, images, insert , link, multiple choice , numerical data, pie chart, presentations , resolved , reviewing comments , share, slides , software, spreadsheets , suggestions , survey, teamwork, themes, transitions
Programming 1: Further coding with Scratch	condition, if statement, variable
Creating media: Website design	assessment , audience , collaboration, content, contribution, create, design , embed , evaluate, features, hyperlinks , images, insert, online, plan, progress , review, web page , website, World Wide Web Google version add in: checklist , Google Sites , hobby , homepage , published , record, style , subpage , tab , theme Microsoft version add in: design view , information, Microsoft Sway , stack , storyline view , style , transform , web browser
Skills showcase: HTML	code, content, copyright, CSS , end tag , fake news, hacker , heading , HTML , HTML tags , internet browser, paragraph , remixing , start tag , text, unplugged, URL , web page , web page elements
Programming 2: Computational thinking	abstraction, algorithm, algorithm design, computational thinking , debug , decomposition, effectiveness, evaluate, instructions, logical , pattern recognition , relevant , remixing , sequence, unplugged
Data handling: Investigating weather	accurate, climate zone, condensation, cylinder, degrees Celsius, evaporation, extreme weather, filming, forecast, heat sensor, lightning, measurement, pinwheel, presenter, rain, satellite, script, sensor data, solar panel, temperature, thermometer, tornado , weather, weather forecast, wind speed
Online safety	accuracy, ad, advantage, advertisement, belief, bot, computer, disadvantage, distraction , fact, hashtag , implications, in-app purchases, influencer, opinion, program, recommendation , reliable, risk, screen time , search results , snippets, sponsored, trustworthy

Unit	Year 5 - Key Vocabulary
Computing systems and networks: Search engines	algorithm, appropriate , copyright, correct, credit , data leak , deceive , fair , fake , inappropriate , incorrect , index , information, keywords , network, privacy , rank , real , search engine, TASK , web crawler , website
Programming 1: Music	adapt , basic command , beat , code , debugging, decompose, error, evaluate, genre, input, loop, music, nested loop, output, pitch , plan, predict, program, program language, repeat, remixing, rhythm, Scratch, soundtrack , soundtrack , tempo , tinker
Data handling: Mars Rover 1	8-bit binary, addition, ASCII, binary code, boolean, byte, CPU, data, data transmission, decimal numbers, discovery , distance , Hexadecimal , input, Mars Rover , the Moon , numerical data, output, planet, radio signal , RAM , scientist , sequence, signal , simulation , space, subtraction ,
Programming 2: BBC micro:bit	Option 1 - conditional statement , condition, variable Option 2 - algorithm, animation, app , blocks, bluetooth , code block, conditional statement , connection, create, debug, decompose, designing, desktop, device, download, images, input, instructions, laptop, load , loop, Micro:bit , outputs , pairing , pedometer , polling , predict, program, repetition, reset , sabotage , scoreboard , screen, systematic , tablet, tinkering , USB , variables, wifi, wireless, wires
Creating media: Stop motion	animation, animator , background, character , decomposition, design, edit, evaluate, flip book , fluid movement , frames , model , moving images, still images , storyboard, thaumatrope , zoetrope Option 1 add in: digital device, onion skinning, stop motion Option 2 add in: effects, photos, script
Skills showcase: Mars Rover 2	3D, algorithm, binary image , CAD , compression , CPU, data, drag and drop, " Fetch , decode , execute ", ID card, input, JPEG , memory, online community , operating system , output, pixels , RAM , responsible , RGB , ROM , safe
Online safety	accurate , advice , app , application , app permissions , biography, bullying , communication , emojis, health , in-app purchases, information, judgement , meme , mental health , mindfulness , negative contribution , online, online communication , opinion, organisation , password, personal information, positive contribution , real world , strong password , summarise , support , trusted adult, well-being

Unit	Year 6 - Key Vocabulary
Computing systems and networks: Bletchley Park and the history of computers	acrostic code, audio advert, brute force hacking, Caesar cipher, chip and PIN system, cipher, combination, date shift cipher, discovery, invention, Nth Letter Cipher, password, pigpen cipher, scrambled, script, secret, secure, technological advancement, trial and error
Computing systems and networks: Exploring AI	AI, AI generated image, AI generated text, algorithm, applications, argument, authenticity, code, considerations, debate, ethical, fake, generate, HTML, image, implications, instructions, learn, modify, output, patterns, prompt, rebuttal, replace, refine, response, task, trained and webpage.
Data handling 1: Big data 1	algorithm, barcode, boolean, brand, chip, commuter, contactless, data, encrypt, infrared, proximity, QR code, QR scanner, radio waves, RFID, signal, spreadsheet, systems analyst, transmission, wireless
Programming: Option 1: Exploring Python Option 2: Introduction to Python	Option 1: loop, nested loop,, syntax, Option 2: algorithm, code, command, design, import, indentation, input, instructions, loop, output, patterns, random, remix, repeat, shape
Data handling 2: Big data 2	Big Data, bluetooth, corrupted, data, energy, GPS, improve, infrared, Internet of Things, personal, privacy, QR codes, revolution, RFID, SIM, simulation, Smart city, Smart school, stop motion, threat, wifi, wireless
Skills showcase: Inventing a product	abstraction, adapt, advert, algorithm, bug, code, coding, debug, design, edit, electronic, evaluate, image rights, images, information, input, loop, output, photos, product, program, repetition, screenshot, selection, sequence, software, structure, variable, video, website
Online safety	anonymity, antivirus, biometrics, block, consent, digital footprint, digital personality, financial information, hacking, inappropriate, malware, online bullying, online reputation, password, personal information, phishing, privacy settings, private, reliable source, report, respect, scammers, screengrab, screenshot, secure, selfie, software updates, two-factor authentication, URL, username