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Pearl Class (Reception) – EYFS

Programming
To know how to explore programmable toys e.g. Bee-Bots
To know some words like forwards or backwards to describe movement in a plugged and unplugged task.
To know how to give a simple set of instructions e.g. how to brush your teeth.
To know how to make a floor robot move.
To know how to use simple software to make something happen.
To make choices about the buttons and icons I press, touch or click on.

Multimedia
To know how to move objects on a screen.
To know how to create shapes and text on a screen.
To know how to use technology to show my learning.
To know that typing on a keyboard/ keypad is another way of writing information.
To know that digital devices can be used to create pictures.

Technology in Our Lives
To know about technology that is used at home and in school.
To know how to operate simple equipment.
To know safe parts of the Internet to play and learn.
To know how to describe some similarities and differences with technology.

Handling Data
To know about different kinds of information such as pictures, video, text and sound.

Throughout the year, the children have access to a range of devices such as digital cameras, audio recorders, tablets, programmable Bee-Bot's.
In particular, learning during the Reception year links very closely to the following areas of the EYFS Curriculum:

Communication and Language
• Understand 'why' and 'what' questions, like:
"Why did you choose that material for teddy's coat?';
"What would happen if you used paper for teddy's coat?"

Understanding the World
• Supporting curiosity about technology in real world contexts:
What happens inside a microwave?
What happens when Mummy puts her card in the machine outside the bank?
Why does she have to type a number in?
Why does she keep it secret?

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Ruby Class (Year 1 & 2) – Key Stage 1					
Cycle A - Term 1	**Cycle A - Term 2**	**Cycle A - Term 3**	**Cycle A - Term 4**	**Cycle A - Term 5**	**Cycle A - Term 6**
Technology Around Us To identify technology To identify a computer and its main parts To use a mouse in different ways To use a keyboard to type To use the keyboard to edit text To create rules for using technology responsibly	**Digital Painting** To describe what different freehand tools do To use the shape tool and the line tools To make careful choices when painting a digital picture To explain why I chose the tools I used To use a computer on my own to paint a picture To compare painting a picture on a computer and on paper	**Digital Photography** To know what devices can be used to take photographs To use a digital device to take a photograph To describe what makes a good photograph To decide how photographs can be improved To use tools to change an image To recognise that images can be changed	**Grouping Data** To label objects To identify that objects can be counted To describe objects in different ways To count objects with the same properties To compare groups of objects To answer questions about groups of objects	**Moving a Robot** To explain what a given command will do To act out a given word To combine forwards and backwards commands to make a sequence To combine four direction commands to make sequences To plan a simple program To find more than one solution to a problem	**Robot Algorithms** To describe a series of instructions as a sequence To explain what happens when we change the order of instructions To use logical reasoning to predict the outcome of a program (series of commands) To explain that programming projects can have code and artwork To design an algorithm To create and debug a program that I have written
Cycle B - Term 1	**Cycle B - Term 2**	**Cycle B - Term 3**	**Cycle B - Term 4**	**Cycle B - Term 5**	**Cycle B - Term 6**
Technology Around Us To recognise the uses and features of information technology To identify information technology in the home	**Digital Writing** To use a computer to write To add and remove text on a computer To identify that the look of text can be changed on a computer To make careful choices when changing text	**Making Music** To say how music can make us feel To identify that there are patterns in music To describe how music can be used in different ways To show how music is made from a series of notes	**Pictograms** To recognise that we can count and compare objects using tally charts To recognise that objects can be represented as pictures To create a pictogram	**Introduction to Animation** To choose a command for a given purpose To show that a series of commands can be joined together To identify the effect of changing a value	**An Introduction to Quizzes** To explain that a sequence of commands has a start To explain that a sequence of commands has an outcome To create a program using a given design

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To identify information technology beyond school To explain how information technology benefits us To show how to use information technology safely To recognise that choices are made when using information technology	To explain why I used the tools that I chose To compare writing on a computer with writing on paper	To create music for a purpose To review and refine our computer work	To select objects by attribute and make comparisons To recognise that people can be described by attributes To explain that we can present information using a computer	To explain that each sprite has its own instructions To design the parts of a project To use my algorithm to create a program	To change a given design To create a program using my own design To decide how my project can be improved

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Sapphire Class (Year 3 & 4) – Lower Key Stage 2					
Cycle A - Term 1	**Cycle A - Term 2**	**Cycle A - Term 3**	**Cycle A - Term 4**	**Cycle A - Term 5**	**Cycle A - Term 6**
Connecting Computers To explain how digital devices function To identify input and output devices To recognise how digital devices can change the way we work To explain how a computer network can be used to share information To explore how digital devices can be connected To recognise the physical components of a network	**Animation** To explain that animation is a sequence of drawings or photographs To relate animated movement with a sequence of images To plan an animation To identify the need to work consistently and carefully To review and improve an animation To evaluate the impact of adding other media to an animation	**Audio Editing** To identify that sound can be digitally recorded To use a digital device to record sound To explain that a digital recording is stored as a file To explain that audio can be changed through editing To show that different types of audio can be combined and played together To evaluate editing choices made	**Branching Databases** To create questions with yes/no answers To identify the object attributes needed to collect relevant data To create a branching database To identify objects using a branching database To explain why it is helpful for a database to be well structured To compare the information shown in a pictogram with a branching database	**Sequence in Music** To explore a new programming environment I can identify that each sprite is controlled by the commands I choose To explain that a program has a start To recognise that a sequence of commands can have an order To change the appearance of my project To create a project from a task description	**Repetition in Shapes** To identify that accuracy in programming is important To create a program in a text-based language To explain what 'repeat' means To modify a count-controlled loop to produce a given outcome To decompose a program into parts To create a program that uses count-controlled loops to produce a given outcome
Cycle B - Term 1	**Cycle B - Term 2**	**Cycle B - Term 3**	**Cycle B - Term 4**	**Cycle B - Term 5**	**Cycle B - Term 6**
The Internet To describe how networks physically connect to other networks To recognise how networked devices make up the internet To outline how websites can be	**Desktop Publishing** To recognise how text and images convey information To recognise that text and layout can be edited To choose appropriate page settings To add content to a desktop publishing publication	**Photo Editing** To explain that digital images can be changed To change the composition of an image To describe how images can be changed for different uses	**Data Logging** To explain that data gathered over time can be used to answer questions To use a digital device to collect data automatically To explain that a data logger collects 'data	**Events and Actions** To explain how a sprite moves in an existing project To create a program to move a sprite in four directions To adapt a program to a new context	**Repetition in Games** To develop the use of count-controlled loops in a different programming environment To explain that in programming there are infinite loops and count controlled loops

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shared via the World Wide Web To describe how content can be added and accessed on the World Wide Web To recognise how the content of the WWW is created by people To evaluate the consequences of unreliable content	To consider how different layouts can suit different purposes To consider the benefits of desktop publishing	To make good choices when selecting different tools To recognise that not all images are real To evaluate how changes can improve an image	points' from sensors over time To use data collected over a long duration to find information To identify the data needed to answer questions To use collected data to answer questions	To develop my program by adding features To identify and fix bugs in a program To design and create a maze-based challenge	To develop a design which includes two or more loops which run at the same time To modify an infinite loop in a given program To design a project that includes repetition To create a project that includes repetition

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Emerald Class (Year 5 & 6) – Upper Key Stage 2					
Cycle A - Term 1	**Cycle A - Term 2**	**Cycle A - Term 3**	**Cycle A - Term 4**	**Cycle A - Term 5**	**Cycle A - Term 6**
Communication To identify how to use a search engine To describe how search engines select results To explain how search results are ranked To recognise why the order of results is important, and to whom To recognise how we communicate using technology To evaluate different methods of online communication	**Video Editing** To recognise video as moving pictures, which can include audio To identify digital devices that can record video To capture video using a digital device To recognise the features of an effective video To identify that video can be improved through reshooting and editing To consider the impact of the choices made when making and sharing a video	**Web Page Creation** To review an existing website and consider its structure To plan the features of a web page To consider the ownership and use of images (copyright) To recognise the need to preview pages To outline the need for a navigation path To recognise the implications of linking to content owned by other people	**Spreadsheets** To explain that formula can be used to produce calculated data To apply formulas to data, including duplicating	**Variables in Games** To define a 'variable' as something that is changeable To explain why a variable is used in a program To choose how to improve a game by using variables To design a project that builds on a given example To use my design to create a project To evaluate my project	**Sensing** To create a program to run on a controllable device To explain that selection can control the flow of a program To update a variable with a user input To use an conditional statement to compare a variable to a value To design a project that uses inputs and outputs on a controllable device To develop a program to use inputs and outputs on a controllable device
Cycle B - Term 1	**Cycle B - Term 2**	**Cycle B - Term 3**	**Cycle B - Term 4**	**Cycle B - Term 5**	**Cycle B - Term 6**
Sharing Information To explain that computers can be connected together to form systems To recognise the role of computer systems in our lives To recognise how information is	**Vector Drawing** To identify that drawing tools can be used to produce different outcomes To create a vector drawing by combining shapes To use tools to achieve a desired effect	**3D Modelling** To use a computer to create and manipulate three-dimensional (3D) digital objects To compare working digitally with 2D and 3D graphics	**Flat-File Databases** To use a form to record information To compare paper and computer-based databases To outline how grouping and then sorting data allows us to answer questions	**Selection in Physical Computing** To control a simple circuit connected to a computer To write a program that includes count-controlled loops To explain that a loop can stop when a	**Selection in Quizzes** To explain how selection is used in computer programs To relate that a conditional statement connects a condition to an outcome

transferred over the internet To explain how sharing information online lets people in different places work together To contribute to a shared project online To evaluate different ways of working together online	To recognise that vector drawings consist of layers To group objects to make them easier to work with To evaluate my vector drawing	To construct a digital 3D model of a physical object To identify that physical objects can be broken down into a collection of 3D shapes To design a digital model by combining 3D objects To develop and improve a digital 3D model	To explain that tools can be used to select specific data To explain that computer programs can be used to compare data visually To apply my knowledge of a database to ask and answer real-world questions	condition is met, eg number of times To conclude that a loop can be used to repeatedly check whether a condition has been met To design a physical project that includes selection To create a controllable system that includes selection	To explain how selection directs the flow of a program To design a program which uses selection To create a program which uses selection To evaluate my program