**Intent**

At our school we want pupils to be MASTERS of technology and not slaves to it. Technology is everywhere and will play a pivotal part in students' lives. Therefore, we want to model and educate our pupils on how to use technology positively, responsibly and safely. We want our pupils to be creators not consumers and our broad curriculum encompassing computerscience, information technology and digital literacy reflects this. We want our pupils to understand that there is always a choice with using technology and as a school we utilise technology to model positive use. We recognise that the best prevention for a lot of issues we currently see with technology/social media is through education.

We recognise that technology can allow pupils to share their learning in creative ways. We also understand the accessibility opportunities technology can provide for our pupils. Our knowledge rich curriculum has to be balanced with the opportunity for pupils to apply their knowledge creatively which will in turn help our pupils become skilful computer scientists.

We encourage staff to try and embed computing across the whole curriculum to make learning creative and accessible. We want our pupils to be fluent with a range of tools to best express their understanding and hope by Upper Key Stage 2, children have the independence and confidence to choose the best tool to fulfil the task and challenge set by teachers.

Implementation

* A clear and effective, bespoke cross curricular scheme of work that provides coverage in line with the National Curriculum. Teaching and learning should facilitate progression across all key stages within the strands of digital literacy, information technology and computer science
* Access to resources which aid in the acquisition of skills and knowledge.
* Children will have access to the hardware (computers, tablets, programmable equipment) and software that they need to develop knowledge and skills of digital systems and their applications
* A clear and effective scheme of work that provides coverage in line with the National Curriculum.
* Teaching and learning should facilitate progression across all key stages within the strands of digital literacy, information technology and computer science. Children will have the opportunity to explore and respond to key issues such as digital communication, cyberbullying, online safety, security, plagiarism and social media.
* Wider Curriculum links and opportunities for the safe use of digital systems are considered in wider curriculum planning.
* The importance of online safety is shown through displays within the learning environment and computer suite.
* Parents are informed when issues relating to online safety arise and further information/support is provided if required.
* As well as opportunities underpinned within the scheme of work, children will also spend time further exploring the key issues associated with online safety.

**Teaching sequence:** see attached

**Long Term Plans:** see attached.

Impact

* Children **will be confident users of technology, able to use it to accomplish a wide variety of goals, both at home and in school.**
* Children will have a secure and comprehensive knowledge of the implications of technology and digital systems. This is important in a society where technologies and trends are rapidly evolving.
* Children will be able to apply the British values of democracy, tolerance, mutual respect, rule of law and liberty when using digital systems.

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