



Policy for Computing at Fallings Park



Whole School Vision

Fallings Park's curriculum is designed to enable all pupils to work towards our mission statement: *Learn Today For Tomorrow's Success*. As we want our children to thrive and contribute to both the school and local communities, our curriculum provides memorable, knowledge-rich learning experiences in every stage of school life, within and outside the classroom.

The primary focus of our curriculum is to provide a purpose and relevance to learning, whilst making connections between all subject areas. Our school intends to empower students to embrace every learning opportunity, achieve their personal best and build their social, emotional, mental and physical well-being through a wide variety of experiences. This will provide our children with the foundations to become curious and creative thinkers; respectful and reflective individuals and be self-motivated learners.

Intent:

Effective computing, coupled with well trained, competent and enthusiastic staff, allows our children to develop the necessary computing skills needed for lifelong learning in the 21st Century.

Computing comprises of three strands, which will be delivered to ensure a balanced curriculum:

- Computer science - the study of the foundational principles and practices of computation and computational thinking, and their application in the design and development of computer systems
- IT - the creative and productive use and application of computer systems, hardware and software
- Digital Literacy - the ability of learners to use, express themselves and develop their ideas through information and communication technology with regard to safeguarding and online etiquette.

These strands reflect the Programme of Study statements from the 2014 National Curriculum.

To help all children develop the key *skills* of:

- understanding and applying the fundamental principles and concepts of computer science, including abstraction, logic, algorithms and data representation
- analyzing problems in computational terms, and have repeated practical experience of writing computer programs in order to solve such problems
- evaluating and applying information technology, including new or unfamiliar technologies, analytically to solve problems

- responsibility, competence, confidence and creativity in the use of technology.

Implementation

Teaching approach	What it means	Useful when...
Unplugged approaches with semantic waves	Exploration of a concept away from computers, followed by concrete application, which is then connected back to the abstract concept.	Introducing new abstract concepts such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Binary representation Data transmission Sorting and searching
Guided exploration	Learners have the freedom to experiment and direct their learning. Guidance is provided through generic goals, available resources, solution elements, or ad hoc support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidating ideas or applying learning to a new context Challenging learners and fostering creativity Addressing misconceptions
Vocabulary, discourse, and questioning	Being consistent and correct in how we use key terminology, both in written and verbal communication.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giving learners the vocabulary to describe a concept once they have understood it Aiding students' comprehension through consistent, correct, and incidental use of terms
Authentic tasks	Using cross-curricular, real-world contexts for problems, scenarios, questions, and challenges. Making the tasks relevant to the learner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing opportunities for cross-curricular learning Adding value and meaning to the concepts being explored

When teaching programming, we will be drawing on a range of approaches that are supported by research.

Teaching approach	What it means	Useful when...
Peer instruction	Multiple choice questions are posed to pairs with the aim of forming a consensus and challenging misconceptions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessing a group's understanding of particular concepts Addressing common or persistent misconceptions
Worked examples	Sample solutions are shared with learners and annotated with subgoal labels, providing a model for similar incomplete problems.	Supporting beginners in developing common programming patterns
PRIMM	A framework that encourages students to begin by reading code and then to Predict, Run, Investigate, Modify, and Make. (Read more here)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deepening learners' understanding of new programming concepts Addressing misconceptions Giving learners agency/confidence
Pair programming	Two learners work together on the same task, taking it in turns to drive or navigate . The driver controls the computing device, and the navigator provides support and direction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applying programming concepts in practice Pairing partners with relatively small differences in skills

		Encouraging learners to discuss concepts
Physical computing	Programming computing devices to interact with the physical world, e.g. controlling lights and motors and responding to sensor input.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing students with motivation Using the concepts to drive the learning, rather than the product

Planning

- The Computing Curriculum is based upon the schemes produced by National Centre for Computing Education, which is in line with the 2014 National Curriculum;
- The curriculum has been organised into modules, ensuring progression of skills and a wide range of teaching opportunities and situations to enable children to acquire knowledge and understanding. Topics have been chosen and carefully placed in the long term plan to enable children to make links between areas of study across the curriculum (see appendix);
- Children will spend one hour per week in KS1 and KS2 studying Computing;
- As a cross-curricular subject, Computing will link to other subjects, such as: Maths, English, History, Geography; this will ensure computing is used in more real life situations.

Within the structure:

- a) Groups are either mixed ability with differentiation by role or ability grouped with differentiation by objective, task or outcome.
- b) Relevant discussion is encouraged;
- c) Groups are encouraged to present their findings in a variety of ways.

Homework

Homework is not formally required for computing; however, links should be made, where appropriate, to Curriculum subjects.

Pupils are provided with half-termly topic related homework. They are given a variety of topic related tasks, which can be completed independently. Children must complete at least one task but may choose to complete more (Going the extra mile)

- Excellence in **Computing** is celebrated through:
 - a) Display, e.g. in classrooms, corridors and good work boards;
 - b) Presentation of certificates, e.g. awards assembly.
 - c) Sharing with other year groups, e.g. Powerpoint/prezzi/sway/Forms/
 - d) Children's homework projects.
 - e) Children's Class Notebook.

Resources:

Our children at Fallings Park Primary School access devices in all curriculum areas.
Appendix 2 (Hardware).

Hardware and software:

Hardware and software are purchased after consultation with technical and pedagogical support to ensure that they are appropriate in terms of specification, ease of use, and integration with other school systems. All purchases are evaluated carefully to ensure that they represent best value in promoting and enhancing the computing experience and learning of pupils.

A range of hardware and software designed to complement computing activities at Fallings Park Primary School is shown in Appendix 3 (Hardware).

Technical Support:

Technical support is an integral part of computing within our school and is planned and managed accordingly. We receive in-school support two half days each week from the eServices team in Wolverhampton Local Authority.

Roles and responsibilities of technical support:

- Set-up, systems administration and preventative maintenance: day-to-day management, set-up and administration of computing hardware, software and safe networking.
- Problem solving: assisting classroom practitioners and other school staff in diagnosing and solving/repairing problems and faults as they occur

Typical tasks carried out by our Technical Support include:

- administrative tasks (such as logging assets, labelling and security marking, keeping track of repairs and service failures, maintaining stocks of consumables such as toner and paper)
- basic maintenance and replacement of consumables (for example, replacing toner, cleaning screens)
- providing advice to support future purchasing on infrastructure and replacement of equipment
- regular or pre-emptive checking of computers, network components and connections
- checking/testing of software and hardware for compatibility prior to installation
- installation of new equipment and software
- installation of software and security updates
- configuration of hardware and software (after installation)
- regular back-up of data and ensuring recovery capability
- network management, such as allocating resources, and setting up access rights and user profiles

Impact

Termly Curriculum Assessment and Milestones:

Teachers will plan a series of progressive lessons using the Milestones ensuring differentiation of skills has been implemented (Staff Training February 2021 supported this). By the end of each year group, pupils are expected to know, apply and understand the matters, skills and processes specified in the relevant Age Related Expectations. Using these milestones differentiation according to the child's ability will allow children a secure understanding of the subject.

Assessment is inputted into Microsoft Forms (Assessment or Rubric) by pupils at the end of each series of lessons (see Appendix).

Subject Leaders will use this data to track and monitor their subject over time and identify any issues that they need to action and will then review the impact this has had. This will ensure there is consistency across the school in the assessment of all Curriculum Subjects.

Strategies for Assessment, Recording and Reporting:

Fallings Park Primary School has an assessment and record keeping policy using Milestones and children are assessed in line with the National Curriculum requirements.

Children's computing work is assessed online (and kept until they leave school); and general work is stored in their Class Notebook areas.

In addition, computing may be assessed in a variety of ways:

- Observation of child or group on task
- Discussion with children about their task
- Personalized learning spaces
- Children's own evaluations of their work (Online)
- Assessment of skills
- Formal assessment of children's work against National Curriculum levels (Online)

Strategies for Ensuring Progress and Continuity:

Planning in Computing is a process in which all teachers are involved wherein:

- The foundation for Computing planning is shown on the Year Group Curriculum Maps (see shared) developed through a process of collaboration between staff and approved by the Governing Body;
- The National Centre for Computing Education is to be used as a guide which have been drawn up and cross referenced to the National Curriculum 2014 in order to ensure full coverage;
- Medium Term plans are linked with the Scheme produced by the National Centre for Computing Education. Units of work are then implemented by year groups and used, wherever possible, to draw cross-curricular links;
- Plans are monitored by the curriculum co-ordinators and leadership team to ensure the consistency of approach, progression and standards;
- The Computing Coordinator will monitor that Computing is being taught effectively by monitoring pupil progression through analysis of their online assessments.

Skills Auditing and CPD:

- All teachers at Fallings Park Primary School are given the opportunity to develop their computing skills by engaging with relevant training sessions, including formal INSET days, staff meetings, and external course attendance (including Remote Training and Online courses). Staff development in computing is part of the staff appraisal and professional development process in school. Staff are encouraged to seek informal advice on teaching and learning from the subject co-ordinator and other colleagues.
- Additional training will also be provided for our classroom support staff in order to effectively manage their work and to enhance the work they undertake with pupils.
- An annual audit will be undertaken to monitor staff competence and confidence and to support future training needs.

Subject Leadership:

- Take the lead in policy development and the production of the long term plan, which is designed to ensure progression and continuity in Computing throughout the school;
- Support colleagues in their development of detailed work plans, their implementation of long and medium term plans and in the assessment and record keeping activities;
- Track progress using TCAs (Termly Curriculum Assessments) in Computing and advise the Head Teacher on action needed and feedback of impact;
- To monitor coverage of key skills and differentiation by checking planning and in turn must feedback their findings to Curriculum Coordinators with any necessary actions that need to take place;
- Keep up to date with developments in Computing education and disseminate information to colleagues as appropriate.
- Scrutiny of planning will be undertaken by Leadership Team, who at times may support Curriculum Coordinators in doing this.
- Reviewing hardware and software usage in line with the school's vision for attainment in all subject areas.

- Liaising with technical support staff in maintaining and updating software and hardware.
- Engaging with support and new ideas from outside agencies and online communities.
- Working alongside school leaders to develop or select resources and teaching ideas which promote the online safety of all pupils, carers and the wider community.

The role of the Staff:

Each member of staff is responsible for:

- Ensuring creative and appropriate computing opportunities are a regular feature of classroom practice.
- Ensuring coverage of the National Curriculum for computing
- Modelling correct e-Safety behaviour and ensuring children receive age-appropriate e-Safeguarding information and activities at the start of each computing lesson.
- Hardware within learning environments are stored safely.

Equal Opportunities with Computing

All teaching and non-teaching staff at Fallings Park Primary School are responsible for setting high expectations for all pupils, irrespective of their gender, ability, ethnicity, first language and social circumstances, have access to the whole curriculum and make the greatest possible progress.

As with all other curriculum areas, material may be selected from earlier or later parts of the key stage as appropriate to enable pupils to progress and demonstrate achievement. Such materials are presented in a context appropriate for the age and maturity of the pupil. Computing is implemented in accordance with any Intervention, School Support Plan or Statement for a pupil. Pupils with English as an Additional Language receive the support necessary to allow them to access the curriculum as fully as possible. Teachers should take account of their duties under equal opportunities legislation that covers race, disability, sex, religion or belief, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity and gender reassignment.

Gifted and talented pupils will be supported in making continuing progress through extension activities and the provision of new opportunities to challenge them further. They should plan stretching work for pupils whose attainment is significantly above the expected standard. Teachers have an even greater obligation to plan lessons for pupils who have low level of prior attainment or come from disadvantaged backgrounds, and to ensure provision is made to account for this.

'the curriculum is underpinned by the concepts of mastery, therefore the materials offer flexibility for students with lower prior attainment to develop mastery through individual support and intervention and those whose attainment is significantly above the expected standard to extend their knowledge through activities that stretch and deepen their understanding'

Health and Safety in Computing:

At Fallings Park Primary School we recognize the importance of health and safety for all in regard to the use of interactive whiteboards, computers, projectors and related equipment in and outside the classroom. This policy should be read in conjunction with the Health & Safety Policy.

APPENDIX I

Long Term Plan

	Curriculum Area	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Aut 1	Computer systems and networks (Information Technology)	Technology around us 1. Technology in our classroom 2. Using Technology 3. Developing mouse skills 4. Using a computer keyboard 5. Developing keyboard skills 6. Using a computer responsibly	IT around us 1. What is information technology (IT)? 2. Where have we seen IT at home? 3. How do digital devices help us? 4. How does IT improve our world? 5. Demonstrate safe use of IT 6. Using IT responsibly	Connecting computers 1. How does a digital device work? 2. What parts make up a digital device 3. How do digital devices help us? 4. How am I connected? 5. How are computers connected? 6. What does our school network look like	The Internet 1. Connecting networks 2. What is the internet made of? 3. Sharing information 4. What is a website? 5. Who owns the web? 6. Can I believe what I read?	Sharing information 1. Systems 2. Computer systems and us 3. Transferring information 4. Working together 5. Better working together 6. Shared working	Communication 1. Searching the web 2. Selecting search results 3. How search results are ranked 4. How are searches influenced? 5. How we communicate 6. Communicating responsibly
Aut 2	Creating media (Digital Literacy)	Digital painting 1. How can we paint using computers? 2. Using shapes and lines 3. Making careful choices 4. Why did I choose that? 5. Painting all by myself 6. Comparing computer art and painting	Digital photography 1. Devices 2. Landscape or portrait 3. What makes a good photograph? 4. Lighting and focus 5. Effects 6. Is it real?	Animation 1. Can a picture move? 2. Frame by frame 3. What's the story? 4. Picture perfect 5. Evaluate and make it great! 6. Lights, camera, action!	Audio editing 1. Digital recording 2. Recording sounds 3. Creating a podcast 4. Editing digital recordings 5. Combining audio 6. Evaluating podcasts	Vector drawing 1. The drawing tools 2. Create a vector drawing 3. Being effective 4. Layers and objects 5. Manipulating objects 6. Get designing	3D Modelling 1. What is 3D Modelling? 2. Making changes 3. Rotation and position 4. Making holes 5. Planning my own 3D model 6. Making my own 3D model
Spr 1	Creating media (Digital Literacy)	Digital writing 1. Exploring the keyboard 2. Adding and removing text 3. Exploring the toolbar 4. Making changes to text 5. Explaining my choices 6. Pencil or keyboard	Making music 1. How music makes us feel 2. Rhythms and patterns 3. How music can be used 4. Notes and tempo 5. Creating digital music 6. Reviewing and editing music	Desktop publishing 1. Words and pictures 2. Can you edit it? 3. Great template! 4. Can you add content? 5. Lay it out 6. Why desktop publishing?	Photo editing 1. Changing digital images 2. Changing the composition of images 3. Changing images for different uses 4. Retouching images 5. Fake images 6. Making and evaluating a publication	Video editing 1. What is video? 2. Identifying devices 3. Using a device 4. Features of an effective video 5. Importing and editing video 6. Video evaluation	Web page creation 1. What makes a good website 2. How would you layout your web page 3. Copyright or CopyWRONG? 4. How does it look? 5. Follow the breadcrumbs 6. Think before you link!
Spr 2	Data and information (Information Technology)	Grouping data 1. Label and match 2. Group and count 3. Describe an object 4. Making different groups 5. Comparing groups 6. Answering questions	Pictograms 1. Counting and comparing 2. Enter the data 3. Creating pictograms 4. What is an attribute 5. Comparing people 6. Presenting information	Branching databases 1. Yes or no questions 2. Making groups 3. Creating a branching database 4. Structuring a branching database 5. Using a branching database 6. Presenting information	Data logging 1. Answering questions 2. Data collection 3. Logging 4. Analysing data 5. Data for answers 6. Answering my question	Flat-file databases 1. Creating a paper-based database 2. Computer databases 3. Using a database 4. Using search tools 5. Comparing data visually 6. Databases in real life	Spreadsheets 1. What is a spreadsheet? 2. Data collection 3. What's the formula? 4. Calculate and duplicate 5. Event Planning 6. Presenting Data
Sum 1	Programming A (Computer Science)	Moving a robot 1. Buttons 2. Directions 3. Forwards and backwards 4. Four directions 5. Getting there 6. Routes	Robot algorithms 1. Giving instructions 2. Same but different 3. Making predictions 4. Mats and routes 5. Algorithm design 6. Debugging	Sequence in music 1. Introduction to Scratch 2. Programming sprites 3. Sequences 4. Ordering commands 5. Looking good 6. Making an instrument	Repetition in shapes 1. Programming a screen turtle 2. Programming letters 3. Patterns and repeats 4. Using loops to create shapes 5. Breaking things down 6. Creating a program	Selection in physical computing 1. Connecting Crambles 2. Combining output devices 3. Controlling with conditions 4. Starting with selection 5. Writing designs 6. Writing and testing algorithms	Variables in games 1. Introducing variables 2. Variables in programming 3. Improving a game 4. Designing a game 5. Designing to code 6. Improving and sharing
Sum 2	Programming B (Computer Science)	Introduction to animation 1. Comparing tools 2. Joining blocks 3. Make a change 4. Adding sprites 5. Project design 6. Following my design	An introduction to quizzes 1. Scratch's recap 2. Outcomes 3. Using a design 4. Changing a design 5. Designing and creating a program 6. Evaluating	Events and actions 1. Moving a sprite 2. Maze movement 3. Drawing lines 4. Adding features 5. Debugging movement 6. Making a project	Repetition in games 1. Using loops to create shapes 2. Different loops 3. Animate your name 4. Modifying a game 5. Designing a game 6. Creating our games	Selection in quizzes 1. Exploring conditions 2. Selecting outcomes 3. Asking questions 4. Planning a quiz 5. Testing a quiz 6. Evaluating a quiz	Sensing 1. The micro:bit 2. Go with the flow 3. Sensing inputs 4. Finding your way 5. Designing a step counter 6. Making a step counter

Online Assessment Links

<https://cloudw.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/FallingsLT/EfMW09ZZ77NMmrSx29-w3YgBPtviaPWtUzd0BYwYv9A8WA?e=STMHrp>

APPENDIX 2

Year Group	Cabinet Location	Laptops	Ipod required
Early Years	A4		4,5 Minis
Year 1	B19		30 Minis
Year 2	B23	24	30
Year 3	C13	24	30
Year 4	C13	24	30
Year 5	C25	32	30
Year 6	U10	32	30
Total		120	180

Central resource base for laptops located in Oak.

APPENDIX 3 HARDWARE

20 SMART WHITEBOARDS

9 LCD WHITEBOARDS

20 PROJECTORS

94 DELL LAPTOPS FOR PUPIL USE

DELL LAPTOPS FOR STAFF

15 DIGITAL CAMERAS

3 PRINTERS

3 FLIP CAMERAS

VIDEO CAMERA

20 VISUALISERS

4-8 Ipad Minis

112 IpadS PUPIL USE