Our Curriculum for Computing



INTENT

School Vision:

At Totley All Saints Church of England Primary School, we aim to be an exceptional school with Christian values at the very heart of the community. We are committed to providing a caring environment where every child can thrive & is supported to achieve their unique & amazing potential as a child of God.

Subject Curriculum Vision:

In Computing we aim for all children to understand and apply the fundamental principles and concepts of computer science, so that they can solve problems in computational terms and have practical experience of writing computer programs. We support and nurture our children with their understanding of how to access new or unfamiliar technologies giving them the confidence to independently explore in a safe and knowledgeable way. We aim for all children to aspire to be responsible, competent, confident and creative users of information and communication technology and to use these skills to enrich their lives both now and in the future as well as give them a lifelong enjoyment of the subject.

Our Curriculum for our Context:

Totley All Saints is situated in a semi-rural setting on the edge of the city of Sheffield and close to the Peak District. Our school is a smaller than average school with 212 pupils on roll aged 4-11 yrs. The ratio of girls to boys is higher than the national average & the proportion of pupils eligible for free school meals is much lower than average. A lower than average number of pupils come from minority ethnic backgrounds & the school is predominantly White British. The school now has a near to average number of children categorised as SEN with Support as well as children with a Statement of SEN or EHCP. Pupils typically enter FS2 either below or at least in line with national in Reading, Writing & Maths.

Our Computing Curriculum reflects the ethos & aims of the school as well as the context from which our children derive. This means that our Computing Curriculum provides the necessary building blocks to develop the necessary knowledge & skills, whilst also promoting British Values, healthy lifestyles & mental wellbeing, plus excellent behaviour & attitudes. It is underpinned with a large emphasis on SMSC development, a strong practical outworking for others in line with our Christian ethos, whilst also building character & readiness for the next stages of education & the learning journey beyond.

IMPLEMENTATION

Aims of the National Curriculum:

The aims for Computing in the national curriculum are to promote high standards computer literacy and a broad and varied understanding of all elements of information technology. The national curriculum for Computing aims to ensure that all pupils:

- can understand and apply the fundamental principles and concepts of computer science, including abstraction, logic, algorithms and data representation.
- can analyse problems in computational terms, and have repeated practical experience of writing computer programs in order to solve such problems.
- can evaluate and apply information technology, including new or unfamiliar technologies, analytically to solve problems.

• are responsible, competent, confident and creative users of information and communication technology. KA Sargent / Curriculum at TASS in Curriculum Docs

| Learning Experience | Resources | Links with other Subject Areas |
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| What is the breadth of experience provided for our children? | What resources are used to support the teaching & learning of this subject? | What links are made between this & other subject areas? |
| Quality First teaching: variety of teaching styles & varied stimulus Quality Resources: computers, laptops, iPad's, computer software, input and output devices as well as, online resources & programmes Experiences: Computing Club (run by the children themselves) with Digital Ambassadors Regular Computing lessons both in the Computing Suite and regular use of hardware within all lessons. | Child centred and engaging Computing classroom 31 desktop computers in the Computing Suite 45 iPads Beebots & mats Laptops Headphones & Microphones Input and Output devices. | Links are made with other subject areas wherever possible & Computing skills are often used as a strong part of other subjects through research, word processing, Apps usage & the presentation of information. |

Planning & Sequencing of Knowledge & Skills

See Appendices.

IMPACT

| Assessment | Monitoring & Evaluation | Long Term Memory |
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| How is this subject assessed? | How do we know we have | How does this subject impact |
| How is this subject assessed: | | 5 |
| | been successful? | on long term memory? |
| • Teacher assessment | Lesson observations | • Use of IT which becomes second |
| Observation | Work scrutiny | nature as embedded skills |
| Self & peer assessment | Discussions | Revision & recapping |
| | Timetables | • Success Criteria |
| | | Feedback to children |
| | | Repeated recall |
| | | • Curriculum Displays |
| | | • Links & connections with other |
| | | subject areas plus old & new |
| | | knowledge |
| | | • Learning Journals |
| | | • Discussion |
| Readiness for Next Stage | Promotion of Social | Promotion of British |
| of Education | Mobility | Values & SMSC |
| How does this subject prepare | How does this subject promote | How does this subject promote |
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| our children for the next stage | social mobility? | British Values & SMSC? |
| of their educational journey at | | |
| secondary school & beyond? | | The second second |
| We endeavour to ensure that the | Our aim is that no child is | Through our rich & varied |
| sequence of content enables our | disadvantaged by their background | curriculum, we ensure that our |
| children to progress whilst they are | situation & that, as a school, we | children are well equipped for life |
| with us, but also to provide the | provide everything that a child | in modern Britain &, through |

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| building blocks necessary to build | needs so that there are no gaps in | subject linkage have an excellent |
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| on at secondary school & their | computational learning. As a result, | understanding of Information & |
| learning journey beyond. | we ensure that children have a | Communication Technology, |
| Underlying all of this is our | broad range of curriculum | Democracy, the Rule of Law, |
| emphasis on Leaning Culture which | experiences, free access to a wide | Responsibility & Liberty, Mutual |
| provides the underlying principles | variety of software, multiple | Respect plus Tolerance of those of |
| of attitude, resilience & character. | opportunities to access computing | different faiths and beliefs. Our |
| | programming and problem solving | Curriculum is driven by SMSC |
| | so as to create responsible, | Development &, as a result, pupils |
| | competent, confident and creative | thrive – enjoying their lives, |
| | users of ICT. | learning & want to make a |
| | | difference for others. |

Appendices

Planning & Sequencing of Knowledge & Skills

How is the subject planned & sequenced in order that our children can progress through the Building Blocks for learning? This may include: Vocabulary, People, Places, Events, Concepts, Skills, Analysis, Evaluation, Problem-solving, Creativity, Independence, etc.