

Computing Curriculum Vocabulary 2025 - 2026

At Buckton Vale we use the Kapow Computing scheme of work.

Below is a list of the key vocabulary that is covered across the computing curriculum.

Each year group is split into the key unit areas of learning with specific language repeated throughout the teaching year.

Year/Units	Using a computer	Online Safety	All about instructions	Programming: Bee Bot	Introduction to data
EYFS	Arrow, click, computer, computer safety, computer tower, cursor, drag, drop, keyboard, left click, letters, lock, login, log out, lowercase, monitor, mouse, mouse control, move, numbers, paint, password, personal, protect, right click, secure, security, stamp, type, uppercase	Computers, online, safety, strangers, adults, feelings, emotions,	Adjective, algorithm, bend down, blindfold, debug, describe, duck, first, follow, five, 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	Algorithm, arrow, back, backwards, Bee-Bot, circle debug, direction, directions, forward, instructions, left, program, right, route, sequence, straight	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

Year/Units	Computing systems and networks: Improving mouse skills	Programming 1: Algorithms unplugged	Online safety	Creating media: Digital Imagery	Programming 2: Bee-Bots	Skills Showcase: Rocket to the moon
1	Account, click, ctrl, cursor, drag, drag and drop, digital photograph, drop, duplicate, keyboard, layers, log on/in, log out/off, menu, mouse, mouse pointer, password, right click, screen (monitor), software, tool, username.	Algorithm, automatic, bug, chunks, clear, code, debug, decompose, decomposition, device, directions, input, instructions, manageable, motion, order, organise, output, precise, programming, problem, robot, sensor, sequence, solution, specific, steps, tasks virtual assistant.	Communicate, connect, console, devices, digital footprint, emotion, feelings, instructions, internet, internet safety, laptop, mood, online, personal information, phone, posting, predict, respect, sharing, smart device, smartphone, smart TV, smartwatch, strangers, tablet, trust, wired, wireless	sequence, software, storage space, visual	Algorithm, artificial intelligence, Bee-Bot, clear, code, debug, demonstration, filming, inputting instructions, pause, precise, predict, program, tinker, video, video recording.	Annotate, cells, components, create, data, debug, designing, digital content, digital image, document, edit, editing program, evaluate, folder, input, instructions, log in, photo, program, order, robot, save, sequence, share, software, spreadsheet, table

Year/Units	Computing systems and networks 1: What is a computer?	Programming 1: Algorithms and debugging	Online Safety	Computing systems and networks 2: Word Processing	Programming 2: Make Code	Data handling: International space station
2	Battery, buttons, camera, computer, desktop, device, digital, digital recorder, electricity, function, input, invention, keyboard, laptop, monitor, mouse, output, paying till, scanner, screen, system, tablet, technology, video, wires	Abstraction, algorithm, artificial intelligence, bug, clear, correct, data, debug, decompose, error, key features, loop, predict, unnecessary	Accept, comment, consent, content, deny, emojis, offline, online, password, permission, personal information, pop-ups, pressure, private information, reliable, share, terms and conditions, trusted adult	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	Algorithm, animation, blocks, bug, button, CGI, computer code, code (verb), debug, fluid, icon, imitate, instructions, loop, 'on tap', programming, repeat, Scratch, sequence, sound recording	Algorithm, astronaut, data, digital, digital content, experiment, galaxy, insulation, interactive map, international space centre, international space station, interpret, laboratory, monitor, planet, satellite, sensor, space, temperature, thermometer, water reservoir

Year/Units	Computing systems	Computing systems	Online Safety	Programming:	Computing systems	Data handling:
	and Networks 1:	and networks 2:		Scratch	and networks 3:	Comparison cards
	Networks and the	Emailing			Journey inside a	databases
	internet				computer	
	Cables, components,	Attachment, bcc (blind	Accurate, age	Algorithm, animation,	Algorithm, assemble,	Categorise, category,
	connection, corrupted,	carbon copy), cc	restricted,	application, code, code	CPU (central	chart, data, database,
	data, desktop, device,	(carbon copy),	autocomplete, beliefs,	block, coding	processing unit), data,	Excel, fields, filter,
	DSL (digital subscriber	compose, content,	block, content, digital	application, debug,	decompose, desktop,	graph, information,
	line), fibre, file,	cyberbully, document	devices, fact, fake	decompose, interface,	disassemble, GPU	interpret, PDF,
	internet, laptop,	domain, download,	news, internet, opinion,	game, loop, predict,	(graphics processing	questionnaire, record,
	network, network map,	email, email account,	password, persuasive,	program, remixing	unit), hard drive, HDD	representation, sort,
	network switch,	email address, emoji,	privacy settings,	code, repetition code,	(hard disk drive),	spreadsheet.
	packets, radio waves,	emotions, fake, font,	reliable, report,	review, Scratch, sprite,	infinite loop, input,	
	router, server,	genuine, hacker, icons,	requests, search	tinker	keyboard, laptop,	
3	submarine cables,	inbox, information,	engine, security		memory, microphone,	
3	tablet, text map, The	link, log in, log out,	questions, sharing,		monitor, mouse,	
	Cloud, web server,	negative language,	smart devices, social		output, photocopier,	
	website, website,	password, personal	media platforms, social		program, QR code,	
	website trackers, WiFi,	information, positive	networking, wellbeing		RAM (random access	
	wired, wireless,	language, reply,			memory), ROM- (read	
	Wireless Access points,	responsible digital			only memory), storage,	
	World Wide Web	citizen, scammer,			tablet device,	
		settings, send, sign in,			technology,	
		spam email, subject			touchscreen, touchpad.	
		bar, theme, tone,			'	
		username, virus, WIFI				

Year/Units	Programming 1: Further coding with Scratch	Computing systems and networks: Collaborative learning	Online Safety	Data handling: Investigating weather	Programming 2: Computational thinking	Skills Showcase HTML
4	Broadcast block, code blocks, conditional, coordinates, decomposition, features, game, information, negative numbers, orientation, parameters, position, program, project, script, sprite, stage, tinker, variables	Animations, average, bar chart, collaboration, comment, conditional formatting, 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, rating	Accuracy, advantages, advertisements, belief, bot, chatbot, computer, distractions, fact, hashtag, implications, in-app, purchases, influencer, opinion, program, recommendations, reliable, risks, screen time, search results, snippets, sponsored, trustworthy	Accurate, backdrop, climate zone, cold, collaboration, condensation, cylinder, degrees, evaporation, extreme weather, forecast, heat sensor, lightning, measurement, pinwheel, presenter, rain, satellite, script, sensitive, sensor data, solar panel, tablet/digital camera, temperature, thermometer, tornado, warm, weather, weather forecast, wind	Abstraction, algorithm, code, computational thinking, decomposition, input, logical reasoning, output pattern recognition, script, sequence, variable	Code, component, content, copyright, CSS, end tag, fake news, hacking, heading, heading, hear code, HTML, input, internet browser, output, paragraph, permission, remixing, script, start, tag, tags, text, URL, webpage

Year/Units	Computing systems and	Data handling: Mars Rover 1	Online Safety	Creating media: Stop motion	Programming 2: BBC Micro:bit	Skills Showcase Mars Rover 2
	networks: Search engines					
5	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	8-bit binary, addition, ASCII, binary code, Boolean, byte, communicate, construction, CPU, data transmission, decimal numbers, design, discovery, distance, hexadecimal, input, instructions, internet, Mars Rover, moon, numerical data, output, planet, radio signal, RAM, research, scientist, sequence, signal, simulation, space,	Accurate information, advice, app permissions, application, apps, bullying, communication, emojis, health, in-app purchase, information, judgement, memes, mental health, mindfulness, minibiography, online communication, opinion, organisation, password, personal information, positive contributions, private information, real world, strong password,	Animation, animator, background, character, decomposition, design, edit, evaluate, flip book, fluid movement, frame, model, moving images, still image, storyboard, thaumatrope, zoetrope Digital device, onion skinning, stop	Conditional statement, condition, variable, algorithm, animation, app, blocks, Bluetooth, code block, 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,	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
		subtraction, technology, transmit	summarise, support, technology, trusted adult, wellbeing	motion, effects, photos, script	tinkering, USB, variables, WIFI, wireless, wires	

Year/Units	Computing systems- and networks: Bletchley Park and the history of computers	Data handling 1: Big data 1	Online Safety	Computer systems and networks: Exploring AI	Data handling 2: Big data 2	Skills Showcase: Inventing a product
6	Acrostic code, brute force hacking, Caesar cipher, chip and pin system, cipher, code, combination, contribute, convince, date shift cipher, discovery, hero, invention, Nth Letter Cipher, password, Pig Latin, Pigpen cipher, present, scrambled, secret, secure, technological advancement, trial and error	Algorithm, barcode, binary, Boolean, brand, chips, commuter, contactless, data, encrypted, infrared, Magic Band, privacy, proximity, QR code, QR scanner, radio waves, RFID, signal, systems/data analyst, transmission, wireless	Anonymity, antivirus, biometrics, block and report, consent, copy, digital footprint, digital personality, financial information, hacking, inappropriate, malware, online bullying, online reputation, password, paste, personal information, personality, phishing, privacy settings, private, reliable source, report, reputation, respect, scammers, screengrab, secure, settings, software updates, two factor authentications, URL, username	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, webpage.	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	Adapt, advert, algorithm, bugs, coding, debugging, design, edit, electronic, evaluate, facts, image rights, images, influence, information, inputs, loops, manipulation, opinions, output, photos, product, program, repetition, screenshot, search engine, selection, sequence, snippets, software, structures, variables, video, website.