Overview of units

Unit	Expectations	Computing PoS	Software/Apps	Hardware
5.1 We are game developers Developing an interactive game	 Create original artwork and sound for a game. Design and create a computer program for a computer game, which uses sequence, selection, repetition and variables. Detect and correct errors in their computer game. Use iterative development techniques (making and testing a series of small changes) to improve their game. 	 Design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals, including controlling or simulating physical systems; solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts. Use sequence, selection, and repetition in programs; work with variables and various forms of input and output. Use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs. Select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals 	Software: Scratch (or Kodu) Apps: Snap! in the web browser (Scratch requires Flash, which is not available on iPad)	Desktop/laptop computers, microphones
5.2 We are cryptographers Cracking codes	 Be familiar with semaphore and Morse code. Understand the need for private information to be encrypted. Encrypt and decrypt messages in simple ciphers. Appreciate the need to use complex passwords and to keep them secure. Have some understanding of how encryption works on the web. 	 Use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs. Understand computer networks including the internet; how they can provide multiple services, such as the world wide web; and the opportunities they offer for communication and collaboration. Use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly; recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour; identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact. 	Software: Scratch 2.0, The Black Chamber (website) Apps: Snap!, The Black Chamber in the web browser (Safari)	Laptop/desktop computers
5.3 We are artists Fusing geometry and art	 Develop an appreciation of the links between geometry and art. Become familiar with the tools and techniques of a vector graphics package. Develop an understanding of turtle graphics. Experiment with the tools available, refining and developing their work as they apply their own criteria to evaluate it and receive feedback from their peers. Develop some awareness of computer- generated art, in particular fractal-based landscapes. 	 Use sequence, selection, and repetition in programs; work with variables and various forms of input and output. Use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs. Select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals, including collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting data and information. 	Software: Inkscape/ Adobe Illustrator/ CoreIDRAW, Scratch, Terragen Classic, Logo Apps: Adobe Ideas/neu. draw, Snap!	Laptop or desktop computers/tablets

5.4 We are web developers Creating a website about cyber safety	 Develop their research skills to decide what information is appropriate. Understand some elements of how search engines select and rank results. Question the plausibility and quality of information. Develop and refine their ideas and text collaboratively. Develop their understanding of e-safety and responsible use of technology. 	 Understand computer networks including the internet; how they can provide multiple services, such as the world wide web; and the opportunities they offer for communication and collaboration. Use search technologies effectively, appreciate how results are selected and ranked, and be discerning in evaluating digital content. Select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals, including collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting data and information. Use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly; recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour; identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact. 	Software: Google, Bing, Google Sites/wiki tool in the school's learning platform/WordPress Apps: Google Search app, Google Sites via browser	Desktop or laptop computers/tablets
5.5 We are bloggers Sharing experiences and opinions	 Become familiar with blogs as a medium and a genre of writing. Create a sequence of blog posts on a theme. Incorporate additional media. Comment on the posts of others. Develop a critical, reflective view of a range of media, including text. 	 Understand computer networks including the internet; how they can provide multiple services, such as the world wide web; and the opportunities they offer for communication and collaboration. Select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals, including collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting data and information. Use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly; recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour; identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact. be discerning in evaluating digital content. 	Software: WordPress/ Blogger/learning platform blogging tool or similar, GIMP, Audacity [®] , Microsoft Windows Movie Maker [®] Apps: WordPress, Camera, Snapseed	Computers, digital cameras, audio recorders/tablets
5.6 We are architects Creating a virtual space	 Understand the work of architects, designers and engineers working in 3D. Develop familiarity with a simple CAD (computer aided design) tool. Develop spatial awareness by exploring and experimenting with a 3D virtual environment. Develop greater aesthetic awareness. 	 Use search technologies effectively, appreciate how results are selected and ranked, and be discerning in evaluating digital content. Select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals, including collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting data and information. 	Software: Trimble SketchUp (used for 3D modelling), Screencast- o-matic (for final screencast) Apps: Home Design 3D/3dVAS	Laptops/ computers