

National Curriculum Links:

Understand what algorithms are; how they are implemented as programs on digital devices; and that programs execute by following precise and unambiguous instructions.

Create and debug simple programs.

Use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs.

Essential Prior Learning:

Children need to understand basic directional language, such as forwards and backwards; it is useful if children can recognise left and right. They should be able to follow a series of instructions for movement, e.g. move forwards three places. Some toys can move or perform actions if they are switched on and the correct buttons pressed.

Progression in Skill:

Understand algorithms as sequences of instructions in everyday contexts.

Take real world problems and plan a sequence of steps to solve these.

Give explanations for what they think a program will do.

Program floor turtles using sequences of instructions to implement an algorithm.

Long-term Memory Knowledge:

Follow a set of instructions and a map.

Know how to use a bee-bot: be able to switch it on and program it to move in a given direction.

Use the commands forwards, backwards, left and right to get from point A to point B

Key Vocabulary	
algorithm	instructions that are split into little
	steps so that a computer can solve a
	problem
bee-bot	a resource that can programmed to
	move forwards and backwards and
	turn in different directions
program	a set of instructions that a computer
	can understand to make something
	happen
debug	fix errors in a program
predict	make a guess
тар	a drawing of an area to help people
	travel and go to places

Progression in Resources: Bee-bots

Relevance	
Now	Develop an understanding that
	computers respond to the
	instructions we give them; children
	can program toys and equipment to
	get the response they want.
Future	Identify errors in computer inputs
	and be able to resolve common
	problems; be able to program
	electronic devices in everyday life so
	that they work as expected.
Aspiration	Pursue a career in computing, e.g
	coder, software developer, IT
	technician, secondary school IT
	teacher.