Dereham Church Infant and Nursery School-Computing



Year group: Year 2

Area/topic: Algorithm - Beebots challenges

(Spring 1)

(objectives from NC/ELG/Development matters)

Pupils to be taught:

- · 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.

Prior learning	Future learning
Children will have experienced using Beebots in	
Reception and Year I. In Reception, the children	
will have been first introduced to the robot	
through exploration. They then built on this in	
Year I where they began to learn how to think	
more precisely about creating a simple algorithm	
for the Beebot to follow to get to certain	
locations on a map. This will then be built on	
further in Year 2 where they will now use their	
knowledge of programming the Beebot to complete	
challenges.	

What pupils need to know or do to be secure				
Key knowledge and skills		Possible evidence		
 Recap knowledge of internet safety rules during Safer Internet afternoon (6.02.2024). To recap knowledge of the buttons on a Beeb. To consider what set of instructions they need in order to solve different challenges. To record the algorithm on paper using arrown modifying and editing the instructions. To consider how to modify the algorithm to interpret to achieve a task. Algorithm - A set of ordered steps that can be followed computer to achieve a task. Instructions - A direction or order. Sequence - A basic algorithm. A set of logical steps can be ran complete a task. Modify - Change or edit. Debug - Finding and correcting errors in a program. 	ot and what they do. d to give their Beebot vs to support in improve the outcome. d by a human or uried out in order.			
Common misconceptions	Books linking to this	s area		
 Children may think they can debug and edit their algorithm mid-way through the Beebot running the program. However, children must be reminded that they need to press the 'X' button to delete the programmed sequence first before creating a new one. Children must also be reminded that unlike Scratch Jr 				

they cannot edit just a small part of the algorithm, they will need to start again.	
Memorable first-hand experiences	Opportunities for communication
 Children to make their own challenges for their friends to solve. Safer Internet Day afternoon (6.02.2024). 	 Children will be encouraged throughout this unit to discuss what instructions they are giving their Beebot and what impact this is having. Children will also be encouraged to problem solve out loud.

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Communication and Interaction	Cognition and Learning		
 Make sure the children are using the correct equipment for them. Consider headphones to support the child to hear. Have someone available to read any text that is on the screen. 	 Consider adjusting the brightness and colour so they can see the screen more easily. Have someone available to read any text that is on the screen. Shorter steps given at appropriate time. Simpler logins. Adult to support with logging in. Print out which the different functions and tools on. Step by step guide printed out for them to refer to. 		
 Social, Emotional and Mental health Timer so they understand when they will need to log off. Clear boundaries. Online safety instructions made clear. 	 Sensory and Physical Larger text/equipment. Print offs instead of screen time. Appropriate desk, chair, keyboard and mouse. 		