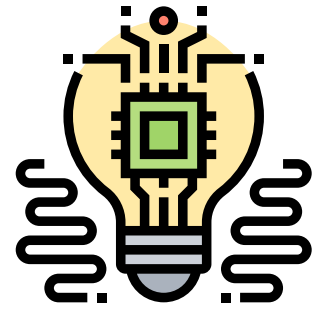


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Welcome to Edition 1

Welcome to the first edition of the Computing Monthly Newsletter. This newsletter is written by the Computing Ambassadors and edited by Miss Thoona. Each month we will bring you news about Computing in the school, examples of key projects our ambassadors have been working on, online safety tips and tricks and key messages.



Digital Citizenship - Staying Safe Online



by Amna 4AJ, Pavish 4UA and Lilliana 5AN

As the new term begins, it is important to refresh ourselves with online safety. Here are some tips from our Ambassadors:

- Do not speak to strangers online and share any personal information with them.
- Keep your passwords private. Only share these with a trusted adult!
- If something is making you sad, upset or worried, tell a trusted adult or your teacher.
- Use your school laptop correctly - do not go onto websites unless your teacher has told you to.
- Do not click on any pop ups, these could be viruses and show you something inappropriate for your age.
- Anything you do online can stay on the internet forever, make sure you are being respectful online.

It is really important to take care of your **Digital Footprint** and make sure you are using the internet correctly. Each class has a dedicated E-Safety Charter to help you remember the different rules.

STAY SAFE ONLINE!



Ambassadors Hello!



The Ambassador team is a wide range of children from Year 3 to Year 6. We have a great mixture of pupils who all are passionate about Computing and really want to support the school with Computing aspects.



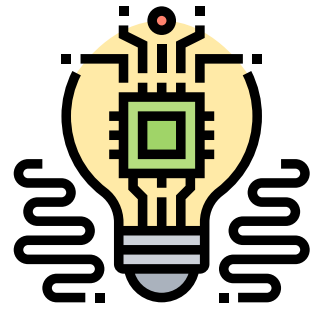
Our Ambassadors have different tasks to work on and communicate through Google Classroom to share collaboration pieces and work on various tasks!



If you see any of us around the school, feel free to let us know what you would like in the next edition!



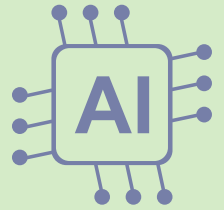
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Artificial Intelligence

by Aksayan 6TF



We have all heard about Artificial Intelligence, but what is it? This research piece talks about AI in terms of the wider world.

Artificial Intelligence is a field of computer science that involves creating computers which can show emotions, interact with people, reason, and act in a way which is similar or alike human intelligence. **AI has age restrictions and should not be used by Primary School children.**

Artificial Intelligence has its advantages and disadvantages. An advantage of Artificial Intelligence is that it lowers the rate of human errors, as machines are more accurate. However, a disadvantage of Artificial Intelligence is that many people who have jobs involving manual scanning or inputting may start losing their jobs and stop making money as AI is a good choice for employers. Another disadvantage of AI is that it can produce false information and incorrect results. It also has the disadvantage of being used improperly and wrongly, which can make a harmful environment for kids and children. **This is why it has age restrictions and primary school children and below should not be using AI!**

Guest Corner - Interview view

by Gracie-Mae and Jasmine (6ZK)



Each week we will be interviewing various members of staff and talking about all things Computing. This week our Year 6 Ambassadors asked questions to **Miss Durham, Mrs White and Miss Dutt** about all things Computing!

Ambassadors: *What applications do you like using at the moment for your teaching?*

Miss Durham: *Canva has been great, the children have found this easy to use and they also are more engaged with learning when they have something creative to look at.*

Ambassadors: *Does Technology make teaching easier for you?*

Mrs White: *Yes, children here are really good with technology, so it helps develop teaching and learning for both children and staff.*

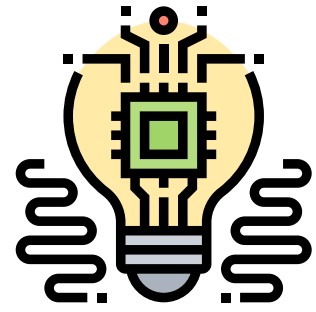
Ambassadors: *Can you give us one online safety rule to share with everyone?*

Mrs Dutt: *Do not talk to strangers online and make sure you do not click on websites you are not sure about!*

Remember Artificial Intelligence has age restrictions with some generative AI applications being 18+.

Thank you for great responses, next edition we will have more interviews with different staff members on all things computing!

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Tech Talk: Program Edition

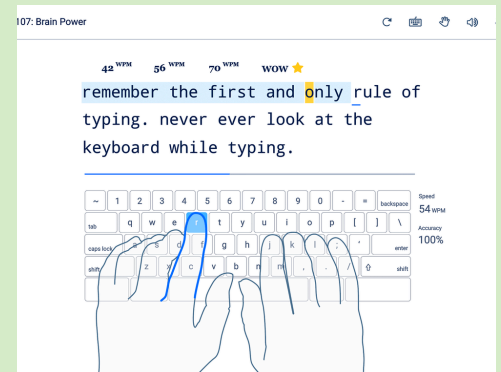
by Ahmed 6ZK



Touch Typing is a great way to practise your Typing Skills and learn the art of Touch Typing. You can login with your Google Account to track progress and perfect your typing skills. I have really enjoyed this application as it helps with learning to type and using your keyboard to learn the art of touch typing.

The levels start off quite simple and you can change the lessons to suit your age. With using your Google Login, it can track your progress and you can see how many stars you have earned for each level.

At the end of each level you can play a typing game which tests your skills. I rate this application a **4/5** as it is a great way to learn typing skills, and perfect for all ages!



Student Spotlight with our Year 3 Ambassadors

Arshii and Matthias 3ED

We asked our Year 3 Ambassadors about Computing and what they enjoy about it. Here is a snippet of our interview with our Year 3 Ambassadors.

What makes you interested in computing?

A: I like to complete all my work using Chromebooks and learning new skills such as quizzes and new apps.

M: Using Purple Mash to learn coding, maths and typing!

What things are you looking forward to learning?

A: Learning how to use new programs as we do more computing units.

M: New skills to become a Computing Expert!

What aspects of computing do you do at home?

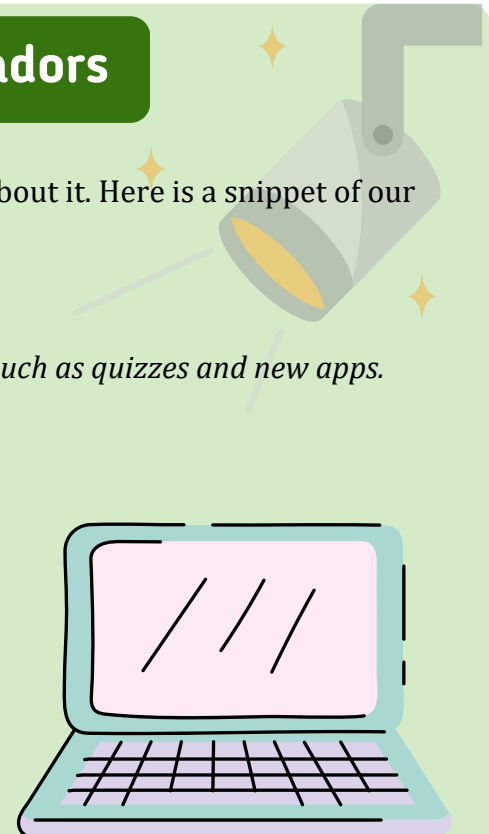
A: I use Google Classroom to access my quizzes for different lessons.

M: Google Classroom to complete homework quizzes and any work I need to.

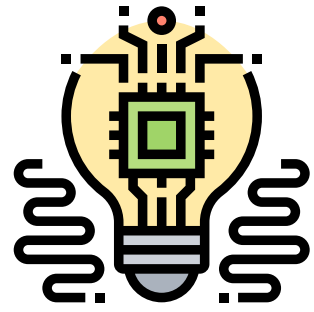
What do you want to be in the future?

A: I want to be skilled in Computing and do something interesting with computers.

M: Advanced skilled expert in computing and do the same as my dad.



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Message from our Digital Strategy Lead



Mr Hussein

Well done to everyone for a great start on their work and quizzes on Chromebooks! I have been really impressed so keep up the good work.

Please can we make sure we are following our rules and remember the agreement we have in place when using Chromebooks. Ensure you are using only your own device and no one else's.

Can I also request that no one should be downloading an extensions on their Chromebooks as this will slow down your device which we do not want!

Thank you everyone!



Key Dates



11th - 15th November 2024 : Anti Bullying Week: with the theme being 'Choose Respect' this year.

11th February 2025: Safer Internet Day - Keep tuned for more information on this and what we will be doing as a school

Did you know?



The first computer programmer was a woman named Ada Lovelace! In the 1840s, she wrote the first algorithm intended for a machine, making her a pioneer in the field of computing.

Today, we celebrate her contributions every year on Ada Lovelace Day, which highlights the achievements of women in technology.

How inspiring is that?



Our Next Issue...



Our next issue will be out in November and cover more on Online Safety, Interviews and Software reviews.

If you have any thoughts or ideas what you would like to see in our next issue - please let our ambassadors know!

Thank you for reading!

***From the Computer Ambassadors and
Miss Thoona***