

Subject Report

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Computing / ICT at Holly Grove School aims to enhance our children's learning about computer technology as its use is widespread throughout the world today and is likely to become more so before our children mature and leave school.

At Holly Grove School, we have continued to follow our current Scheme of Work (written in 2019 in line with the National Curriculum's Computing programmes of study) and incorporates the three strands of Computing – Computer Science, IT and Digital Literacy (including Online Safety). The mapping grids will now be adjusted to fit in with the school's upcoming expansion so that each class has a specific mapping grid to follow. Teachers continue to use the new Computing assessment tool (written in 2021) to measure children's annual progress and we have also continued to purchase resources to maintain and enhance our curriculum with hardware and software e.g. iPads and iPad cases, cables, HelpKidzlearn, ClassVR, EyeGaze, Discovery Education etc.

To complement the mapping grids, we have timetables to share some of the main hardware devices across school so that each class has the opportunity to access and experience our range of ICT learning resources i.e. laptop trolley, Beebots, VR Headsets. All classes also continue to access the Multi-sensory studio at least once per week and have unlimited access to the ICT / Communication store for talk tiles, switches, cause and effect toys etc.

In February 2023, the whole school celebrated Safer Internet Day. Each class engaged in extra-fun learning activities about how to be safe online including creating super hero avatars, re-capping online safety rules and making videos / posters about online safety. A special 'Online Safety' edition newsletter containing advice / support about online safety was also distributed to parents. Additionally, there has been a very strong whole school emphasis towards Online Safety this year. We are ensuring that parents feel fully supported in this area by providing regular updates about online safety and signposting them to free advice / resources from reputable websites via our school website and our school FaceBook page. I have attended 'Nibble and Natter' sessions for parents / carers led by Shagufta Nasir, to discuss, answer questions and share information about keeping children safe online. Eve Taylor and I delivered a whole school online safety update and all staff have had online safety and cyber security training. Eve, Katie, Iain and myself have also recently formed an online safety team and have signed up to 360Safe to review our online safety provision.

Computing Photographs

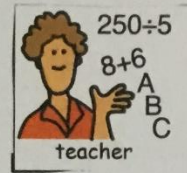




Safer Internet Day



Who can help me on the internet?



Should I talk to strangers on the internet?



If I feel confused, sad or angry on the internet, I should:

