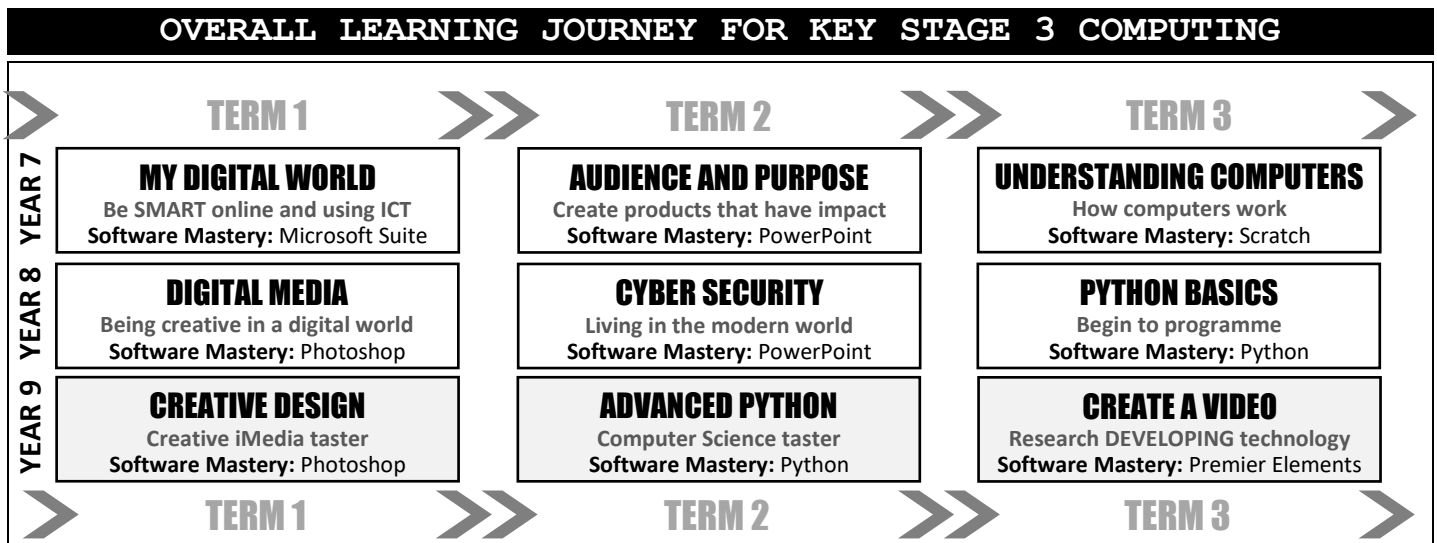


TERM 2: Year 9 - LEARNING JOURNEY



ADVANCED PYTHON - Computer Science Taster



This unit covers the very basics of programming in Python while controlling a brightly coloured farming robot to move around the screen, plant, harvest, and ship crops. Students will use www.turinglab.co.uk to complete tasks.

Aim of this unit:

This unit will take the whole of this term to complete. Topics students will cover:

- Stage 1: Write basic algorithms to control our virtual farming robot
- Stage 2: A first chance to test their new knowledge
- Stage 3: Learn to debug before writing an algorithm from scratch
- Stage 4: Build their debugging muscle further while writing maintainable code
- Stage 5: Write more complex algorithms from scratch
- Stage 6: A first look at working with loops

Assessment:

Most lessons contain multiple choice questions for students to work through, individually and as a whole class that cover the topics for that lesson. There are also independent tasks for students to complete which their class teacher will mark and add to their exercise book.

At the end of this unit there will be a 40-minute exam on all the topics covered this term.

Homework:

Each fortnight students will receive at least one homework, for which they should only spend 20 minutes completing. These will be a combination of written, research, investigative tasks.

How you can help:

Encourage your child to work log onto www.turinglab.co.uk and complete unfinished tasks or have a go at the challenge tasks.



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STARS

DATE:			
RAG rate your understanding:		LESSON 1: Stage 1 – Movement, starting your farm & planting the farm	
☹	☺	☺	Command Text editor Computer Program Function Algorithm String Arguments Computational thinking

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RAG rate your understanding:		LESSON 4: Stage 2 – Test your knowledge	
☹	☺	☺	String Computational thinking Arguments Function Sequence Syntax Sequential Commands

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RAG rate your understanding:		LESSON 5: Stage 3 – Bugs on the farm, Three rows of crops	
☹	☺	☺	Indentation Bugs Function Program Console Syntax Logical Errors Naming conventions Capitalisation

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RAG rate your understanding:		LESSON 7: Stage 4 – Time to harvest, Bugs and navigation	
☹	☺	☺	Sequential Commands Comments Algorithm Naming Convention Debugging Maintainability Flow

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RAG rate your understanding:		LESSON 9: Stage 5 – Planting the farm, Harvest the farm	
☹	☺	☺	Algorithm Design Requirements

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RAG rate your understanding:		LESSON 11: Stage 6 – Lets code quicker & plant, harvest, and ship	
☹	☺	☺	Algorithm Loops Control Iteration Indentation Whitespace FOR loop