

‘ICT and Computing’ What does it look like in EYFS?

In planning and guiding what children learn, practitioners must reflect on the different rates at which children are developing and adjust their practice appropriately. Three characteristics of effective teaching and learning are:

- playing and exploring - children investigate and experience things, and ‘have a go’
- active learning - children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements
- creating and thinking critically - children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things. In addition, the Prime Areas of Learning (Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language and Physical Development) underpin and are an integral part of the children’s learning in all areas.

Understanding of the World (Statutory)

Understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community. The frequency and range of children’s personal experiences increases their knowledge and sense of the world around them – from visiting parks, libraries and museums to meeting important members of society such as police officers, nurses and firefighters. In addition, listening to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems will foster their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world. As well as building important knowledge, this extends their familiarity with words that support understanding across domains. Enriching and widening children’s vocabulary will support later reading comprehension.

Birth to 3 -

3-4 year olds -

Knows how to operate simple equipment, e.g. turns on CD player, uses a remote control, can navigate touch-capable technology with support • Shows an interest in technological toys with knobs or pulleys, real objects such as cameras, and touchscreen devices such as mobile phones and tablets • Shows skill in making toys work by pressing parts or lifting flaps to achieve effects such as sound, movements or new images • Knows that information can be retrieved from digital devices and the internet • Plays with a range of materials to learn cause and effect, for example, makes a string puppet using dowels and string to suspend the puppet

Reception -

Completes a simple program on electronic devices
Uses ICT hardware to interact with age appropriate computer software • Can create content such as a video recording, stories, and/or draw a picture on screen • Develops digital literacy skills by being able to access, understand and interact with a range of technologies • Can use the internet with adult supervision to find and retrieve information of interest to them

ELG -

Not assessed

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