

How Computing is taught in EYFS at St Andrew's

The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum removed the "Technology" strand from Understanding the World in 2021, however at St Andrew's, we place a strong emphasis on ensuring that children in Reception are confident using technology and develop strong listening skills and problem-solving abilities. We live in an everchanging technological world where children are exposed to technology from a young age so it is vital that children have the skills to access and use technology responsibly.

Computing in Reception is play-based and largely unplugged (no computer) activities that include:

- Using a Beebot
- Watching a video clip
- Listening to music
- Playing games on an interactive whiteboard
- Playing games on a tablet/iPad
- Exploring old technology (telephones, typewriter)
- Taking a photograph with a tablet or camera
- Draw a picture on a screen using a paint or drawing app
- Reading text on a screen
- Use the internet with adult supervision to find and retrieve information of interest to them

Children have access to iPads and laptops. Age appropriate apps are used to support and enhance teaching. Children learn how to use Beebots to complete a simple program on a device and the use of technology is used to support children's learning.

A questionnaire is sent home to parents/carers half way through the year to establish what technology children are able to use at home. This then informs the Class Teacher about what children need more practise and exposure to. The Computing lead carries out regular pupil voice to assess pupil's knowledge and understanding and gather children's opinions about technology.