## **Key Points**

At Elmore Green Primary School, we believe a high-quality computing education equips all children, including disadvantaged children and children with SEND, with the skills and knowledge in computational thinking and creativity to help them to understand the world that they live in and be able to be ambitious, successful young people. Computing is a significant part of everyone's lives and we believe that children should be at the forefront of new technology to complement and enhance their learning and experiences in a broad and balanced way.

Computing has strong links to a variety of other subjects such as mathematics, science, design and technology and therefore we believe that, as an essential part of the curriculum, it is also integrated into all areas of learning, using a range of hardware, software and opportunities.

At Elmore Green, we recognise that pupils are entitled to quality software and hardware and a structured and progressive approach to the learning of the skills needed, to enable them to use it effectively.

We also recognise the importance of responding to new developments in technology and aim to equip pupils with the confidence and capability to use a range of different devices to enhance their experiences.

We strive to provide a relevant, progressive and enjoyable curriculum for all pupils, as well as using it for a tool to enhance learning throughout the wider curriculum. Although we do have stand alone computing lessons, we aim to bring computing into every other area of the curriculum to reinforce and further pupil's learning.

We also firmly believe the importance of delivering a high-quality online safety curriculum, alongside the core values of these three stands. Online safety is embedded throughout the computing curriculum and supports and consolidates the strong presence of online safety within our Rainbow curriculum.

As technology develops, so does the need for a better understanding of how to use it in a responsible manner. The education of online safety is therefore essential, to ensure children are equipped with the skills to recognise risks online, to be critically aware of the materials and content they access online, along with guidance on how to accurately validate information accessed via the internet.

Pupils participate in regular Computing lessons in order to achieve the intent of the Computing and online safety curriculum at Elmore Green. In addition to stand-alone lessons, skills taught are incorporated into other subjects, given the cross- curricular nature of computing and the opportunities to expand and develop lessons that this brings. Lessons are delivered using Ipads and a range of apps on this device. The delivery of computing and online safety at Elmore Green is planned in line with the National Curriculum and allows for clear progression as children move through each stage of their education with us. Teachers use tailored planning and delivery, which caters for all children, including those with SEND and from disadvantaged backgrounds. This allows children to build on and progress from their previous experiences, developing their skills, vocabulary and understanding in order to be active, responsible digital participants.

Online safety is referred to in every computing unit, in addition to discrete units taught at some point throughout the year. Our Rainbow curriculum (Jigsaw) also contributes to our delivery of online safety. We also use the Evolve Project in addition to other resources, such as 'Internet Safety Centre' to keep up with new issues and development. Our online safety lessons build on prior knowledge and are adapted/modified to suit the requirements of the pupils within the class and current issues that may be relevant. Pupils also take part annually in 'Internet Safety Day', following the suggested theme, which reflects current issues.

We recognise the need to continually maintain, update and develop resources to ensure the effective delivery of the National Curriculum and support the use of technology throughout the school. This includes:

- Interactive whiteboards in every classroom to enhance and promote effective use of technology for learning.
- Every pupil to have an iPad from Key Stage 1 to use in all lessons.
- Televisions with trilby TV to display work for the children.
  - An immersion room for fully immersive experiences.

Lessons are planned to provide for and include all children, including those with SEND, higher achieving/gifted and talented pupils, pupils with EAL needs and pupils from all social and cultural backgrounds. Pupils without home access are supported and catered for accordingly.

In Key Stage One, children will learn to understand what algorithms are, how they are implemented as programs on digital devices; and that programs execute by following precise and unambiguous instructions. They will be taught how to create and debug simple programs and use logical reasoning to predict the behaviours of simple programs. They will be shown how to use a range of technology purposefully to create, organise, store, retrieve and manipulate digital content as well as recognise common uses of technology beyond school.

They will be taught to use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private; identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies.

In Key Stage Two, the children will build on their knowledge and experience from Key Stage One and will design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals by decomposing them into smaller parts. They will use sequence, selection and repetition in programs, use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and correct errors in their own and existing programs.

Pupils will be taught to understand computer networks, including the internet, and the opportunities they offer for communication and collaboration. They will use search technologies effectively, learn to appreciate how results and selected and ranked, and be discerning in evaluating digital content.

Pupils will be taught to select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to create a range of programs, systems and content that achieve given goals.

They will be taught to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly; recognise acceptable and unacceptable behaviour and be clear how to identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact to keep themselves and others safe.

After each unit of work, teachers will make a judgement on whether pupils have met, exceeded or are working towards the objectives set. This will also provide information for the subject leader and will be submitted via Balance.

Evidence of progression and achievement will be seen in examples of pupils' work stored on the Showbie in a portfolio folder.

As a result of effective implementation, pupils will be able to apply their skills and knowledge in other areas of learning.

Pupils will be able to share their knowledge of how to be a responsible user of technology through discussion when questioned. They will be prepared for the next stage in their lives, knowing how to be a responsible user of technology in the wider world and most importantly, know where to seek support.

Pupils will be familiar with and will discuss their understanding of the three main strands and will know key vocabulary associated with these.

Confidence in this subject will also mean that pupils are able to be more independent and competent in life skills such as problem solving and logical thinking.

## Our Impact