



Computing Newsletter

Spring Term 2021



After a busy Christmas holiday, we have gotten straight back in to our learning. This is what our amazing children of SMITH have been getting up to in Computing during the spring term...

EYFS and Key Stage 1

The children in Early Years and KS1 have been getting up to lots of lovely things in computing this term. EYFS have used their iPad Minis to record themselves speaking and listening and have also used them for TopMarks Maths.



Year 1 have started coding on their laptops and have learnt how to input one command to make a fish move across the screen when clicked! They have also used iMovie to retell the story 'The Lion Inside.' Year 2 have also been working on their coding, looking at using basic selections and the language of 'if and then'. They have also been focusing on the topic of digital wellbeing and using computers and technology safely, deciding what is safe to share online.



Key Stage 2



Lower KS2 have been using the iPads to regularly learn their times tables using Times Tables Rockstars. We are hoping to see some Rock Legends very soon! Year 4 have been using the internet safely to research aspects of Roman society, to support their learning in history. They also enjoy Kahoot! quizzes that test their knowledge! They have also enjoyed doing some coding. In Upper KS2, Year 5 have done some coding, focusing on speed, direction and co-ordinates. They particularly

enjoyed coding games that involved parachuting cows and race cars. They have also used iPads in English to identify word definitions, to research the advantages and disadvantages of different materials in Science and to learn their times tables. Year 6 have started working on formatting Excel spreadsheets, experimenting with changing cell colours and formatting fonts. They've also used formulae for calculations and will be using this to help figure out costings for Miss Nelson's wedding this year...!

Whole School

Pupils at SMITH engaged with Safer Internet Day (8.2.22) this year, with our Safety Cadets creating an informative video focusing on the topic 'All Fun and Games?'



We can't wait for a summer of new learning! Miss Norman