

## Computing book list

## The book list will updated each term - see also Online Safety book list and resources

| Book and author   | Description  | Possible areas of use   |
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| Willow Finds an Egg: A<br>Willow Code Adventure by<br>Rebecca Franks (illustrator<br>Renata Smagulova | 'Willow Finds an Egg' is a<br>beautifully illustrated<br>storybook that gently<br>introduces young readers to<br>the world of coding using the<br>programming language,<br>Scratch.<br>Willow loves to make up<br>adventures when she is faced<br>with any kind of boring task to<br>do. In this story, Willow's Mum<br>asks her to tidy her room and<br>find that lost egg!   | KS1/KS2 -<br>Programming<br>(e.g. Scratch)                    |
| Hello Ruby: Adventures in<br>Coding 1 by Linda Llukas   | "Writing software is about<br>expression, creativity, and<br>practical application. Our kids<br>should learn to bend, join,<br>break and combine code in a<br>way it wasn't designed to. Just<br>as they would with crayons<br>and paper or wood and tools. I<br>believe there's plenty to learn<br>in programming logic and<br>culture before showing<br>children a single screen."<br><i>Linda Liukas author of Hello</i><br><i>Ruby</i>   | KS1-<br>Programming   |
| Hello Ruby: Journey Inside<br>the Computer: 2<br>by Linda Llukas                                      | In Ruby's world anything is<br>possible if you put your mind<br>to iteven fixing her father's<br>broken computer! Join Ruby<br>and her new friend, Mouse, on<br>an imaginative journey<br>through the insides of a<br>computer in search of the<br>missing Cursor.<br>From bits and logic gates to<br>computer hardware,<br>in <i>Journey Inside the<br/>Computer</i> , Ruby (and her<br>readers!) will learn the basic<br>elements of the machines that<br>power our world. Then future | KS1/KS2 –<br>Computer<br>Science-<br>computers/<br>networking |



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|   | kid coders can put their<br>knowledge and imaginations<br>to work with fun activities.   |   |
| Hello Ruby: Expedition to<br>the Internet: 3<br>by Linda Llukas   | In Ruby's world anything is<br>possible if you put your mind<br>to iteven building the<br>Internet out of snow! But<br>before you can build<br>something, you need to<br>understand what it is and how<br>it works. Join Ruby and her<br>friends in their quest to build<br>the most amazing Snow<br>Internet ever, while learning<br>real life facts along the way.<br>Then, future kid coders can put<br>their knowledge and<br>imaginations to the test with<br>the fun and creative exercises<br>included in the activity book<br>section.   | KS1/KS2 –<br>Network- The<br>Internet               |
| A Computer Called<br>Katherine: How Katherine<br>Johnson helped put<br>America on the Moon by<br>Suzanne Slade            | Katherine wasn't like other<br>women. She asked lots and lots<br>of questions, and she didn't<br>stay out of design meetings<br>that were previously just for<br>men. She was so good at her<br>job that she was asked to<br>double check the calculations<br>of a machine computer.<br>Katherine made important<br>contributions to the first flight<br>into space, the first orbit of the<br>Earth, and the first trip to the<br>moonand backbreaking<br>barriers for African Americans<br>and women everywhere.<br>Author Suzanne Slade brings<br>Katherine's story to life in this<br>smartly written picture book<br>biography, illustrated by debut<br>artist Veronica Miller Jamison. | KS1 - Computing,<br>aspirations,<br>maths, science. |
| 100 Things to Know about<br>Computers, Numbers and<br>Coding by Various,<br>illustrated by Federico<br>Mariani;Parko Polo | Did you know there's a single<br>spot on your brain that<br>recognizes numbers? Or that<br>the first computer bugs were<br>actual insects and that most of<br>the internet is under water?<br>This fascinating book is filled<br>with 100 fascinating facts,   | KS1/ KS2- non-<br>fiction-<br>computing,<br>coding. |



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| Why Are There Different  | A computer is a complex piece<br>of technology that has its own<br>languages. Readers learn   | KS2-<br>programming                         |
| Computer Languages?  | about these multiple<br>languages in this informative   |   |
| (Computers and Coding)   | and engaging text, which clearly explains select  |   |
| by Kirsty Holmes   | programming languages, such<br>as Python and Scratch.<br>Readers enrich their<br>knowledge of essential<br>computer skills and concepts<br>in a way that's easily<br>understandable. In addition to<br>the age-appropriate text,<br>creative illustrations, useful fact<br>boxes, instructional graphic<br>organizers, and educational<br>diagrams are included to<br>provide further depth to the<br>text. Readers will find<br>themselves captivated by the<br>charming design as they are<br>introduced to a foundational<br>computer science concept. |   |
| Ada Lovelace: 10 (Little<br>People, Big Dreams) by<br>Isabel Sanchez Vegara  | Meet Ada Lovelace, the British<br>mathematician and daughter<br>of poet Lord Byron. New in the<br>Little People, Big Dreams<br>series, this inspiring and<br>informative little biography<br>follows the colourful life of Lord<br>Byron's daughter, from her<br>early love of logic, to her plans<br>for the world's first computer<br>program. With stylish and<br>quirky illustrations and extra<br>facts at the back, this  | KS1- Aspirations,<br>Programming,<br>Maths. |



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| <text></text>   | empowering series celebrates<br>the important life stories of<br>wonderful women of the world.<br>From designers and artists to<br>scientists, all of them went on<br>to achieve incredible things,<br>yet all of them began life as a<br>little child with a dream. These<br>books make the lives of these<br>role models accessible for<br>children, providing a powerful<br>message to inspire the next<br>generation of outstanding<br>people who will change the<br>world!   |  |
| In The Key of Code by<br>Aimee Lucido   | Wond:<br>When twelve-year-old Emmy's<br>musical family moves to<br>California so her dad can take a<br>job with the San Francisco<br>Symphony Orchestra, Emmy<br>has never felt more out of tune.<br>But when she ends up in a<br>school computer science club,<br>she finds that she can<br>understand code through a<br>language she is familiar with:<br>music. Slowly, Emmy makes<br>friends with Abigail and the<br>two girls start to discover their<br>voices through the<br><b>programming language of</b><br><b>Java.</b><br>Extraordinarily crafted, the<br>novel begins to incorporate<br>Java's syntax and concepts as<br>Emmy, and ultimately the<br>reader, learns to think in code.<br>By the end, Emmy doesn't feel<br>like a wrong note, but like a<br>musician in the world's most<br>beautiful symphony. | KS2- (Year 5/6) –<br>programming<br>extension      |
| Look Inside How<br>Computers Work: 1 Board<br>Book by Alex Frith and<br>illustrated by Colin King | Just what goes on behind the<br>screen, beneath the keyboard<br>and inside the electronic 'brain'<br>of a computer? This colourful<br>book has 70 flaps to lift to<br>uncover what happens when a<br>computer is switched on, how<br>coding works and the story of<br>the first computers. A fun and  | Computer<br>Science<br>(networks) – KS1<br>and KS2 |



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| Look inside<br>How<br>Computers<br>Work   | informative introduction to a<br>key UK curriculum topic.   |   |
| Hacker<br>By Malorie Blackman   | When Vicky's father is arrested,<br>accused of stealing over a<br>million pounds from the bank<br>where he works, she is<br>determined to prove his<br>innocence. But how? There's<br>only one way - to attempt to<br>break into the bank's<br>computer files.<br>Even if Vicky is the best hacker<br>in the world, will she find the<br>real thief before they find her?   | Upper KS2-<br>Computer<br>Science                     |
| Charles Babbage and the<br>Curious Computer<br>By Fiona Veitch-Smith and<br>illustrated by Laura Borio<br>CHARLES<br>BABBAGE<br>BABBAGE<br>CHARLES<br>BABBAGE | One ordinary meeting of the<br>science club at Parkview<br>Primary School becomes<br>extraordinary when their<br>teacher takes them back in<br>time to 1843 to meet Christian<br>inventor Charles Babbage.<br>There they learn about his<br>latest invention, the Difference<br>Engine, but they have to be<br>careful - if they're not back in<br>an hour they'll be stuck in the<br>nineteenth century forever!<br>This brilliantly fun graphic<br>novel for 7- to 9-year olds is a<br>fantastic time travel adventure<br>that will keep kids on the edge<br>of their seats. Children will love<br>the memorable characters and<br>colourful artwork from<br>illustrator Laura Borio that<br>brings to life Fiona Veitch<br>Smith's entertaining story, and<br>the graphic novel format is<br>perfect for kids beginning to<br>explore their own independent<br>reading | Lower KS2 –<br>Programming/<br>link Science and<br>DT |



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| Code: STEM: Smart Homes:<br>(Code: STEM)by Max<br>Wainewright (Author) John<br>Haslam (Illustrator) | Discover how today's amazing<br>inventions and technologies<br>work while developing your<br>coding skills In Smart Homes,<br>find out about the technology<br>that lives in our homes and<br>buildings. Learn about motion<br>sensors, create burglar alarms<br>for your computer that use<br>sound and motion to detect<br>intruders. Each book goes<br>inside a different machine or<br>technology and explains the<br>key computer code and<br>systems that are controlling<br>them. Step-by-step activities<br>teach you how to create your<br>own versions of these<br>machines on screen, and bring<br>them to life - with code! The<br>focus is placed on modern<br>technologies that actually use<br>code to work, rather than<br>looking back at steam engines,<br>etc. This will keep the practice<br>of coding firmly in the<br>contemporary. Each book<br>assumes readers have<br>reasonable general computer<br>skills. The series uses Scratch as<br>the coding language, as this is<br>still the most used, user-<br>friendly and flexible in building<br>projects, however no prior<br>experience of Scratch is<br>expected and each book will<br>include a spread introducing<br>Scratch | KS2 (e.g. Year 5<br>and 6)- non-<br>fiction -<br>programming |
| Create the Code by Max<br>Wainewright   | Discover how your everyday<br>tech works while developing<br>your coding skills! The Internet<br>is everywhere, and on it are<br>millions of websites! But how<br>do they work, what's inside<br>them and how are the apps we<br>rely on so much created and<br>designed? These are the topics<br>explored in Create the Code:<br>The Internet. Using Scratch<br>and HTML, you'll create a<br>different types of web pages, a  | Year 4-6<br>Coding and the<br>web                            |



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| simple game and even your<br>own search engine. Each book<br>in the Create the Code series<br>explains the key computer<br>code and systems that are<br>used to create and control the<br>tech you use every day such as<br>the Internet, your smartphone,<br>music and films and your apps.<br>Step-by-step activities teach<br>you how to create your own<br>versions on screen with code<br>The series uses Scratch, HTML<br>and MIT's App Inventor as the<br>coding languages. Author Max<br>Wainewright is a leading<br>authority on teaching kids to<br>code. Perfect for coders aged 9<br>and up. | ashire Professional Devel  |
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