Computing Blog - Spring 2

Nursery

During this half term, the children in Nursery have had fun developing the use of their computing knowledge and putting their skills to the test, whilst also learning the importance of the mouse and cursor relationship as they coloured in a police car.

Reception

The children in Reception have been enjoying putting their computing skills into practice by learning how to use 2paint on Purple Mash this half term. They have thoroughly enjoyed exploring different colours and brushes to draw emergency vehicles, which linked nicely to their overarching topic for this half term 'People Who Help Us'.
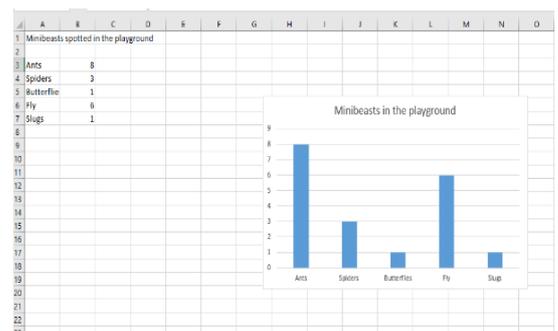
Year 1

This half term, Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed their computing sessions in the KS2 Computing Suite and using iPads in class. Children have been practicing their keyboard and mouse skills and had a go at creating a story book. We have listened to a variety of audio books and later have used a microphone to record our voices to create our own talking book using traditional tales. The children had lots of fun and were very eager to add sound effects!

Year 2

This half term the children in Year 2 have used a range of skills simultaneously. They have collected data in the form of a tally and represented this in graphs and charts through the use of Microsoft Excel spreadsheets. The children focused on a topic of collecting information about bugs which related to their science topic on animals and their habitats, as well as the statistics that they studied last half term.
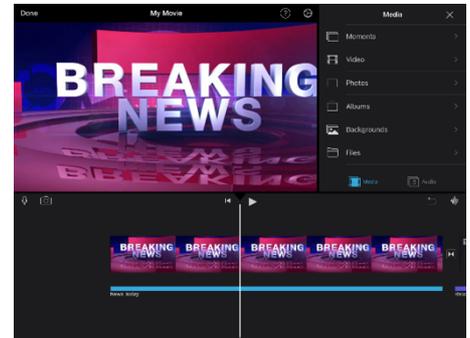
Year 3

This half term in computing, the children in Year 3 have explored different types of communication and specifically email looking at the advantages and disadvantages of emailing. The children particularly enjoyed learning how to receive, reply and send emails, whilst having to use their touch-typing skills from last half term to support them in their writing.
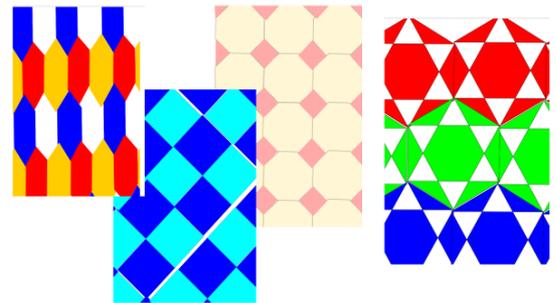
Year 4

This half term, Year 4 have enjoyed getting to grips with iMovie and creating their very own Charlie and the Chocolate Factory news stories. This project has required them to work on their team-building skills, as well as getting to grips with the key roles that go in to creating a news presentation, scripting, editing, and exploring the functions of iMovie.

Year 5

In Year 5 the children have learnt how to use a new software programme called inkspace. It is used for graphic design and drawing. They have created tessalations using polygons in a repeating patterns which also links to the geometry they have learned throughout their education. The children have also learned how to link and rotate shapes as well as how to duplicate multiple shapes at a time.

Year 6

The children in Year 6 have become travel writers this half term. Specifically, they have been planning their trip to Kingswood, looking at different forms of transport, costs, accommodation and activities on offer. Once they have collated their findings, the children then created promotional PowerPoints and videos and presented their research to the rest of their class and teachers.