

POLICY STATEMENT

At Welford we believe that computing, experienced in a safe and supportive environment, is a vital part of a pupil's school life.

Computing promotes children to explore the digital world that we live in and to also keep up to date with new pieces of technology. It provides the children with the opportunity to learn vital skills that they will need for their future life, such as keyboard skills and word processing. It also promotes a positive and safe lifestyle when working with computers. Children are aware of the dangers of working with computers and know how to stay safe online.

Pupils learn how to think in different ways to suit a wide variety of creative, cooperative and challenging activities. They learn how to plan, design, create and evaluate actions and ideas to improve their computer knowledge and provide them with the skills that they will need in this technologically advanced world.

AIMS

The children of Welford on Avon believe that computing is vital to their lifestyle. The aims of Computing at Welford on Avon reflect the children's beliefs that programming, understanding multimedia and computer science are vital to providing them with the knowledge that they require.

The aims of Computing within Welford on Avon Primary School are to therefore provide experiences and opportunities which enable children to:-

1. To become more skilful when using ipads or laptops in the school.
2. To apply skills taught into a variety of different computing scenarios.
3. To understand how to use basic features of an ipad/laptop (e.g. turning on, accessing programmes or apps and keyboard skills)
4. To teach children to be able to plan their own work given specific criteria to work from.
5. To develop their ideas in creative ways.
6. To develop positive attitudes to participation in computing.
7. To enjoy learning new skills through a varied curriculum and through the extracurricular activities on offer.
8. To help children to be able to work co-operatively within a range of different spaces and group situations
9. To teach children to know, understand and apply particular safety requirements whilst staying online.