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INTRODUCTION

The Robotics Curriculum focuses on “teleoperated” robots (robots operated remotely), but also introduces concepts of “autonomous” robots. Simple mechanical, and electrical concepts will be introduced using the VEX kit, alongside “block-based” programming, and simple sensors. The goal is to apply this knowledge to automated devices, primarily through the use of “static pre-programmed” action sequences created using “block-based” programming tools and simple sensors.

AIMS

OVERVIEW OF CURRICULUM GUIDE

Coding and Robotics is a fun and engaging way for students to build their critical thinking, logical reasoning and problem solving skills. This document arranges the content by class level and organizes it into proposed modules. Please note, these are recommendations only. Any model can be taught independently or blended with other titles to form a unique learning experience for your students. We recommend using the integrated approach, with authentic, real-world examples to allow your students to see the connections between STEAM and their every day interactions with technology.

The curriculum guide seeks to develop a new generation of creative, innovative systems thinkers that can use technology to positively express their ideas.

COMPETENCIES

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

- Discuss private and personal information
- Develop an awareness of how important it is to protect private data
- Recognise different types of digital systems and give specific examples
- Become responsible users of digital technology
- Build digital skills and competencies
- Develop a working knowledge of hardware and software
- Create a range of digital solutions through guided play and integrated learning
- Explore and experiment with the functions of digital systems
- Analyse the different features of STEAM
- Develop a model of a digital systems
- Understand the relationship between coding robot and STEAM
- Discuss the utilization of the STEAM approach.
- Further develop problem solving skills
- Explore the importance of robotics in everyday life and the role they play
- Identify digital solutions to real world problems

- Adopt a culture of being self-directed, life-long learners
- Further develop problem solving skills
- Solve problems, think critically and work collaboratively and creatively

COMPUTER LANGUAGE

- Learn to use computing terms including the use of general or particular applications to computer language
- Explain how the fundamental components of computer language relate to coding and robotics
- Explore basic graphic and visual representation of binary code
- Show how the components of computer language interact
- Analyse and critique the major types of computer language
- Use skills and techniques to solve basic problems (basic algorithms)
- Connect and engage with others to create algorithms
- Develop and design algorithms to solve real world problems
- Develop computational thinking and problem solving skills
- Explore algorithms and code to create their own interactive project
- Describe the process of creating coordinates for specified location
- Question and investigate how coordinates are identified.
- Acquire, interpret and present information regarding coordinates.
- Demonstrate a willingness to cooperate and take part in group work

CODING AND PROGRAMING

- Explore algorithms and code to create their own interactive stories and games
- Apply coding tools, techniques and strategies to solve problems
- Use coding skills and techniques to solve basic problems
- Develop computational thinking and problem solving skills
- Use computational practices of being iterative and incremental when organizing projects
- Learn to do graphic and visual design/representation
- Develop basic error handling skills to solve code related problems
- Employ computational practices of testing and debugging projects
- Making checks for returned values and exceptions
- Demonstrate their ability to communicate respectfully and effectively through appropriate oral, written and visual presentation
- Able to break up a problem space and design solutions as long as it is within the same platform
- Developing systems that can span multiple technologies and platforms
- Apply computational concepts of parallelism by engaging in computational practices of reusing and remixing projects
- Know your way around the interface and effectively use menus
- Analyse and critique code
- Able better to offer alternatives given requirements based on experience
- Work as a team to address and solve errors in a programming environment

ROBOTICS

- Explore the functions of all the major parts of the robot
- Demonstrate an understanding of specific concepts relating to robotics
- Explore the importance of robots in everyday life
- Develop an appreciation for robotics as a new digital technology
- Learn to visually represent design prototypes
- Create functioning prototypes of robots from everyday items
- Design prototypes using Project Based Learning
- Experiment with simple machines
- Gain an understanding of the correlation between simple machines and robots
- Communicate effectively among peers to complete tasks
- Program robots using robotics software
- Design codes using coding language and software
- Demonstrate an appreciation for the care and handling of robotic equipment
- Employ problem solving techniques
- Think critically and work together in groups
- Collaborate to review and carry out tasks
- Describe and recall experiences to solve coding problems
- Develop a level of mastery in robotics

Module 1: Digital Technologies

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

CONTENT

TEACHING and LEARNING ACTIVITIES

CLASS 1

- Identify and recognise the difference between personal and private information.
- Recognise and give examples of digital systems
- Represent patterns in data as pictures, symbols and diagrams
- Characterize and use hardware and software components of digital systems
- Recognise that a digital system follows specific instructions or commands
- Experiment with the functions of digital systems
- Construct a model of a real or imaginary digital system.

Personal (name, age)
Private (date of birth, address, passwords)
Video:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1spEyqOF7Er2YPIKzeahG6EGOMNh0_19W/view?usp=sharing

Video presentation or walk around the school to identify - calculators, digital watches, air-conditioners, etc

Sequencing (getting ready for school, making lemonade, tying shoe laces, setting down simple calculations)

Hardware (tablet, cellphone, VEX 123 Robot)
Software (VEXcode 123)

Scratch 3.0, VEX robots

Tablet, laptop

Videos of robots performing tasks.

List information about themselves. Classify the information stated into two groups (personal and private).

Suggested Assessment:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ukGe_elMU_ExnVEdtB_DLbfkSWVHCbTvTb9i6VCGpPM/edit?usp=sharing

Brainstorm examples of digital systems and identify their functions. Show a digital system in use.

Discuss the steps needed to complete everyday tasks.

Suggested activity: Create a puzzle using card to represent a simple mathematical calculation.

Use a tablet to record a student relaying weekend news. Manipulate a robot's actions using the coding software.

Use the '**step**' feature to review the instructions given to a robot to perform a movement.

Describe how to save and retrieve a project.

Have a guided discussion about specific problems in their class that they may encounter. Discuss how digital systems can address one or more of the problems presented. (A robot to deliver messages around the school).

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● State what is meant by the acronym STEAM.	Video Clips, illustrations	Discuss the components of the acronym STEAM . Play a game of Hangman where students are given context clues to decipher what the acronym stands for. Use video clips and everyday examples to show the relationship.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Recognize the importance of robotics in everyday life	Video Clips	Discuss robots currently being used to address real world problems. (Robots being used to deliver food during pandemic, self-driving cars)

CLASS 2

- Explain the difference between personal and private information.
- Identify and explore digital systems
- Recognise patterns in data and represent data as pictures, symbols and diagrams
- Recognise and use hardware and software components of digital systems
- Recognise that a digital system follows specific instructions or commands
- Experiment with the functions of digital systems
- Construct a model of a real or imaginary digital system for use in role play
- Explain the relationship between coding, robotics and STEAM
- Recognize the importance of robotics in everyday life

Personal (favourite colour, first name)
Private (date of birth, address, passwords)

VEX 123 Robot, VEX 123 Coder

Sequencing (making conkies, life cycle of a butterfly, process writing)

Hardware (tablet, cellphone)

CS First, Scratch 3.0, VEX robots.

Tablet, laptop, Scratch 3.0, CS First

Videos of robots performing tasks.

Video Clips

Video Clips

Describe the best practices necessary to avoid identity theft. Define identity theft.
Suggested Assessment:
<https://forms.gle/wTzWDi6G9KjjhgEk7>

Experiment with various algorithms and code to complete a task.

Providing a prompt, have students order the steps needed to complete a specific task.

Use a tablet to record a student relaying weekend news.

Instruct a sprite or robot to perform a specific movement.
Download royalty free images from the internet to upload as sprites.

Design a model of a digital system that can address a real world problem. (A robot to deliver messages around the school).

Discuss the components of the acronym STEAM

Discuss robots currently being used to address real world problems. (Robots being used to deliver food during pandemic, self-driving cars)

CLASS 3

- Explain the effects of not protecting personal and private information.
- Recognise and explore digital systems
- Recognise patterns in data and represent data as pictures, symbols and diagrams
- Recognise and use hardware and software components of digital systems
- Experiment with the functions of digital systems
- Identify of a real world digital system
- Recognize robotics in everyday life and its importance

Personal (favourite colour, first name)
Private (date of birth, address, passwords)

VEX 123 Robot, VEX Coder, VEX GO

Sequencing (doing laundry with both the washer and dryer)

Hardware (tablet, cellphone, laptop)

Tablet, laptop, Scratch 3.0, CS First

Videos of robots performing tasks.

Videos

Discuss the possible outcomes due to identity theft.

Experiment with various algorithms and code to complete a task.

Providing a prompt, have students order the steps needed to complete a specific task.

Create a digital story with photos taken of classmates.

Edit downloaded royalty free images from the internet to upload as sprites.

Design a model of a real world digital system. (A car or a loader).

Discuss robotics being employed to carry out important everyday tasks.

CLASS 4

- Explain the impact of identity theft on an individual and society
- Identify digital system to carry out specific task
- Recognise peculiarities in features of each system
- Recognize robotics in everyday life and its importance
- Construct a system to model an existing manual process
- Identify changes that can be made to an existing robot to carry out more than one function.

Personal (favourite colour, first name)
Private (date of birth, address, passwords)

VEX 123 Robot, VEX Coder, VEX GO, VEX IQ

VEX 123 Robot, VEX Coder, VEX GO
Videos, VEX 123, VEX GO, VEX IQ

Videos, VEX GO, VEX IQ

VEX 123 Robot, VEX Coder, VEX GO
Videos, VEX 123, VEX GO, VEX IQ

VEX GO, VEX IQ

Discuss the possible outcomes due to identity theft on the individual and society.

Experiment with various programs to carry out stated tasks.

Create a problem that can be solved only by one of the robots.

Discuss possible solutions to solving a real world problem using one of the stated robots.

Create a solution to an existing manual task.

Utilise an existing robot to be multifunctional (adding a claw to grab objects)

Module 2: Computer Language

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define and use major terms associated with algorithms. Design an algorithm to solve a simple real world problem. Use ordered pairs to locate an object. 	<p>Computers operate by following a list of instructions set for them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → order → sequence → algorithm → instructions <p>Printed or digital copies sequenced tasks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → tying shoe laces → making a mango smoothie <p>Analyse the task and set out a process to complete it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → algorithms → instructions → lists → order → Sequencing <p>Electronic devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → ordered pairs 	<p>responding to certain commands. When 0 is voiced the student(s) will walk, with a command of 1, the students will jump.</p> <p>Tell students that today they will pretend you are a robot. They must give you instructions (commands) to reach the door. During the activity encourage the use of specific instructions. Write or project onto the whiteboard, the word <i>algorithm</i>. Invite discussion about the steps taken to get ready for school that morning. List the steps provided on the whiteboard. Introduce the terms such as order and sequence. Explain that an <i>algorithm</i> is a list of steps taken to complete a task.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Allow the provision of more every day tasks. <p>Review the definition of the term ‘<i>algorithm</i>’. Using pictures of sequenced events such as the making of a sandwich. Rearrange and have them placed in the correct order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Brainstorm daily tasks and have students generate algorithms to successfully complete them. → Provide the class with real scenarios and allow the students to create algorithms. <p>Explain that ordered pairs are used to locate an object's position on a map. They consist of two</p>
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- coordinate plane
- x-coordinate
- y-coordinate
- **Worksheet**

★ Diurnal Animals Ordered Pairs

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1gvKlsekCT9mbe97913vZIRIUJaLWqlvW9xnBII87zagg/edit?usp=sharing>

digits - one represents the *x-coordinate* and the other the *y-coordinate*. When these values are combined they give us a location of a given point on a map.

Create a simple grid like the one in Appendix 2.1. Invites students to use the key to find the ordered pairs on the grid provided.

- Have students describe how to use coordinates to identify a specific location.

CLASS 2

- Explain the fundamental concepts of computing through written, visual or oral communication.
 - selection
 - commandevent
 - sequence
- Classify the two major types of computer languages.
- Explore cause and effect relationships when designing algorithms.

- Digital flashcards
- Teacher created presentation
- Differentiate activities
 - ★ Written activity
 - ★ Visual activity
 - ★ Oral activity

Electronic devices

- low-level languages
 - ★ Machine language
 - 1s and 0s (binary)
 - ★ Assembly language
- high-level languages
 - ★ Scratch
 - ★ Python

- communication
- language that's all their own
- different languages
- programming language
- machine language
- code
- binary code

Unplugged activity

- Obstacle course

Discuss the vocabulary associated with computing. Apply the fundamentals of computing to Scratch as they investigate the blocks used to create simple programs. Have students relay their understanding through a written, visual or oral medium.

Ask students - 'When you are playing your video games, how does the device know what to do?' Have students discuss their answers, offering guidance where necessary. Review the two major types of computer language. Project onto the whiteboard, a list of computer languages and classify them into two groups.

Explain that events are actions that a computer recognizes. When events are triggered, instructions are followed. Brainstorm examples of events such as tapping an object on a tablet screen to select it.

Go on to project the term *conditional statement* and explain that it tells the computer to run a different action depending on a specific event. Explore real life if-then cause and effect statements.

- What happens if the rain is falling and it's lunch time?

Use sidewalk chalk to draw five shapes. Assign roles - one 'programmer' and at least two 'computers'. In this activity the 'computer' will give specific commands (events) that will trigger the 'computers' to perform certain actions.

- Use ordered pairs to locate an object.

Electronic devices
Worksheets (printed.digital)
→ ordered pairs
→ coordinate plane
→ x-coordinate
→ y-coordinate

Encourage the use of programming languages when instructions are given.

Review how to use ordered pairs to locate an object's position on a map. Have students describe what it consists of.

Project a simple grid and invite students to use the key to find the ordered pairs on the grid provided. Identify a specific object on the grid and have use coordinates to identify a specific location.

This can be integrated with:

- Social Studies for Map reading
- Comprehension for Analysis and Predicting Outcomes
- Mathematics for Data Handling

CLASS 3

- Apply the fundamentals of computing to solve real world problems.
 - iteration
 - decomposition
 - Debugging
- Compare and contrast the two major computer languages.
- Work in groups to create algorithms to solve real world problems.
- Explore cause and effect relationships when designing algorithms.

Electronic devices

- Digital flashcards
- Teacher created presentation
- Differentiate activities

- low-level languages
 - ★ Machine language
 - 1s and 0s (binary)
 - ★ Assembly language

- high-level languages
 - ★ Scratch
 - ★ Python

Electronic devices

- Google Docs
- algorithms
- order
- sequence

Electronic devices

- Coordinate Plane
- Event
- Conditional statement
 - ★ if-then
- cause and effect

Provide scenarios which will encompass computing terms. Connect the different concepts learned and have students identify the specific computing term relevant to the scenario.

Class discussion on the two major types of computer language. Identify the similarities and the differences between the two.

Review what is meant by the term *algorithm*. Draw connections between algorithms and programs. Invite students to rewrite the definition in their own words. Create groups and provide them with problems to be solved using algorithms. Identify a group leader and have them present the algorithm created.

Review what is meant by the term *event*. Brainstorm examples of events such pressing start to play a game or going to the ATM to get funds.

Review the term *conditional statement*. Explore real life **if-then** cause and effect statements.

- When the La Soufriere erupted in 2021 what happened in Barbados?

Ask students to give directions to the window using programming language. Project a

- Identify the x and y coordinates of a plotted point.

Electronic devices

- Scratch 3.0
- CS First
- whiteboard
- board markers
- computer
- projector
- coordinate plane
- axis
- x- coordinate, y-coordinate

(*coordinate plane*) grid onto the board. Review the interface (x and y representation and negative numbers).

Discuss how coordinate points assist them with figuring out which direction to go in and how far one place is from the other.

Add a couple pictures to the grid, invite students to identify the coordinates and explain to their peers how they determined that point.

This can be integrated with:

- Social Studies for Map reading
- Comprehension for Analysis and Predicting Outcomes
- Mathematics for Data Handling

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare and contrast an algorithm with a computer program. • Explore cause and effect relationships when designing algorithms • Design a program to send a morse code message. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → High Level vs Low Level → High level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Uses words ★ Slower processing time ★ Ease of use for the user <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Scratch 3.0 → Low level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Machine language ★ Assembly language <p>Electronic devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → algorithm → computer program → instructions → sequence <p>Electronic devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Scratch 3.0 → Events → Conditional statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ if-then-else <p>Electronic devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Morse Code alphabet → Scratch 3.0 → <i>Music blocks</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ play note for block → Broadcast blocks 	<p>interactive activity, or as an unplugged activity where worksheets are created and printed to examine the various computer languages based on use.</p> <p>As an integrative activity in Mathematics, Venn diagrams can be used to sort these languages based on use.</p> <p>Write or project the definition of an algorithm on the whiteboard. Invite students to draw a connection between an algorithm and a program. Allow students to engage in think-pair-share to rewrite the definition in their own words. Ask students to state how the definition compares to that of a computer program.</p> <p>Ask students the following -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → When you place ice cubes in the sun, what will happen? → If you break the school rules, how will you be reprimanded? <p>Allow students to provide their own cause and effect statements. Examine the <i>if-then-else</i> block in Scratch. Have students relate the if-then-else block to cause and effect statements.</p> <p>Discuss what is Morse Code. Examine the Morse Code alphabet. Determine which play note for block from the <i>Music</i> category will be used for the dot and the dash respectively. Students and teacher will work together to build out the code for the Morse Code alphabet. They will then use the alphabet to send a short message to another</p>
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- Use coordinates to draw shapes.

Electronic devices

- projector
- coordinate plane
- x- coordinate, y-coordinate
- perpendicular, parallel
- Google Docs
- Google Drawing

sprite.

Review how to write coordinates correctly. Create a coordinate grid in Google Drawings and paste it into Google Docs. Demonstrate how to build a shape by plotting specified coordinates (points) and joining the points together.

Module 3: Coding and Programming

CLASS 1

- Understand specific concepts relating to coding and programming.
 - coding
 - default
 - script
 - command
 - event
 - user
 - input
 - running a program

- Identify why Scratch is a programming language.

- Explain the block types used in Scratch 3.0 and their usage.
 - Stage
 - Sprite
 - Sprite's List
 - Scripts Area
 - Backdrops
 - Blocks category
 - Paint Editor

- Manipulate sprites to create a project.

Electronic devices

- Digital flashcards
- Presentation
- Video clips
- Unplugged Activities

Electronic devices

- Computer code
- List of instructions (blocks)
- Visual representations
- Program
- Simple Scratch project (Knock, Knock joke, Catching Papaya Game)

Electronic devices

- Scratch 3.0
- Labelled Scratch interface
- Digital flashcards used to label the Scratch interface
- Sprites and Backdrops
 - ★ Choose a sprite/backdrop
 - ★ Paint a sprite/backdrop
 - ★ Surprise
 - ★ Upload a sprite/backdrop

- Scratch 3.0
- CS First

Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Questioning, Viewing

Create a mind-map using the words coding and programming. Brainstorm ideas related to coding.

Guided inquiry, Brainstorming, Questioning, Viewing, Problem solving

Project on the whiteboard, a simple Scratch project and then show the code. Explain that Scratch is a visual programming language used to build games and interactive stories, music and art.

Guided inquiry, Brainstorming, Questioning, Viewing, Problem solving

Explore the Scratch interface. Navigate the Scratch 3.0 interface identifying the various parts and describing their functions. Describe how blocks react to drag and drop.

Suggested Formative Assessment:
<https://www.liveworksheets.com/ft377322gt>

Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Problem solving, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explore the structural and functional purpose of the blocks in the categories below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion - Looks - Sound - Events - Control ● Experiment with the scripts area ● Describe how a program runs. ● Describe how to use a sprite's coordinates to locate it on the stage. 	<p style="text-align: center;">→ scratch.mit.edu</p> <p>Electronic devices → Scratch 3.0 → CS First → scratch.mit.edu Teacher created worksheet which can be printed or done electronically</p> <p>Electronic devices → Scratch 3.0 → CS First → scratch.mit.edu</p> <p>Electronic devices → Scratch 3.0 → CS First → scratch.mit.edu → Simple Scratch project to project</p> <p>Unplugged Activities Electronic devices → Scratch 3.0 → CS First</p>	<p>Model how to add, select and delete a sprite. Add an additional sprite. Have students make the last one to be added active.</p> <p>Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Problem solving, Questioning, Discussion</p> <p>Highlight a block category and investigate its specific function. Provide scenarios and have students drag and drop the particular block into the scripts area. Discuss the ability to add input into the white window.</p> <p>Guided discovery, Problem solving, Questioning</p> <p>Demonstrate how to add scripts, rearrange blocks within scripts, drag a group of blocks and remove individual blocks or scripts.</p> <p>Guided discovery, Discussion, Problem solving</p> <p>Create the program shown in Appendix 3.1. Discuss how programs begin at the first block and then run the next code block in the script. Given this, change around the code and allow feedback about how the code has changed. Introduce the process of <i>debugging</i> and the importance of testing code periodically.</p> <p>Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Problem solving, Questioning A sprite is positioned on the stage using a pair of numbers called the <i>x-y coordinates</i>. The</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → scratch.mit.edu → Xy-grid background → Coordinates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ left/right ★ up/down ★ x-coordinates (-240 to 240) ★ y-coordinates (-180 to 180) → Position → Unplugged Activities (<i>This lesson can also be done unplugged providing students with a printed Scavenger Hunt grid with specific items added at various points, simple map of school on a Scratch grid and are asked to state the position of a specific location</i>) 	<p>x-coordinate identifies how far left or right the sprite is across the stage. The y-coordinate shows how far up or down the sprite is.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Add one sprite to the stage. Change the backdrop to the Xy-grid. Highlight the current sprite info and have students focus on the x and y coordinates. Identify the sprite's current location and then move it to specific points, describing what happens to x and y values. → With the Xy-grid background active, create a simple program to position the sprite using the 'go to x: y:' block. → Add additional sprites on the stage and have students identify their position.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Code arrow keys to move a sprite 	<p>Electronic devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Scratch 3.0 → CS First → scratch.mit.edu → Motion blocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Move blocks → 'when key pressed' block left arrow, right arrow, up arrow, down arrow 	<p>Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Problem solving, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity</p> <p>Explain that when creating a program or building code it is always good to have a plan. Discuss the desired outcome and design a plan to execute the process.</p> <p>Construct four simple scripts to control a sprite using the arrow keys. Use the 'when space key pressed' hat block and add a 'move 10 steps' block. Allow manipulation of the number of steps.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Manipulate a sprite's orientation on the stage 	<p>Electronic devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Scratch 3.0 → CS First → scratch.mit.edu → Direction Terms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ All around 	<p>Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Problem solving</p> <p>Add blocks to code the sprite to move back and forth across the stage. Encourage discussion about what is happening. Bring attention to the</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Manipulate Repeat and Forever loops ● Design and create a simple dialogue between two sprites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Left/Right ★ Do not rotate <p>→ Motion block</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ 'if on edge bounce' <p>Electronic devices</p> <p>→ Loops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Repeat <p>A repeat loop repeats the blocks inside it for a specified number of times and then runs the next blocks in the script.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Forever <p>A forever loop repeats the block(s) inside it forever.</p> <p>Electronic devices</p> <p>→ Event blocks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ <i>when green flag clicked</i> ★ <i>when this sprite clicked</i> ★ <i>when key space pressed</i> <p>→ say hello for 2 secs block</p> <p>→ wait block</p>	<p>current sprite info and highlight the Direction window. Identify the three <i>rotation styles</i>. Test the code after each orientation change and describe the effect.</p> <p>Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Problem solving, Discussion</p> <p>Run the code in Appendix 3.2 in full screen. Invite discussion about the possible code used. After the code is shown, ask which block controls the sprite. Using context clues, guide the discussion towards what is a loop. Explain that the orange Control blocks control the actions of a sprite. Ask which block can be used to allow for a finite movement.</p> <p>Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Problem solving, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity</p> <p>Use the wait block to control the timing of the conversation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Add two sprites → Make the sprites face each other → Add a backdrop <p>Discuss how conversations flow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Code the first sprite to say something → Code the second sprite to wait and then respond
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CLASS 2

- Animate sprites.

Electronic devices

Scratch 3.0

★ Looks blocks

- CS First
- Scratch.mit.edu
- Animal Antics
- <https://www.stemdetectivelab.com/scratch-coding-camp/animal-antics-badge/>

(Suggested activity - Animate the letters of their name, initials or a specific word)

Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity

Add an interesting sprite. Explore the Looks blocks to animate the sprite.

- change size by block
- set size to block
- change color effect by 25
- set color effect to 0
- clear graphic effects
- show
- hide

- Create an animated dance.

Electronic devices

→ Scratch 3.0

→ Looks blocks

★ **next costume**

→ Control blocks

★ **repeat** block

★ **forever** block

→ Motion blocks

Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity

Animate a Sprite as it moves using more than one costume.

- Add the Ballerina sprite
- Change the **rotation style** of the Sprite.
- Create a simple program to make the sprite appear as though it is dancing. (*See Appendix 3.3*)

- Create a digital story

- The Role of Community Workers
- A story written in Composition
- Steps needed to complete a calculation

Electronic devices

→ Scratch 3.0

→ CS First

Resources

Costume Animation

- <https://csfirst.withgoogle.com/c/cs-first/en/storytelling/dialogue/extensions/costume-animation-p>

Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity

Program a conversation between two characters to explore the role of dialogue in storytelling.

Use a story starter or a title to plan a short story.

- Choose characters
- Add a scene (backdrop)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Add scenery and music to Scratch projects. ● Investigate the directionality of sprites 	<p style="text-align: center;">art-1-of-2.html</p> <p>Electronic devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Scratch 3.0 → CS First → scratch.mit.edu <p>Electronic devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Scratch 3.0 → computers use numbers (degrees) to indicate an exact location → In Scratch the direction numbers are between -180 and 180 → compass → negative and positive numbers → point in direction block 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Add dialogue → Bonus - animate sprites to bring the story to life <p>Suggested Rubric: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DNlmxIStvU9RqSct58LUv_vi-mm6M-6bmEYA51IJoMg/edit?usp=sharing</p> <p>Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity</p> <p>Improve on the code created in previous projects by adding sound and additional backdrops.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Select a sprite → Click on the Sounds tab → Choose a sound from the library → Return to the Code → Add the sound to the sprite's script <p>Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity</p> <p>Guided discussion about how humans follow directions compared to that of computers. Use a compass to tap prior knowledge and then introduce the four main directional values using Scratch's compass -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 0°- facing up → 90° - facing right → -90° - facing left → -180° and 180°- facing down <p>This lesson can be integrated with Social Studies (cardinal points).</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Demonstrate how to control the timing of events. 	<p>Electronic devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Scratch 3.0 → CS First → Characterisation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Describe a character in a story and explain how his/her actions contributed to the sequence of events. → wait block <p>Resource: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1H1n5rQODJMC4u53TnnhAPZlhECqb9wK16-m0zj_hl-A/edit?usp=sharing</p>	<p>Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity</p> <p>Add a sprite to the project to investigate the effects of changing the directional value. Provide details about a character who is missing an assignment and use code to describe the character’s actions, thoughts and words.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Use Event blocks to trigger a series of code → Sequence at least four say blocks → Use motion blocks to personalise the story → Use wait blocks to control the timing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Describe the process of broadcasting and create a “knock knock” joke. 	<p>Electronic devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Scratch 3.0 → CS First → <i>Events</i> blocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ broadcast block ★ when I receive broadcast message block 	<p>Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity</p> <p>Plan a simple knock knock joke. Discuss the dynamics and create a code to represent the joke. Use the broadcast blocks to communicate between sprites.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use code to tell fun and interactive stories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Digital Show and Tell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ People in the Neighbourhood ★ Diurnal and Nocturnal Animals ★ Even and Odd Numbers ★ Nouns and Adjectives 	<p>Electronic devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Scratch 3.0 → CS First → <i>Looks</i> blocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ switch costume to block ★ next costume block ★ switch backdrop to block ★ next backdrop block → <i>Events</i> blocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ when backdrop switches to block 	<p>Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity</p> <p>Design a simple story or info. Make the project interactive by using for example when this sprite clicked block.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Add music to the story → Switch backdrops → Add a third sprite → Change costumes

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Narrate a story in Scratch. 	<p>Electronic devices</p> <p>Collaborative activity - collaborate in Google Docs to plan the story</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Scratch 3.0 → CS First → <i>Events</i> blocks → <i>Motion</i> blocks → <i>Control</i> blocks → <i>Sound</i> blocks <p>Suggested Rubric: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DNlmxIStvU9RqSct58LUv_vi-mm6M-6bmEYA51IJoMg/edit?usp=sharing</p>	<p>Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity</p> <p>Create a project that tells the same story from two points of view.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Sequences say blocks to tell a story in 1st person or third person. → Use <i>Events</i> blocks to trigger a series of code. → Use wait or broadcast blocks to control timing → Use <i>Motion</i> blocks, sound effects and animation to personalise the story
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use the Paint Editor to create new costumes for existing sprites 	<p>Electronic devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Scratch 3.0 → Costumes tab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ <i>Paint Editor</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Select tool</i> ➤ <i>Reshape tool</i> ➤ <i>Fill tool</i> ➤ <i>Brush tool</i> ➤ <i>Eraser tool</i> ➤ <i>Text tool</i> ➤ <i>Line tool</i> ➤ <i>Circle tool</i> ➤ <i>Rectangle tool</i> 	<p>Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping</p> <p>Select the sprite to be modified. Open the Paint Editor by clicking on the Costumes tab. Use the tools provided to create new costumes for a sprite. Animate the sprite using its new costumes.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Design and animate a new sprite 	<p>Electronic devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Craft supplies (paper, card, scissors, crayons) → Scratch 3.0 	<p>Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity</p> <p>Design a character they would like added to the <i>Sprite's Library</i> and make a model. Use the <i>Paint</i></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Name the major components of a good game. ● Design and code a simple game. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Hungry Green Monkey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Costumes tab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ <i>Paint Editor</i> → Decompose problems into smaller, manageable pieces to control project succession. <p>Electronic devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Game design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ <i>Variables</i> - score, timers ★ Sound effects ★ Sprite iterations ★ Levels → Scratch 3.0 <p>Electronic devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Game design → Scratch 3.0 → Decompose problems into smaller, manageable pieces to control project succession. → <i>Sensing</i> blocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ touching block → <i>Control</i> blocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ if-then blocks <p>An if-then block wraps around other blocks and uses a <u>true or false</u> question to control whether those blocks are runned or skipped. If the answer to the question is true, the blocks inside will run.</p>	<p><i>Editor</i> to create and name their sprite. Animate the new sprite.</p> <p>This activity can be integrated with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Visual Arts - the student can design and build his/her sprite using cardboard or other media. → Storytelling - the student could speak about the character providing additional details. <p>Guided inquiry, Brainstorming</p> <p>Ask, ‘What do you think makes a good game?’ Record the responses and Explain that a good game tests your skills. It can include movement, speed and obstacles. Review how using the concepts taught previous to design and program a simple game.</p> <p>Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity</p> <p>Using skills and concepts mastered, design and code a game.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Code a game to make a sprite move around the stage ‘eating’ bananas. → The player controls the sprite by pointing to a place on the screen (stage) using the cursor (mouse). → The sprite will then move towards the banana. → If the cat touches the banana, the banana disappears as if it’s eaten.
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CLASS 3

- Use code to tell fun and interactive stories
 - Verb
Simile
 - Metaphor

- Narrate a story in Scratch.
 - Sports Day
 - AgroFest
 - A Fictional Story

- Create an interactive story with code.

- Electronic devices
- Scratch 3.0
 - CS First
 - *Events* blocks
 - *Motion* blocks (*used to show what the figurative language seems to mean versus what it actually means*)
 - *Control* blocks
 - *Sound* blocks

Resources

- <https://csfirst.withgoogle.com/c/cs-first/en/figurative-language/figurative-language/explore-your-figurative-language.html>

- Collaborative activity - collaborate in **Google Docs** to plan the story
- Scratch 3.0
 - CS First
 - *Events* blocks
 - *Motion* blocks
 - *Control* blocks
 - *Sound* blocks

Two characters meet in a world and discover a surprising object. Students get to decide what happens next by creating a story with code.

Electronic devices

Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity

Create a simple Scratch project using the concept of broadcasting.

- Add figurative language using **say** blocks
- Use *Motion* blocks to move the characters across the stage
- Add at least three object sprites to help describe the figurative language
- Add backdrops to help show meaning
- *Broadcast* blocks are used to trigger code

Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity

Create a project that tells the same story from two points of view.

- Sequences **say** blocks to tell a story in 1st person or third person.
- Use *Events* blocks to trigger a series of code.
- Use **wait** or **broadcast** blocks to control timing
- Use *Motion* blocks, sound effects and animation to personalise the story

Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity

Design and build a story that's interactive. Use blocks such as **when this sprite clicked** or **ask**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Add a title to a project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Scratch 3.0 → CS First <p>Electronic devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Scratch 3.0 → CS First → Paint Editor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ <i>Text</i> tool ★ <i>Select</i> tool ★ <i>Fill</i> tool ★ <i>Rectangle</i> tool → https://csfirst.withgoogle.com/c/cs-first/en/an-unusual-discovery/an-unusual-discovery/extensions/animate-a-story-title.html 	<p>found in the <i>Events</i> and <i>Sensing</i> categories respectively.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Choose the setting. → Choose sprites and add code for a dialogue. → Animate the objects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Grow/shrink ★ Colour changes ★ Make an object bounce → Add mystery with a pulsing object → Add sound <p>This lesson can be integrated with all of the core subjects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Mathematics - How to add fractions → General Science - Comparing Vertebrates → Social Studies - Transportation → Language Arts - What is an Adverb <p>Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity</p> <p>Brainstorm the title of a project they would like to program. Click ‘Choose a Sprite’ and select ‘Paint’. Click the ‘<i>Text</i>’ tool and type the title. Use the <i>Select</i> tool to highlight and resize. Change the font using the <i>Text</i> tool and the colour using the <i>Fill</i> tool. Emphasis the title by adding a box around the border. Use the backward tool to show the text in front of the box. Animate the title.</p> <p>Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Animate an object to make it bounce. 	<p>Electronic devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Scratch 3.0 → CS First 	<p>Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity</p>

- Create a two player racing game.

- Describe how to make and use Scratch variables

- *Motion* blocks
 - ★ **Glide 1 secs to random position** block
 - ★ **Go to x: y:**block
- *Control* blocks
 - ★ **repeat** block

Electronic devices

- Scratch 3.0
- CS First
- Control movement with the keyboard
- *Events* blocks
 - ★ **when key space pressed** block
- *Motion* blocks
 - ★ **move 10 steps** block
 - ★ **turn left 15 degrees** block
 - ★ **turn right 15 degrees** block
- *Control* blocks
 - ★ **repeat until** block

A variable is like a labelled box in which you can store data such as **words** or **numbers**. The data stored in a variable is called its **value**.

Electronic devices

- *Variables* blocks
 - ★ **Make a Variable**
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wS1QETPfgGE>

Explore the **glide** Motion blocks as well as the **go to x: y:** block. Manipulate these blocks to make the sprite appear as though it's bouncing on the stage.

- Select the object sprite
- Add a *glide 1 secs to random position* block; *repeat* block
- Add the *go to x: y:* block to make the sprite move to a specific position when it stops bouncing.

Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity

Review how to code the up, left and right arrow keys to control the movement of the car sprite. Discuss how to make the sprite move smoothly with the **repeat until** block. Code the player two to move using different keys.

Guided inquiry, Discussion, Brainstorming

Discuss score and timers in games. Explain that variables are used to control time and keep score. Select the *Variables* block category, click **Make a Variable**. Add the variable name to be used.

- Create a new block.
 - say a random greeting in any language
 - draws a particular shape
 - states specific vocabulary
 - states Barbadian facts

- Design and code a game to catch items falling from the sky.
 - Catch a Breadfruit Game
 - Catch Prime Numbers
 - Catch Specific Flags

My Blocks offer functionality. Scratch allows you to create your own blocks and use them just like the built in blocks, i.e. *creating your own functions*.

Electronic devices

Resources

- https://en.scratch-wiki.info/wiki/My_Blocks

Electronic devices

- Game design
 - ★ Make copies of sprites
 - ★ Sprite animation
 - ★ Time delays
 - ★ Variables
- Scratch 3.0
- CS First
- *Control* blocks
 - ★ **if-then-else** block
- Decompose problems into smaller, manageable pieces to control project succession.
- Add Extension
 - ★ **Text to Speech**
- Give specific instructions

Guided discovery, Brainstorming

Create the program needed with the necessary blocks.

- Select the *My Blocks*
- Then click ‘*Make a Block*’
- In the empty block, type in the name of the desired new block.

An event style block appears in the **Scripts Area**. Once this new block has been defined we are able to use it like any other block.

Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity

Using skills and concepts mastered, design and code a game which catches items falling from the sky. Utilise variables to make the game more interesting.

Incorporate the *Text to Speech* feature in game.

- Choose Add Extension from the bottom left of the *Code* section
- Select Text to Speech

CLASS 4

- Use the *Join* block appropriately.

Electronic devices

- Create variables to hold the data. Use the **join** block to link values together
- Add the **ask** block

Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity

- Create a simple code using the join block to make a sprite greet you with your name.
(See Appendix 3.4)
- Design a times tables quiz where ten questions about the 1 to 12 times tables are asked. Allow for input of answers.
- score for each correct answer. (See Appendix 3.5)

- Create drawings with iteration

Use *variables* in repeats and iterative development

- **Pen** blocks (Add Extension)
- Add **variables**
- Use **Loops**
- Use **broadcast** blocks
- Scratch 3.0

Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity

Updating **variables** in repeats and iterative development. Create two balls in the *Paint Editor*

- Code the balls to bounce around the stage drawing and changing patterns.

- Explore the concept of *Loops, Events* and *Conditionals*.

Electronic devices

- CS First
- Play notes on musical instruments (See Appendix 3.3)

Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Discussion

The *repeat until* loop block keeps looping until a specific action happens. The *wait until* block completes the command specified in its input window before it moves onto the next command.

Investigate the two conditional blocks from the *Control* blocks category. Compare the **repeat until** block with the **wait until** block. Create a project that uses the concepts learnt.

- Compute simple calculations in Scratch

Four blocks in the green **Operators** section can do math with whatever values inputted.

- Arithmetic Operators
 - ★ Add
 - ★ Divide
 - ★ Subtract
 - ★ Multiply
- *Looks* blocks
 - ★ **say** block

Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Discussion, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity

Investigate the use of *Operator* blocks.

- Put an Arithmetic operator inside of a **say** block to compute a calculation.

Describe what happens when the script is triggered.

- Experiment with more than one Arithmetic Operator to compute more difficult calculations.

- Design code to ask questions and receive responses.

- Review exercises
- Exit tickets
- Short quizzes
- Survey

Ask the audience a question and make something happen based on the response.

- Scratch 3.0
- CS First
- *Sensing* blocks
 - ★ **ask** block
 - ★ **answer** block
- *Control* blocks
 - ★ **if-then-else** block
- *Operator* blocks
 - ★ **equals operator** (comparison operator)

Guided discovery, Brainstorming, Collaborative grouping, PBL activity

Decide the content and then brainstorm questions to be asked and what is to happen based on the responses received. Make the project interactive and get the audience involved in the activity.

- Add an *ask* block to ask the audience a question
- Check the user's answer by using the *if-then-else* block; the *equals operator* and the *answer* block
- Add *say for 2 secs* blocks to program different things to happen based on the user's response

Sound and graphic effects can also be added.

Module 4: Robotics

CLASS 1

- Identify parts of a robot:

- Controller
- Body
- Mobility
- Power
- Sensors
- Tools

- State the function each part of the robot

- Design basic prototypes of robot arm

Video clip, pictures, assembled robot (VEX Kit),

<http://prime.jsc.nasa.gov/ROV/types.html>

Video clips, pictures of robot, assembled robot (VEX Kit)

Video clips, Paper, bristol board, cardboard, pencils, crayons, coloured markers, magnets, paperclips

www.tryengineering.org

www.mos.org/robot/robot.html

www.usfirst.org

Guided Discovery, Viewing, Brainstorming, Discussion

From the videos and the display of VEX robot, discuss and brainstorm to identify various parts of a robot:

- Controller
- Body
- Mobility
- Power Sensors
- Tools

Viewing, Guided Discovery, Brainstorming, Discussion

Unplugged Activities -

1. Singing/Moving Game: Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes
2. Body Awareness Exercise - How do human joints move?

PBL activity, Brainstorm ideas, Think-Pair-Share,

Discussion on how robots are used in everyday life.

Discuss why robots and humans move in different ways?

Unplugged Activity - Scavenger Hunt (collect as many items (paperclips) using a small magnet)

Groups design a prototype cardboard arm to be used in the medical field in transporting medical equipment - Designs can be used to identify various modes of transportation.

Share ideas on designs. Engage in discussion to garner ideas on various designs for specific

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify simple machines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inclined plane - Lever - Screw - Wedge - Pulley - Wheel and Axle ● Create at least one of the simple machines ● Problem solve to fix/alleviate problems that may arise 	<p>A simple machine is a tool that is used to make work easier.</p> <p>Video clips, exhibits of simple machines, limes, plastic spoons, small plastic plates</p> <p>VEX IQ Curriculum handout</p> <p>Cardboard, string, straws, cotton reels, bristol board</p> <p>VEX Curriculum, STEM Labs</p>	<p>another team member without dropping the lime while travelling a distance. Each team member must travel with the egg/lime.)</p> <p>From the handout, all of the simple machines should be identified. Engage students in discussion as to how each machine is used in everyday life - give examples of simple machines in action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inclined plane - Lever - Screw - Wedge - Pulley - Wheel and Axle <p>Collaborative Grouping, PBL activity</p> <p>Groups will be asked to select one of the simple machines introduced, and use the items given to build a functioning prototype.</p> <p>Discussion, Problem Solving, Collaborative Grouping, PBL activity</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explain how friction works as it relates to robotics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Friction Friction is the force that resists motion through the rubbing of one object against another. 	Resource: http://www.stemmom.org/2012/09/friction-inquiry-lab.html PDF: https://docs.google.com/open/?id=0B5vZUViZFTxaNXAzcliGRTRiSG8 Video clips: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=miGZR4szu8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CTLXubXOTUQ http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VUfqSeeZng VEX IQ Curriculum handout, rope	Discussion, Collaborative Grouping, PBL activity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Build a basic robot using designated kits 	VEX Kit, VEX Education (copy of robot assembly) worksheet, electronic devices Resource: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGTPDp2cNtM&list=PLvcc7S26YEgp60=fNJwh64aj9ywiZ79Ta&index=5	Discussion, Guided Discovery, Teamwork, PBL activity, Experimentation Unplugged Activity - Tug of War - Students will be asked to give a hypothesis as to what they think will happen if they performed Tug-of War with shoes on a variety of surfaces. Split class into two teams. Teams will use a rope to play tug of war on three different surfaces - grass, smooth and rocky. Then discuss if their predictions were accurate.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Operate basic build robot using teleoperation 	Obstacle course, electronic devices, VEX kits	Guided Discovery, Collaborative Grouping, Teamwork, PBL activity Introduction to ModKit

- Navigate and control using teleoperation through an obstacle course

Obstacle course, electronic devices, completed basic build of the robot

Each team will be required to construct the basic build of the robot using the instructions provided in the kits. This activity will help to tie in the parts of the robots introduced earlier.

Basic build should include - brain, motor, wheels and gears.

- Charge - controller
- Connect joystick to brain
- Connect brain to computer
- Checking battery voltage
- Turn on motor
- Connect to ports to brain
- Download program

Collaborative grouping, PBL activity, Guided Discovery

Groups will be given a copy of the instructions to complete the basic build. Groups should designate duties for each member so that the basic build can be completed effectively

Unplugged Activity - Visual Arts - An obstacle course can be designed and constructed by the students as part of a Visual Arts lesson. The obstacle course should be designed to test the concept friction previously covered.

Collaborative grouping, PBL activity

At this stage, groups should have completed the basic build, and be able to manoeuvre the robot

around an obstacle course remotely.

Activity - After the build is complete, to test the build of the robot, teams can engage in timed and dexterity events in and around the classroom.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cartesian robot - Cylindrical robot - Spherical robot - SCARA - Articulated robot - Parallel robot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explain how centre of gravity works as it relates to robotics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Centre of gravity/Mass - is the place in a system or body (such as a robot) where the weight is evenly distributed and all sides are in balance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Build and use simple machines to see how the work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plane - Wedge - Screw <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Construct a medical robotic arm using everyday items 	<p>http://prime.jsc.nasa.gov/ROV/types.html www.tryengineering.com</p> <p>Video Clips: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HX6M4QunVmA https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6L-V4xzUcmM</p> <p>Broomsticks Resource: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CZsZz24QwNM https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fw6Ra_2oZM4 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2WUdHBso3VK</p> <p>VEX Kits, VEX Curriculum worksheet</p> <p>Ping pong balls, small plastic plates, rubber bands, clothes pins, paperclips, plastic cups</p>	<p>Engage students in a discussion as to the use of the various types of robots and the various industries that they can be found.</p> <p>Discussion, Questioning</p> <p>Unplugged Activity 1: Limbo - A game of limbo requires two children to hold each end of a broomstick. Encourage the other children to take turns trying to go under the limbo stick while bending backward. Let the children take turns holding the stick lower and lower. Discuss at which point they fall backward and why they fell.</p> <p>Guided Discovery, Discussion, Collaborative Grouping, PBL activity</p> <p>Teams will use objects from the kit to construct their version of the three simple machines - plane, wedge and screw.</p> <p>Collaborative Grouping, PBL activity, Peer assessment</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Build simple machines using designated kit ● Build a basic robot attaching a functioning arm 	<p>Resource: Hydraulic Powered Robotic Arm https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2r9U4wkjcc</p> <p>Designated VEX kits, VEX Curriculum worksheet (simple machines)</p> <p>Designated VEX Kits, VEX Curriculum worksheets (Clawbot)</p>	<p>Unplugged Activity - <i>Smooth Operator</i> - Each team of engineers have been given a challenge to design a surgical instrument. To test the instrument four small objects must be removed from a small plate without knocking over any of the other objects on the plate. All components of the instrument must be physically connected. All objects must remain intact for additional study by the medical team,</p> <p>Visual Arts - Each team should draw a sketch of the agreed upon design prior to construction. All materials should be outlined, and the number of parts that are needed.</p> <p>Collaborative Grouping, Guided Discovery, PBL activity</p> <p>Teams should select the simple machine they will build. Each team will test the functionality of their machine.</p> <p>Collaborative Grouping, PBL activity</p> <p>Each team will be given an unassembled kit. Each team will select a team leader, the leader will disseminate specific tasks to each team member. Teams will be instructed that they have a specified time in which to complete their build.</p> <p>Team member 1 - Sorting kit pieces 2 - Assembly of base of robot 3 - Assembly of clawbot 3 - Assembly of drivetrain</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navigate a robot's teleoperation through an obstacle course moving turning (90, 180, 360 degrees) and collecting blocks 	<p>Designated VEX Kit, Obstacle course, VEX Coloured Blocks</p>	<p>Collaborative Grouping, PBL activity</p> <p>After the assembly of the clawbot. Each team will be instructed to navigate the clawbot tele-operated through an obstacle course ensuring that the robot can perform various turns (90, 180, 360 degrees) while collecting the coloured blocks and returning back to base.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design a simple autonomous program 	<p>VEX programming software, Clawbot build, electronic devices</p>	<p>Collaborative Grouping, Teamwork, Guided Discovery, PBL activity</p> <p>Each team will be instructed to design a simple program that will allow the clawbot to successfully navigate the obstacle course. The program design would entail the robot moving a specified distance to collect two or more coloured blocks, then turn and return to base, This activity can be an integrative lesson in Mathematics focusing on angles and measurement.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program a robot to navigate and control a robot with arm appendage (clawbot) to move and carry objects 	<p>VEX programming software, Clawbot, Obstacle course, electronic devices</p>	<p>Collaborative Grouping, PBL activity</p> <p>Each team will test their autonomous program to determine whether the clawbot can successfully navigate the obstacle course.</p>

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CLASS 3

- Demonstrate an understanding of specific concepts related to robotics
 - Power - is the rate at which work is done.
 - Torque - is a force directed in a circle, most often rotating an object. Torque is a spinning force.
 - Speed - is a measure of how fast an object is moving.

VEX curriculum handout

Resource:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGnp52kZ9gE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4PIhvPTONug>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUeGNe4eDAw&t=12s>

Discussion, Viewing, Guided Discovery, PBL activity

Unplugged Activity

Torque - Using the door of the classroom, demonstrate how difficult it is to open if you push right next to the hinges. Explain that in this case, the object you are trying to rotate is the door. The pivot point/axis of rotation is at the hinges, and thus, in order to maximize the lever arm, the doorknobs where we normally push are located as far as possible from the axis of rotation. This is done to maximize the amount of force needed to open the door (also known as rotating the body about an axis).

This can be an integrative activity with

Mathematics - introducing the use of tables and graphs.

General Science - introduction of what is a force

Unplugged Activity (PBL) - Basketball Robot - Design and build a 'robot' basketball player that can shoot a ping pong ball accurately into a 'net' one foot above the floor or desk and six feet from the robot. The final design will be allowed ten attempts at the 'net.' Each ball that does not make it into the net will have the position they 'land' marked with masking tape, and the distance from the 'net' will be recorded in a table chart.

This is an integrative activity with Mathematics for data representation and measurement.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete an install of latest version of firmware to the brain of the robot 	<p>Electronic devices, VEX Kits Resource: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ELo481zsbTI&list=PLvce5HOtetEt6H8RZcbfeKTbKfQ-XGExN https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tU5E2QIsHIo&list=PLvce5HOtetEt6H8RZcbfeKTbKfQ-XGExN&index=2 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGTPDp2cNtM&list=PLvce5HOtetEt6H8RZcbfeKTbKfQ-XGExN&index=4 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hR1968xskSQ&list=PLvce5HOtetEt6H8RZcbfeKTbKfQ-XGExN&index=5</p>	<p>Collaborative Grouping, Viewing, PBL activity</p> <p>From the videos provided, along with the VEX Curriculum. teams will be asked to work in their groups identifying the various sensors found in the kits. This activity will identify that the robot has approximately five sensors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gyro - Bumper - LED Light - Distance - Colour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Understand the use of a sensor Sensor - a robot using sensors to gather information about their environment so that they can react to their surroundings 	<p>VEX Kits, electronic devices, obstacle courses</p>	<p>Collaborative Grouping, PBL activity</p> <p>Teams will build the basic build of the robot and attach each type of sensor to understand its functionality.</p> <p>Activity - As a Visual Arts integrated activity, each team can design a simple obstacle course to help test their robot. This lesson can be done using the robot teleoperation, and for a challenge teams can design a simple automated program to test each of the sensors individually.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Build a simple robot adding sensors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bumper - Gyro 	<p>VEX kits, Basic build robot Resource: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wMT8MB-SB-T8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ELo481zsbTI</p>	<p>Collaborative Grouping, Teamwork, PBL activity</p> <p>From the basic build, teams should be able to further assemble the robot attaching the following sensors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bumper - Gyro
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Construct a more complex build using sensors from the specified kit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bumper - Gyro 	<p>VEX kits, electronic devices, clawbot, obstacle course</p>	<p>Collaborative Grouping, Teamwork, PBL activity</p> <p>Each team will design an automated program that will require the robot to utilize the attached sensors. The robot should be able to move forward a specified distance of the obstacle course. Code robot to include a “when” condition code so that when the bumper sensor is touched it turns and moves in another direction. In other words, Start, forward, (Bump, Reverse, Turn) - Repeat program. As a challenge, autonomously navigate through an area with obstacles (sensed)</p> <p>This lesson can be integrated with <i>Mathematics</i> where concepts such as angles and measurement can be consolidated.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Design an autonomous program utilizing sensors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bumper - Gyro 	<p>VEX Kits, electronic devices, clawbot, obstacle course Resource: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mQTlr1QrMA</p>	<p>Collaborative Grouping, Teamwork, PBL activity</p> <p>Teams should be able to program the robot to move forward, and when the bumper sensor is touched make a 90 or 180 turn and return to base.</p>

- Program robot to complete 90, 180 and 360 degree turns using sensors

- Bumper
- Gyro

- Problem solve to fix/alleviate any problems with build or coding

VEX Curriculum/ STEM Labs

VEX Curriculum/ STEM Labs

Problem solving, Teamwork, Discussion, Guided Discovery, PBL activity

Teams should select leaders who will delegate tasks. Encourage students to implement some type of problem solving strategy when problems in the assembly of the robot occur.

Teams should be able to discuss, and work collaboratively to solve group issues.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Design a basic program using colour sensor ● Demonstrate an understanding of the distance sensor and its functionality ● Design a basic program using the distance sensor 	<p>VEX Kits, VEX Curriculum/ STEM Lab, VEX Coloured blocks, Electronic devices</p> <p>VEX Kits/ VEX Curriculum/STEM Labs, Robot (distance sensor, robot base, remote control, cable, robot brain) Resource: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRmGcrRxqXQ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tU5E2QIsHIo</p> <p>VEX Robot base, VEX Kit, Electronic Device, Curriculum/STEM Labs</p>	<p>teams will attach the sensor to the robot base, and then use red and green pieces of bristol board to demonstrate that the robot will move forward when the green card is shown; and will stay put when the red card is shown.</p> <p>Collaborative Grouping, PBL activity</p> <p>Program the robot to Start, Move Forward (Green), on button Stop (Red)</p> <p>Collaborative Grouping, Viewing, Problem Solving, PBL activity</p> <p>Teams will build a basic obstacle/wall from the kit blocks, and then attach the distance sensor to the robot base. Drive forward using the remote control towards the obstacle or wall that was built. On sensing the wall, the robot should come to a complete stop.</p> <p>Collaborative Grouping, PBL activity</p> <p>Teams will design a basic program to allow the robot to move autonomously. The program should entail Start, Move Forward</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Build a complex robot adding arm and at least two of the selected sensors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gyro - Colour - Bumper - Distance 	<p>VEX Kits, Electronic devices</p>	<p>Collaborative Grouping, Teamwork, Guided Discovery, Problem Solving, PBL activity</p> <p>In this activity, each group will continue to build a robot adding on the arm. Teams will select which two sensors they will add to their robot.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Design an obstacle course for the robot build 	<p>Paper, pencils</p>	<p>Collaborative Grouping, PBL activity</p> <p>After selecting the two sensors that will be added to the robot, each team will design an obstacle course that will test the functionality of their build.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Construct an obstacle course for the robot build 	<p>Cardboard, bristol board, aluminum foil, tape, string, glue, rulers, sandpaper, PVC piping</p>	<p>Collaborative Grouping, PBL activity</p> <p>This particular activity can be integrated with Visual Arts to ensure its completion. Teams will work together to ensure that the agreed upon design has been constructed and functioning to test the robot build.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Program robot to carry out a series of functions to complete a specific obstacle course 	<p>Completed obstacle course, VEX Curriculum, STEM Lab</p>	<p>Collaborative Grouping, PBL activity</p>

APPENDICES

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE DOCUMENT

PBL - Project Based Learning

APPENDIX 1 - Digital Technologies

Key Digital Technologies Terms

Digital Citizen - A member of a worldwide community linked by the internet.

Digital System - A set of elements working together such as hardware and software.

Identity Theft - When a thief steals someone's private information in order to pretend to be that person.

Personal Information - Information that cannot be used to identify you, such as your gender, how many pets you have, etc.

Private Information - Information that can be used to identify you such as your full name, identification number, home address, etc.

Responsibility - An obligation or duty you have to yourself and others

APPENDIX 2 - Computer Language

Key Computer Language Terms

Code - A set of instructions or commands.

Command - A word or code block that tells the computer what to do.

Computer Language - A system of commands (in the form of blocks, words or numbers) that tell a computer how to do things.

Condition - A “true or false?” question that is used to make a decision in a computer program.

Coordinates - The position of an object determined by its x (left to right) and y (top to bottom) value.

Decomposition - The breaking down of a problem into smaller manageable parts.

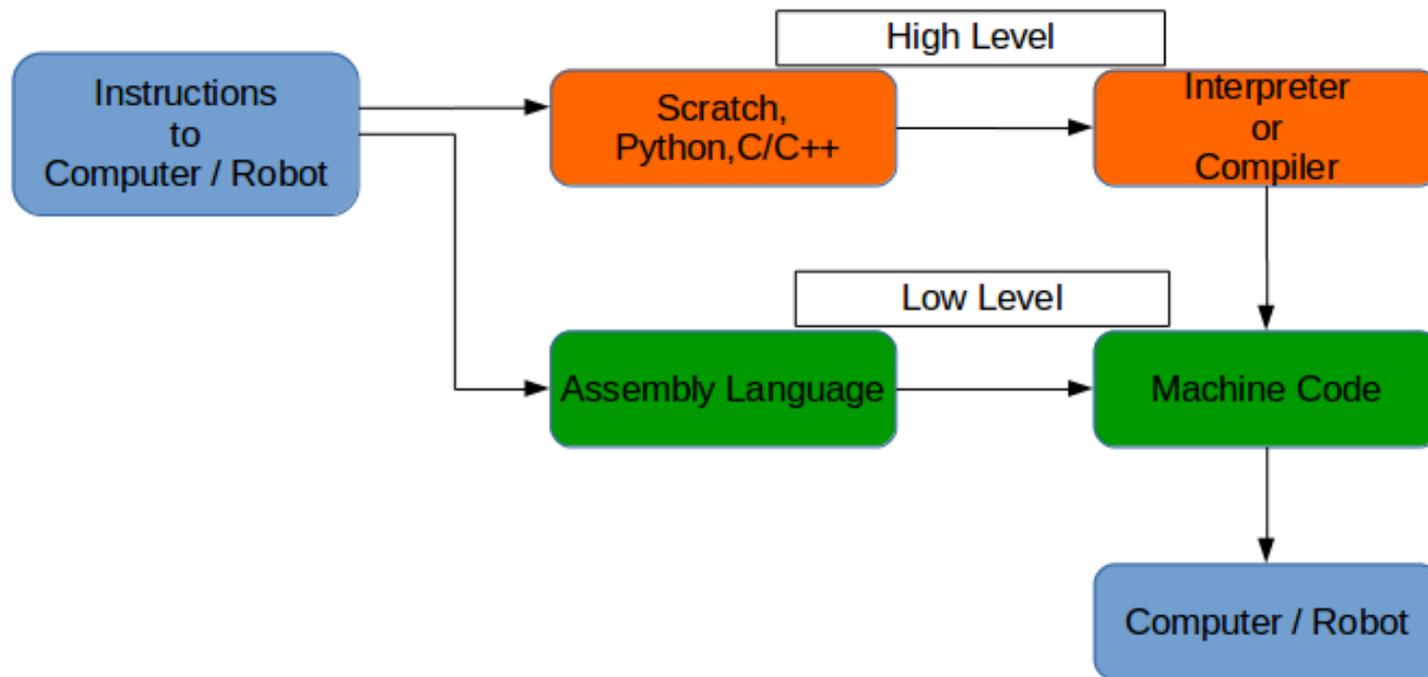
Program - A list of instructions that tell a computer what to do.

Selection - The process of making a decision.

Resources

CS Unplugged - https://classic.csunplugged.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/CSUnplugged_OS_2015_v3.1.pdf

Diagrams



APPENDIX 3 - Coding and Programming

Suggested Books

- Sweigart, A. (2016) *Scratch Programming Playground: Learn to Program by Making Cool Games*, William Pollock, No Starch Press Inc.
- Steele, G. (2019) *Coding with Scratch 3.0: Projects Workbook*, Sarah Larter, DK Publishing
- Woodcock, J. (2015) *Coding with Scratch Workbook*, Laura Buller, DK Publishing
- Woodcock, J. & Setford. S. (2016) *Coding in Scratch: Games Workbook*, Sarah Larter, DK Publishing

Exit Ticket

- Computer Programming -
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/11DZd3ixue2OcDDAcT30mpNaq2CnQfKUUOhN5D5vIpjc/edit?usp=sharing>

Key Coding Terms

Animation - Changing pictures quickly to make something appear to move on the screen (for example a sprite dancing).

Backdrop - The picture behind the sprites on the stage.

Block - An instruction in Scratch. Blocks can be joined together.

Bug - A mistake in a program.

Code - A set of instructions or commands.

Command - A word or code block that tells the computer what to do.

Computer Language - A system of commands (in the form of blocks, words or numbers) that tell a computer how to do things.

Condition - A “true or false?” question that is used to make a decision in a computer program.

Coordinates - The position of an object determined by its x (left to right) and y (top to bottom) value.

Costumes - The picture a sprite shows on the stage.

Data - Information - for example, numbers or words.

Decomposition - The breaking down of a problem into smaller manageable parts.

Debug - To remove bugs; to find and fix the errors in a program.

Debugging - The process of identifying and fixing errors in a program when it is not functioning as expected.

Degree - The unit measuring the angle that an object turns.

Duplicate - A simple way to create a copy of a sprite in Scratch.

Event - Something that is triggered on the computer such as a key pressed.

Function - A sequence of code blocks created to do something such as say a greeting in a different language every time the function is run.

If then - A common form of selection in coding where commands are run if something is true.

Input - Data that goes into a program for example from a keyboard.

Iteration - The process of repeating a set of instructions for a specified number of times or until a condition is met.

Library - A collection of sprites, sounds or costumes.

Loop - A sequence of blocks repeated a number of times.

Operator - A block that works something out from data, such as multiplying two numbers together.

Paint Editor - The part of the Scratch interface that is used to draw and edit sprites and backgrounds.

Parallelism - The process of events happening at the same time, either independently or interdependently.

Program - A list of instructions that tell a computer what to do.

Run - To start a program.

Scratch - A visual computer language that uses blocks of code to make a program.

Script - A stack of instructions (blocks) that run in sequential order.

Scripts Area - The area where code blocks are dragged to create programs.

Selection - The process of making a decision.

Sensing group - The set of Scratch blocks that detect when

Sprite - An object (character) that a script can move and change.

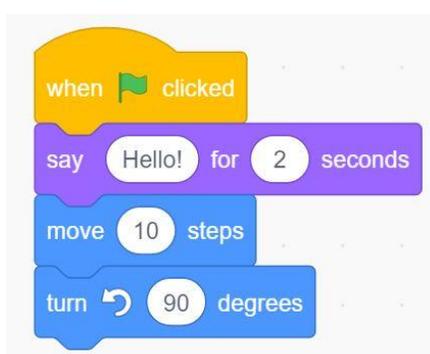
Sprites List - In Scratch 3.0 it is located in the bottom right corner where you select a sprite to add code.

Stage - The area where a Scratch project runs.

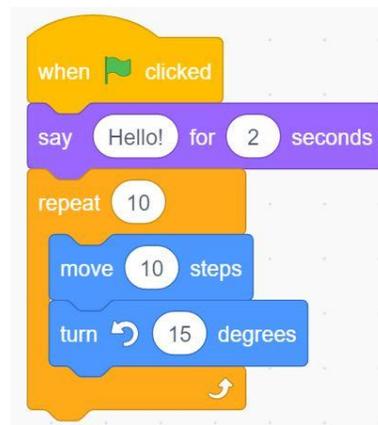
Variable - A value or piece of information stored by a computer program.

Examples of Code

3.1



3.2



3.3



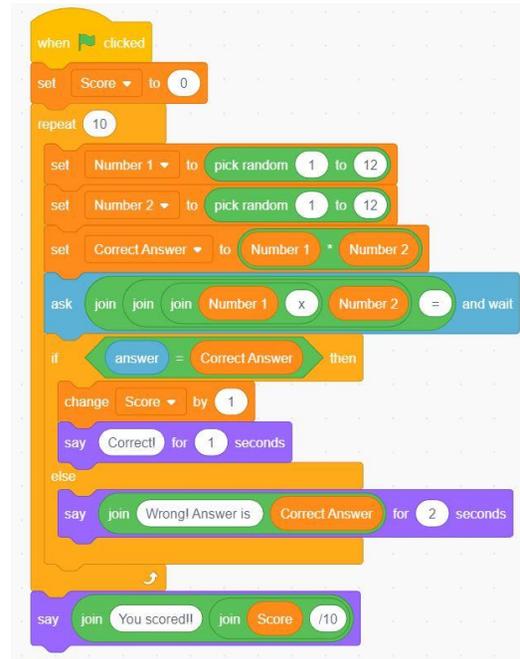
3.4



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when clicked
ask What's your name? and wait
say join Hello answer
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The code for 3.4 consists of three blocks: a yellow 'when clicked' block, a blue 'ask' block with the text 'What's your name?' and 'and wait', and a purple 'say' block with 'join Hello' and 'answer'.

3.5



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when clicked
set Score to 0
repeat 10
  set Number 1 to pick random 1 to 12
  set Number 2 to pick random 1 to 12
  set Correct Answer to Number 1 + Number 2
  ask join join join Number 1 x Number 2 = and wait
  if answer = Correct Answer then
    change Score by 1
    say Correct! for 1 seconds
  else
    say join Wrong! Answer is Correct Answer for 2 seconds
say join You scored! join Score /10
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The code for 3.5 is a more complex Scratch script. It starts with a yellow 'when clicked' block, followed by an orange 'set' block for 'Score' to 0. A 'repeat' loop with a count of 10 contains several blocks: two orange 'set' blocks for 'Number 1' and 'Number 2' using 'pick random 1 to 12', an orange 'set' block for 'Correct Answer' using 'Number 1 + Number 2', a blue 'ask' block with 'join join join Number 1 x Number 2 =' and 'and wait', an 'if' block with a green 'answer = Correct Answer' condition. The 'then' branch includes an orange 'change Score by 1' block and a purple 'say Correct! for 1 seconds' block. The 'else' branch includes a purple 'say join Wrong! Answer is Correct Answer for 2 seconds' block. The script ends with a purple 'say join You scored! join Score /10' block.

APPENDIX 4 - Robotics

Exit Ticket

- Coding & Robotics - <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1aaey5FEq7RFiP1wu-mQJUunpitUCBgitqTzyAWHa8go/edit?usp=sharing>

STEM Terms:

Engineering - *the application of science and mathematics by which the properties of matter and the sources of energy in nature are made useful to people through products and ideas*

Math - *the science of numbers, quantities, and shapes and the relations between them*

Innovation (Invention) - *a new idea, product, process, method, or standard*

Science - *a system of knowledge covering general truths or the operation of general laws obtained and tested through observation and inquiry*

Technology - *manner of accomplishing a task using processes, methods, and/or standards*

Robotics - *the branch of technology that deals with the design, construction, operation, and application of robots*

Key Robotics Terms:

Actuators - *a mechanical device for moving or controlling something within the environment. This is often based on input from a sensor*

Controller - *a device or piece of equipment used to operate a machine, vehicle, or system*

Communication Interface - *a device enabling a robot to communicate with a person or another robot.*

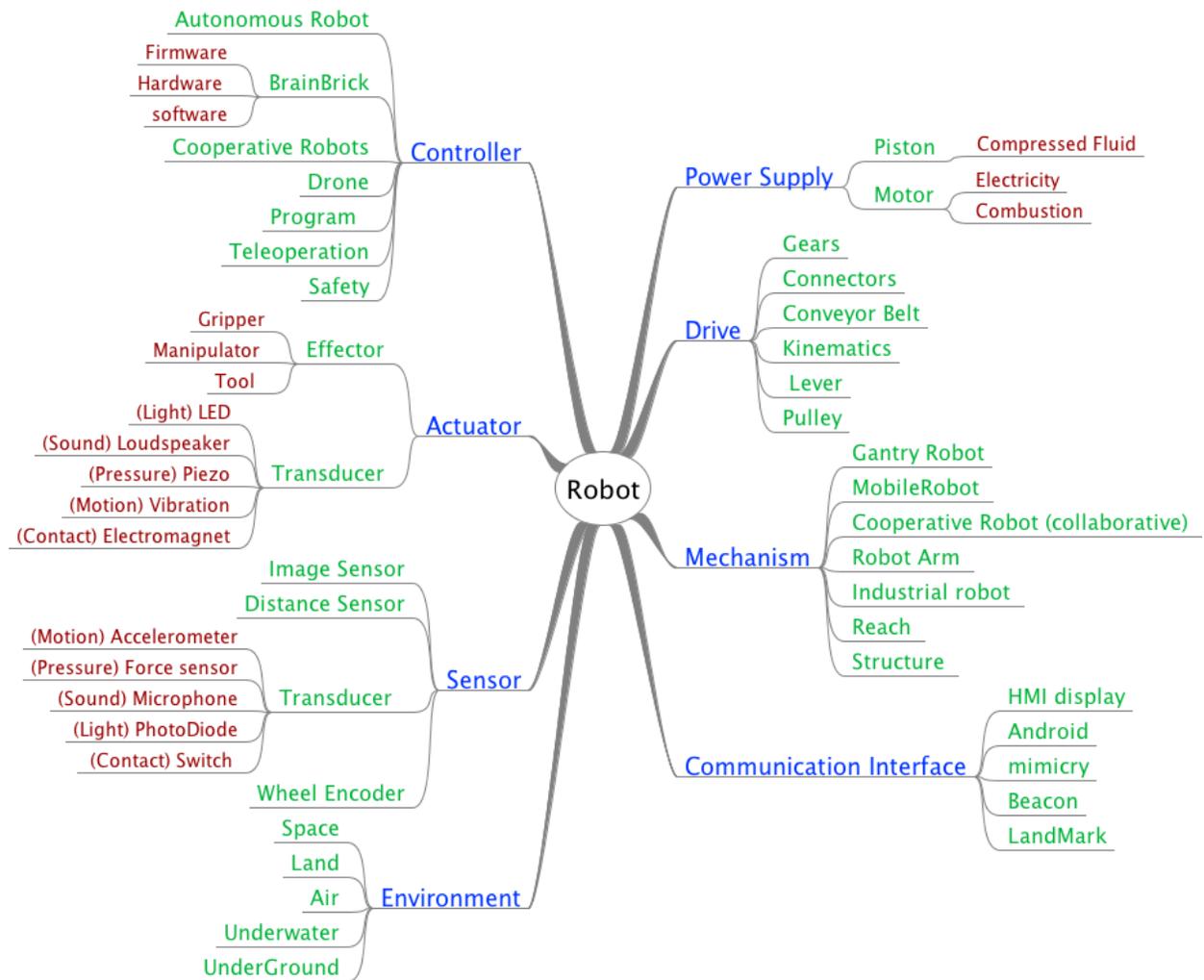
Drive - *the means for making a machine or machine part move*

Mechanism - *a mechanical part or group of parts having a particular function*

Power Supply - *a source or means of supplying energy*

Sensors - *allow a robot to gather information about its environment. This information can be used to guide the robot's behaviour*

Vocabulary Mind Map



Definitions

Accelerometer - *a device for measuring acceleration or for detecting and measuring vibrations*

Android - *a robot with a human appearance*

Autonomous Robot - *performs behaviors or tasks without regular intervention/instruction from people*

Brain Brick - *device that determines/controls the autonomous/pre-programmed behavior*

Beacon - *a strong signal that can be sensed from far away and that is used to guide moving persons/craft*

Connectors - *mechanical part enabling parts to be joined or fastened together e.g. screw, pin, etc*

Cooperative Robots - *coordination of systems which consist of multiple robots acting in direct support of persons and/or other robots*

Conveyor Belt - *a continuous moving band used for moving objects from one place to another*

Distance Sensor - *a device which detects and conveys information concerning the distance to the nearest object based on the attenuation or reflection of light or sound signals off nearest objects to those objects*

Drone - *an unmanned craft (land, air, water, or space) guided by remote control or onboard computers*

Effector - *a tool that is mounted on a robot, specific to the tasks the robot must perform*

Firmware - *software programmed into read-only memory, that provides control, monitoring and data manipulation for machines*

Gantry Robot - *a manipulator mounted onto an overhead system that allows movement across a horizontal plane; also called Cartesian or linear robot*

Gears - *a part (toothed wheel) that connects the engine of a vehicle or the pedals of a bicycle to the wheels and controls the speed at which the wheels turn*

Gripper - *an end-effector that provides hand-like grasping capabilities for robot*

Hardware - *the machines, wiring, and other physical components of an electronic system*

HMI Display - *provides a control and visualisation interface between a human and a machine*

Image Sensor - *device that detects and conveys information that constitutes an image by converting variable attenuation of light waves (as they pass through or reflect off objects) into electrical signals*

Industrial Robot - *an automatically controlled, reprogrammable, multipurpose manipulator programmable in three or more axes for industrial manufacturing applications*

Kinematics - *geometry applied to the study of the movement of the mechanisms that form robot structure*

Landmark - *an object or structure of fixed location that is easy to sense and recognize*

LED Light - *a device which glows when an electrical signal is applied*

Lever - *a strong bar that is used, together with a pivot, to lift and move something heavy*

Light Sensor - *device that converts 'light energy' into an electrical signal*

Manipulator - *device used to manipulate materials without direct human contact*

Microphone - *device that converts "sound waves" into an electrical signal*

Mobile Robot - *robot that moves on land, air, space or water whether Wheeled, Legged, or Propelled*

Motor - *a rotating machine that transforms electrical energy into mechanical energy*

Piston - *a disk or short cylinder that slides back and forth inside a larger cylinder; for hydraulics/pneumatics*

Pressure Sensor - *a device that generates an electrical signal as a function of the pressure imposed*

Program - *a sequence of coded instructions that can be inserted into/control a robotic mechanism*

Pulley - *a wheel over which a belt, rope, or chain is pulled to lift or lower a heavy object*

Reach - *distance from the center of the robot to the fullest extension of the robotic arm (work envelope)*

Robot - *a machine that can do the work of a person, that works automatically or is controlled by a computer*

Robot Arm - *mechanical arm with similar movements to a human arm; the arm may be the entire mechanism or may be part of a more complex robot*

Robot Safety - *implemented by the use of guidelines which ensure that robots are neither deployed improperly nor used carelessly.*

Service Robot - *performs useful tasks for humans or equipment in non-industrial automation*

Software - *any set of instructions that directs a computer/robot to perform specific operations*

Speaker - *a device that converts electrical impulses into sound*

Structure - *the particles or parts in a substance or body*

Switch - *a device for making and breaking the connection in an electric circuit (e.g. touch-button)*

TeleOperation - *electronic remote control of machines*

Transducer - *device that converts one form of energy to another: typically, variations in a physical quantity, such as pressure or brightness, into an electrical signal, or vice versa.*

Tool - *a device or implement, especially one held and released, used to carry out a particular function*

Wheel Encoder - *device for measuring speed at, direction in, and/or distance which a wheel travels*