

# A programming journey

through the Digital Technologies Hub  
Scope and sequence

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5/6 Blockly Chatbot



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# What's the difference between ICT Capability and Digital Technologies?

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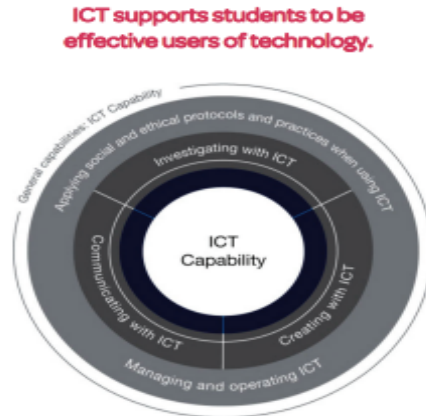
## Information Communication Technology (ICT) Capability

A general capability taught within all curriculum areas for students in years F–10.

Develops skills and understandings in managing and operating ICT to investigate, create and communicate.

Incorporates digital citizenship when considering the ethical and social impacts of using technologies.

Is explicitly planned and taught in all subject areas.



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## Digital Technologies

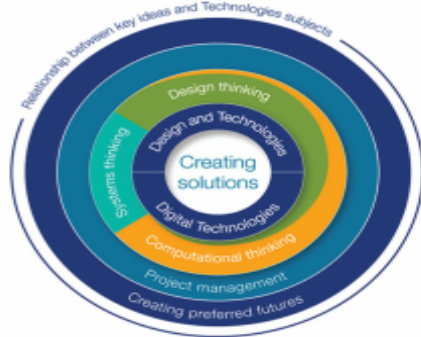
A new subject for F–10 (optional in 9–10) students with new and unique skills and content.

Develops knowledge, understandings and skills of the underlying concepts of information systems, data and computer science.

Encourages students to design and create digital solutions that solve problems taking their preferred futures into consideration.

Must be assessed and reported at least once every two years.

**Digital Technologies build on and extend ICT, moving students from technology consumers to creators.**



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## Use ICT

Presentation tools

Locate information

Digital publishing

Interpret timelines

Ownership and use

Managing files

Mapping and geospatial tools

Online communication

Digital music / multimedia

## Create solutions and learn about Digital Technologies

Digital systems (networks)

Robotics and automation

Coding and programming

Computational thinking

User interface design

Storing and transmitting data (binary numbers)

Pattern recognition

Algorithms

Programming boards

Data collection



Spreadsheets and graphing



Analyse and visualise data

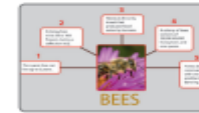


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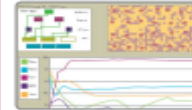
## Examples of ICT in action

Use digital concept mapping tools to plan and select research tasks.



Use presentation software to present findings of an inquiry that includes text, images and video.

Use video to analyse a sports performance to provide coaching tips.



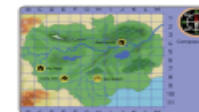
Use a computer simulation or game to test predictions and collect data.

Use a search engine effectively as a research tool.



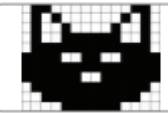
Use spreadsheet functions to create tables, record, sort, calculate and present data to identify trends.

Use an online game that has a grid map system to learn about directions.



## Examples of Digital Technologies in action

Create and code an image using black and white squares. Invite a classmate to decode and recreate the image.



Compare a transport network and computer network to explore ideas about pathways, reliability, protocols and security.

Create an interactive story with user-input using a familiar programming language.



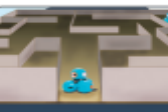
Create your own simulation using a visual or text-based programming language.

Explore ways to securely transmit data through techniques of encryption and decryption.



Create network diagrams to identify relationships between different sources of data (eg friends on social media) and analyse this data.

Design your own maze and use an app to program a robot to go through it.



## Assessment of ICT Capabilities

**Identify the impacts of ICT in society:** identify how they use ICT in multiple ways on multiple devices.

**Understand ICT systems:** identify common consumer ICT systems with input and output functions.

**Generate ideas, plans and processes:** use ICT to prepare simple plans to find solutions or answers to questions.

**Generate solutions to challenges and learning area tasks:** use ICT as a creative tool to generate simple solutions, modifications or data representations for personal or school purposes.

**Select and use hardware and software:** identify and safely operate ICT systems to complete relevant simple specified tasks and seek help when encountering a problem?

**Manage digital data:** Save and retrieve digital data with support

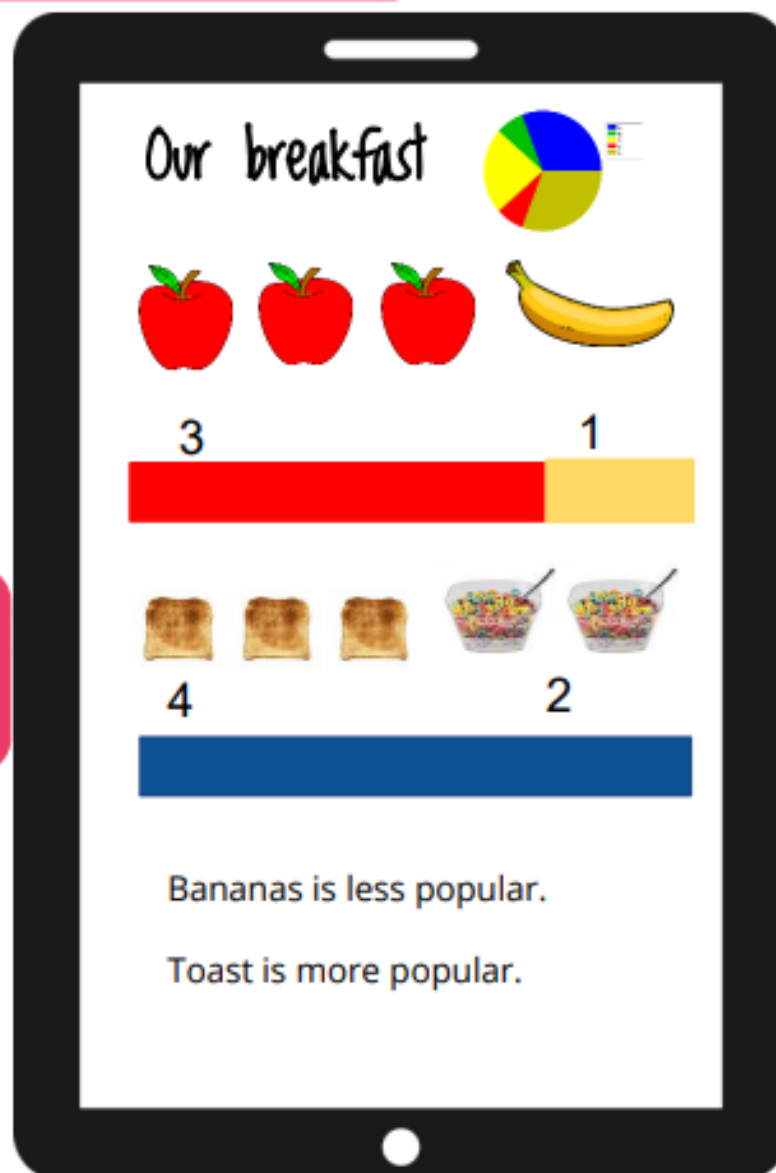
## Assessment of Digital Technologies

**Recognise and explore digital systems (hardware and software components) for a purpose (ACTDIK001).**

**Recognise and explore patterns in data and represent data as pictures, symbols and diagrams (ACTDIK002)**

**Collect, explore and sort data, and use digital systems to present the data creatively (ACTDIP003)**

**Create and organise ideas and information using information systems independently and with others, and share these with known people in safe online environments (ACTDIP006)**





# FILTER SCOPE AND SEQUENCE BY

## YEAR LEVELS

F-2

3-4

5-6

7-8

9-10

**i** This resource provides a possible set of sequenced topics that could be used in teaching the Australian Curriculum Digital Technologies curriculum to address the content descriptions of the curriculum.

Units are organised under relevant topics for each band with an overview and a visual map of the content descriptors and key elements. Each unit is organised into a sequence of four key elements with a summary of the key focus and what to teach, targeted supporting resources, assessment advice and support for differentiation through the provision of a matrix based on the SOLO taxonomy.

Note: the suggested supporting resources are presented as a sample of targeted resources rather than an exhaustive list. Teachers can adapt the sequences adding their own relevant learning activities as required.

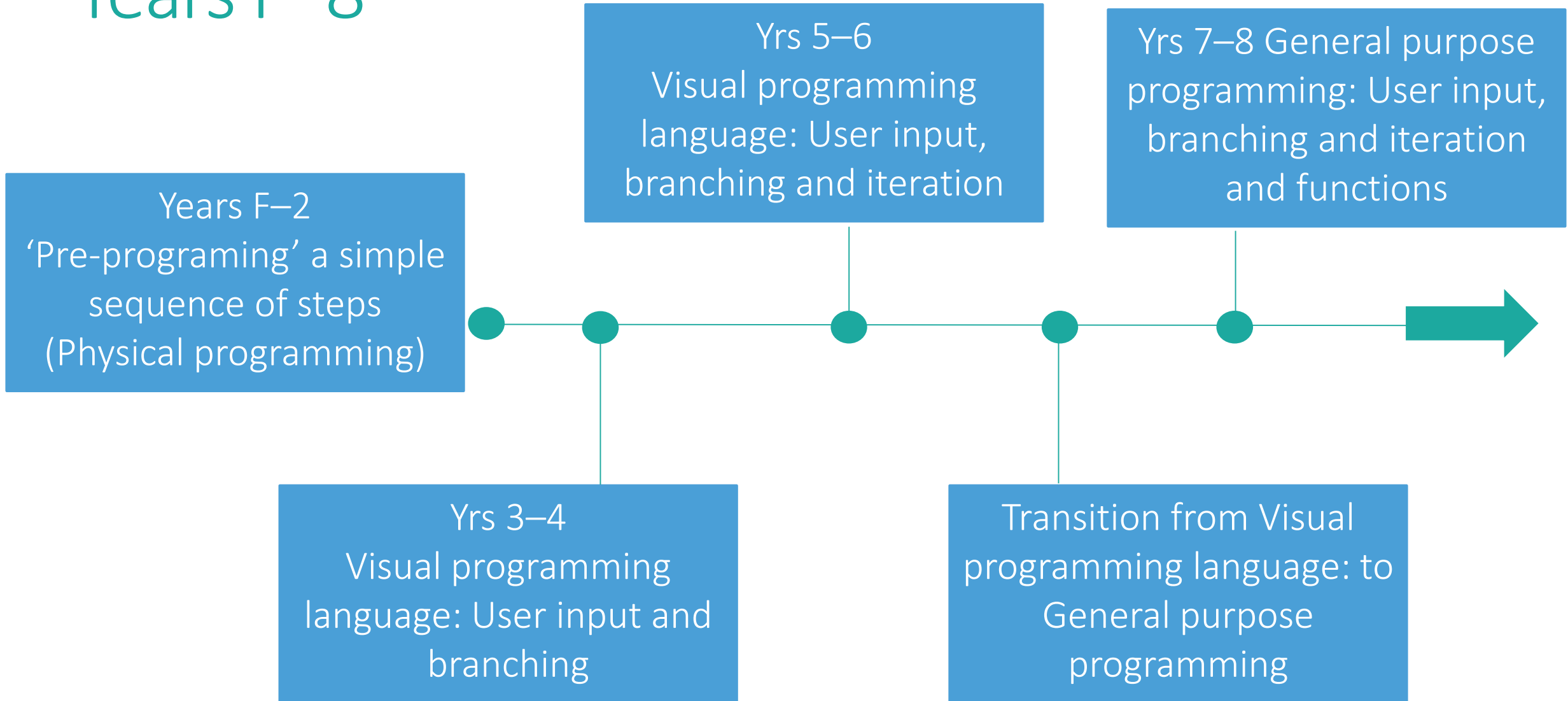
**To view the topics and supporting units, select a year level and then a topic of interest.**



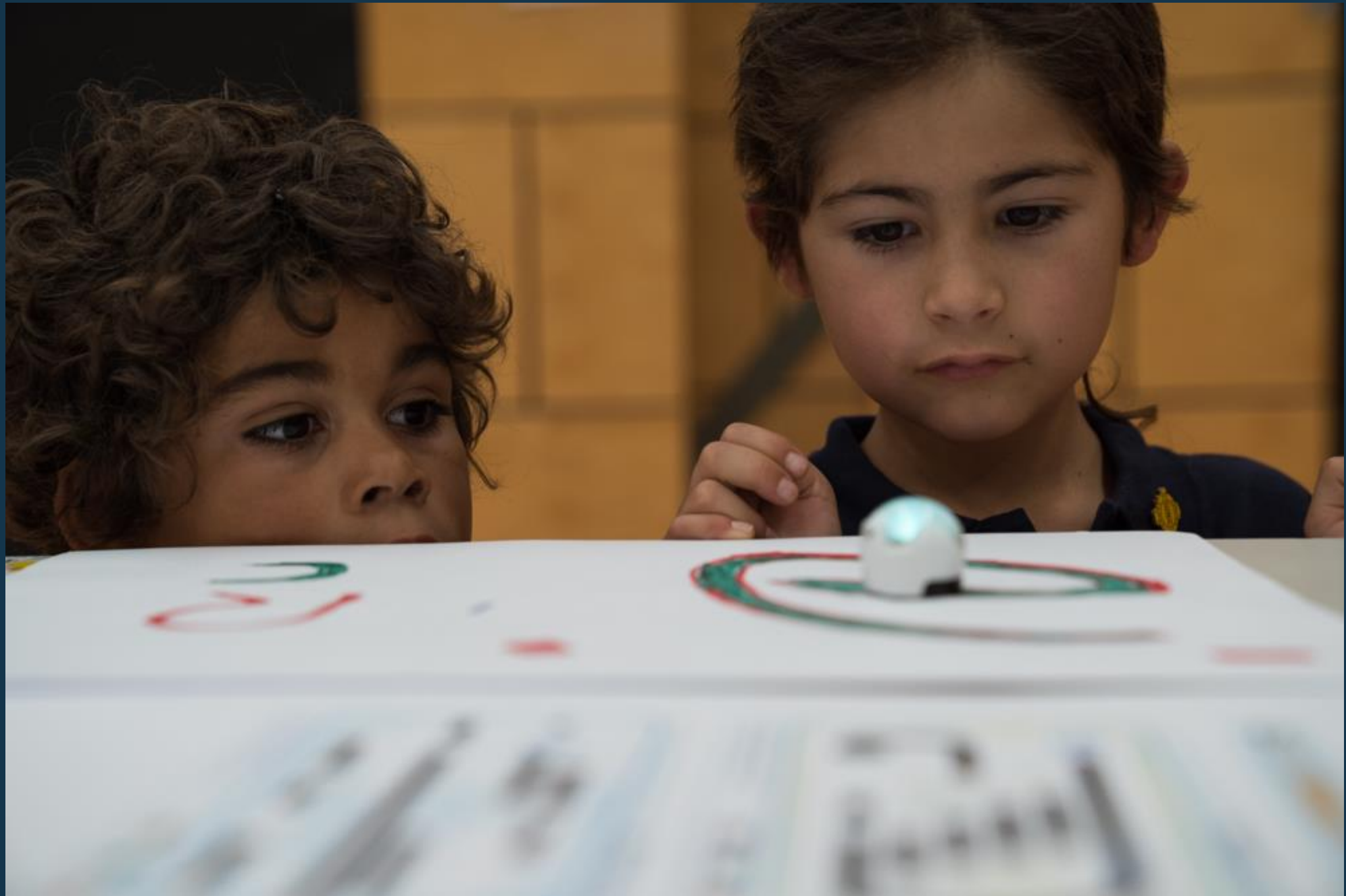
F-10 Overview

# Programming (Producing and implementing)

## Years F–8



Eve  
Year 1–2





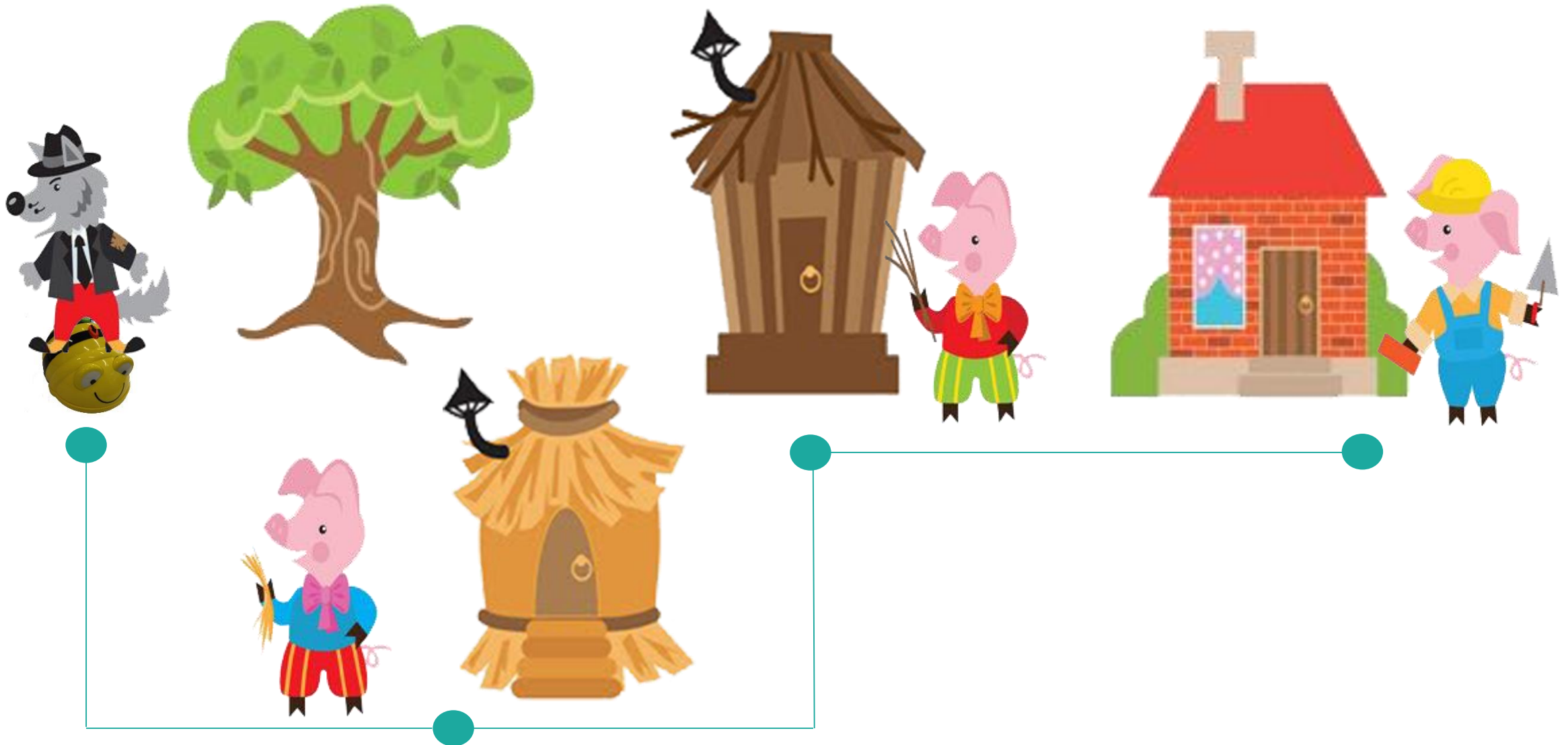
# Retell: The Three Little Pigs using Bee Bot



# Physical programming



# Program Bee Bot: Create a story map

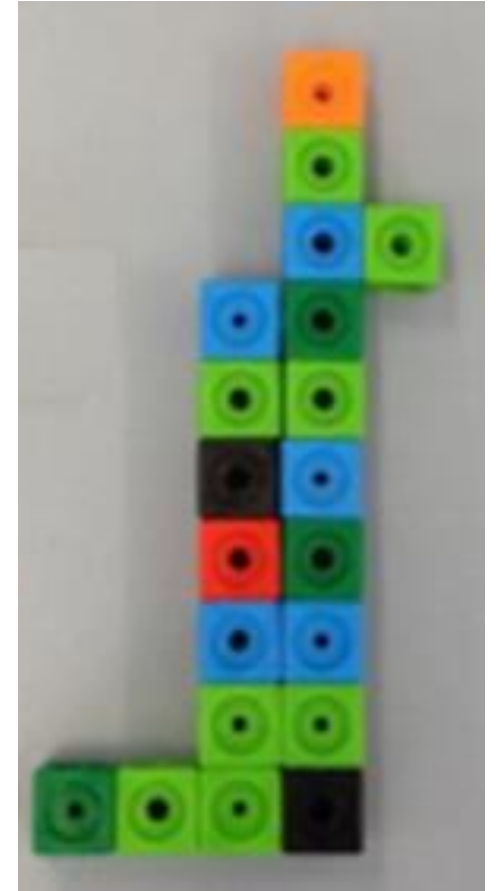
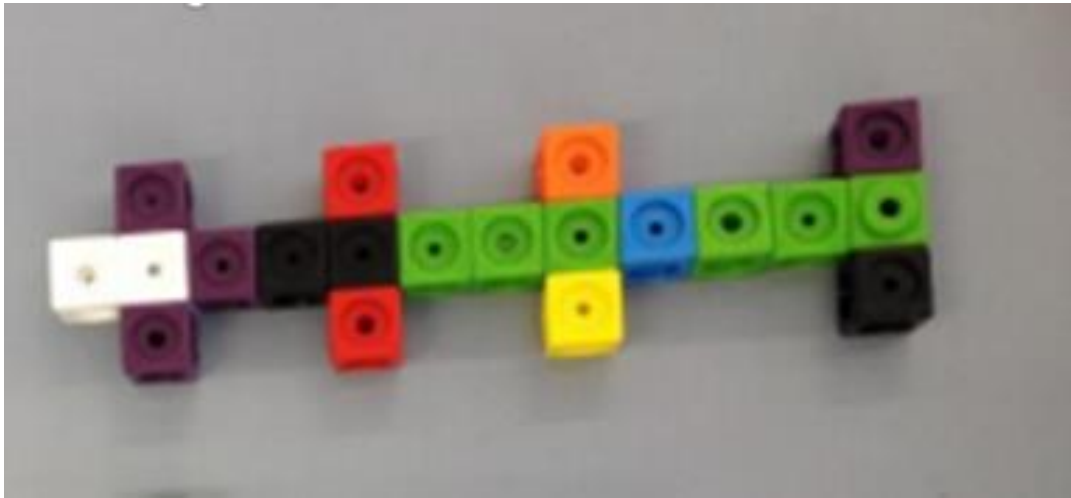




# Computational thinking

- Abstraction:** pull out the important parts of the story
- Algorithm:** sequence steps in the correct order
- Pattern recognition:** recognised patterns (parts of the story that are repeated)
- Decomposition:** decomposed the problem into smaller parts
- Evaluation:** did your directions work (end up at the right house in the correct order)?

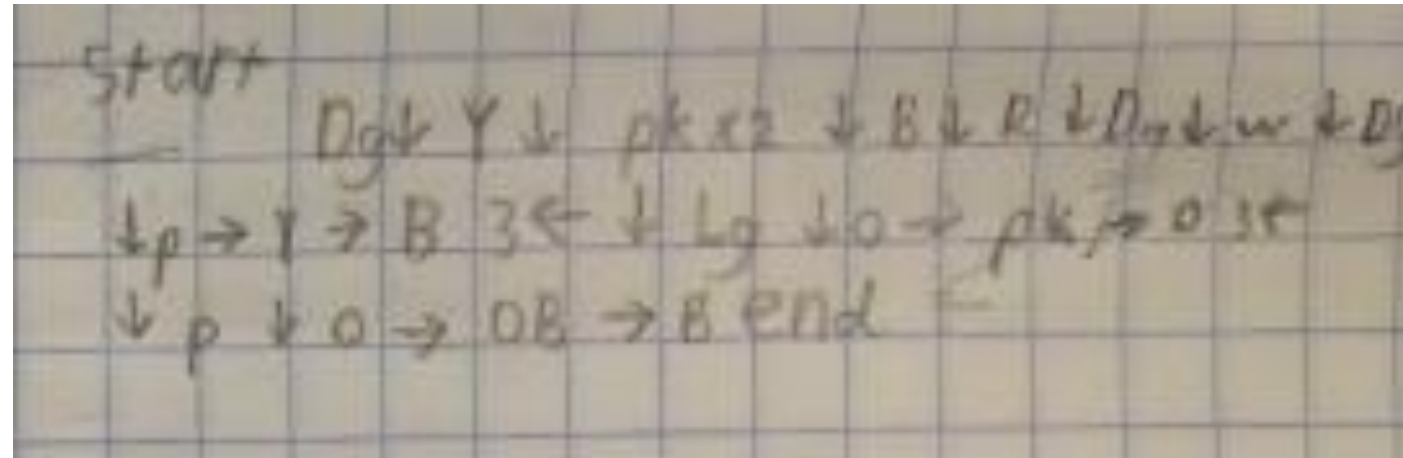
Create a program to build a unifix model



# Colour key



# Coding language

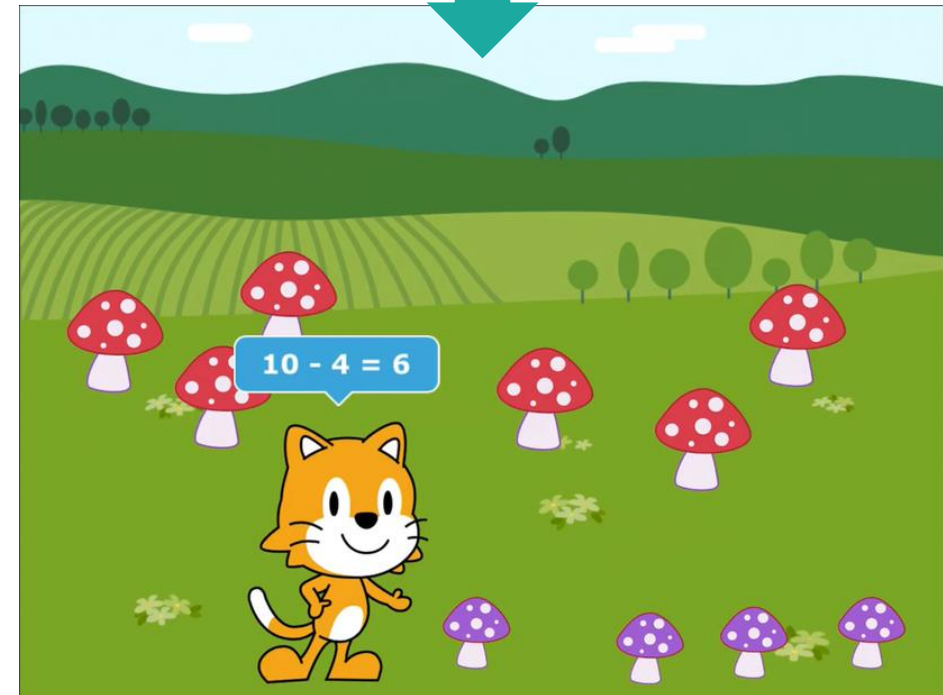
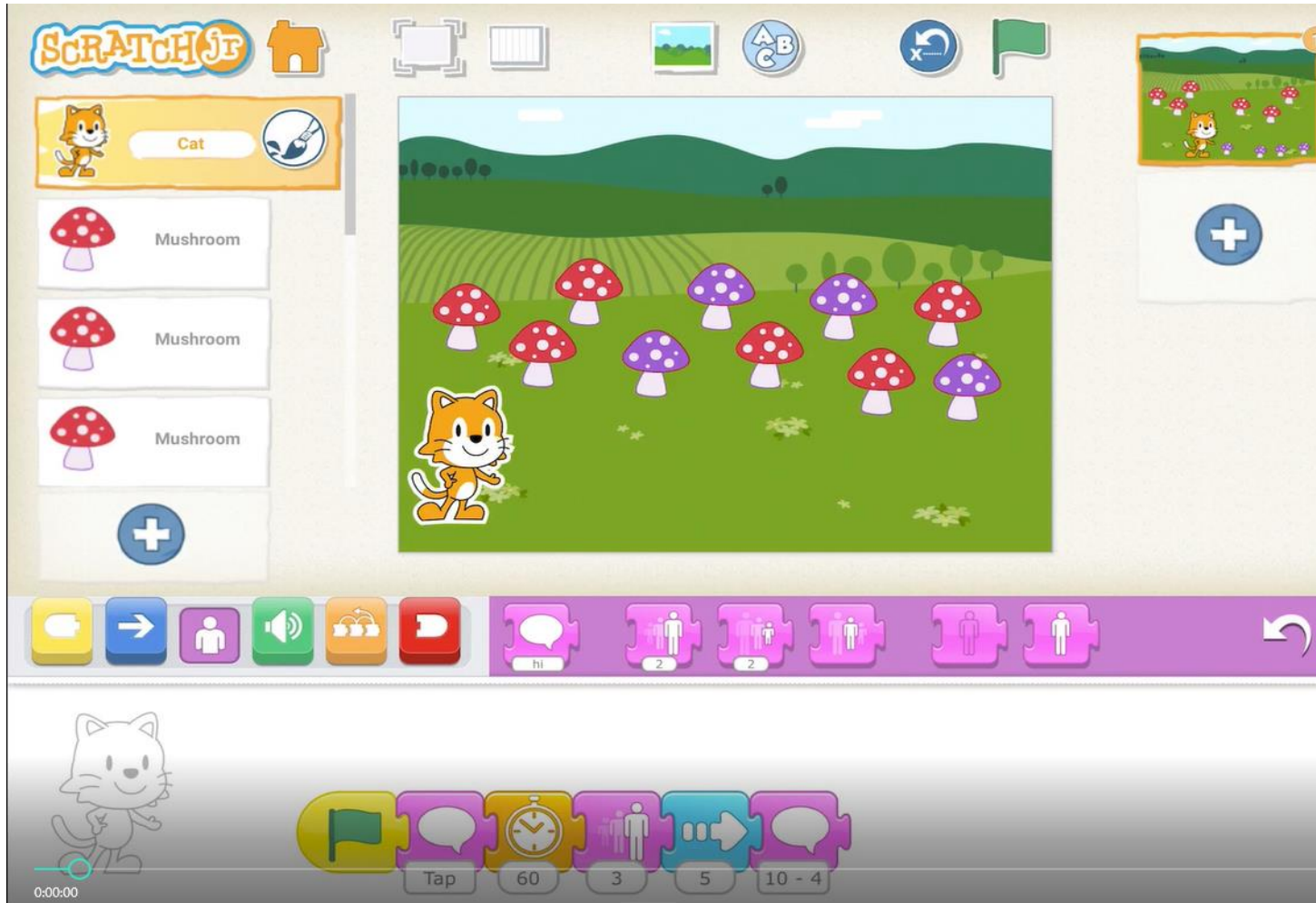


*Credit Jackie Tither*



# Intro to visual programming

(not a requirement at Yr 2)



Credit Bev Babbage

### An intro to algorithms ⌚ 5 hours Year F-1

Explore algorithms through guided play, including hands-on and interactive learning experiences.

### Pre-programming ⌚ 7 hours Year 2

Learn basic computational skills - working out steps and decisions to solve simple problems.

### Online safety ⌚ 5 hours Year F-1

Explore what personal information is safe to share online and ways to behave responsibly online.

### Staying safe online ⌚ 5 hours Year 2

Learn about the importance of passwords, explore cyberbullying and computer security and use an online space to safely share ideas.

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## UNIT PRE-PROGRAMMING

YEAR LEVEL: 2 TOPIC: SEQUENCES TIME: 7 HOURS

At the F-2 level, where learning at the pre-programming stage is the expectation, there is no requirement to learn a particular programming language. However, students do learn some basic computational skills such as working out steps and decisions required to solve simple problems. For example, they can instruct a robotic toy to move in a certain direction. The focus at this level is on designing a sequence of steps. Some students may be ready to learn to use a simple visual programming language specifically designed for young children. An app that enables the user to drag and drop programming blocks can be used to create some simple animations.



Topic Overview



Topic Unit Map



Unit Overview



Unit SOLO Taxonomy

### FLOW OF ACTIVITIES

1

#### Revisit algorithms

Follow teacher-provided instructions and explore the problem in detail.

Learn More

2

#### Create algorithms

Provide instructions to complete a familiar task, or sequence a story or event.

3

#### Instructing a robotic device

Carry out instructions using a digital system such as a robotic device.

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4

#### Algorithmic thinking

Conduct a longer term project that incorporates algorithmic thinking.

Learn More

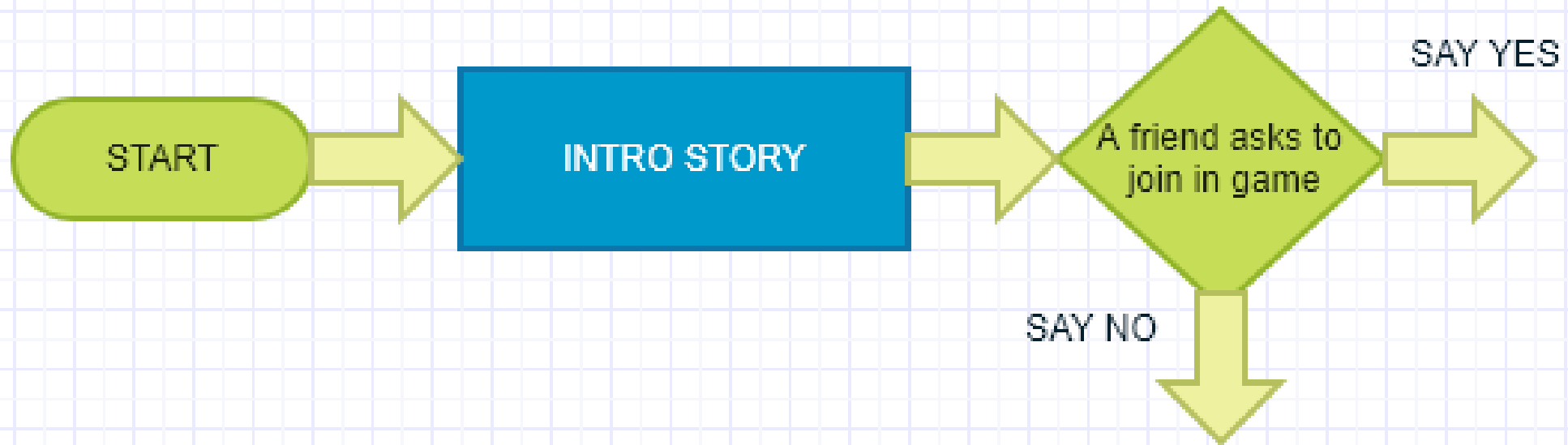
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Jessie  
Year 4



# Branching: (decision making)

## Choose your own adventure story



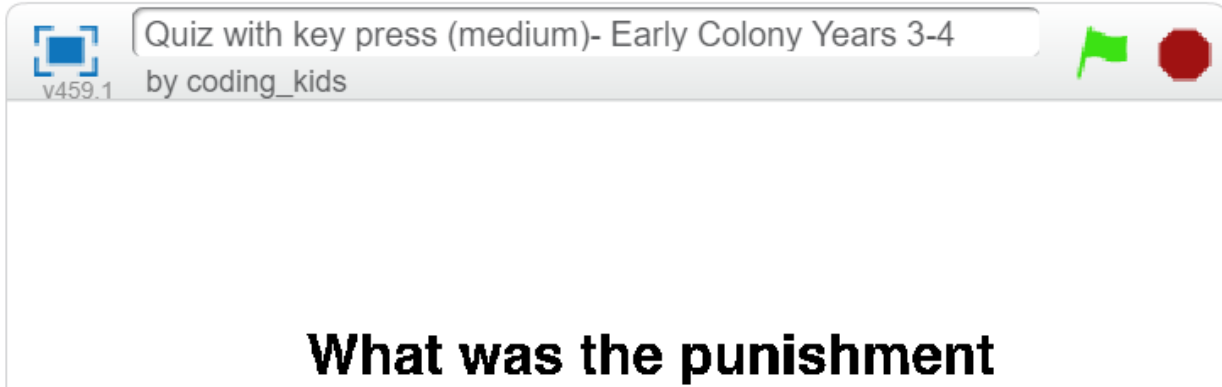


# Design process

Australian Curriculum Processes and production skills strand	Example: choose your own adventure
Investigating and defining	define the problem (students not being nice to others)
Generating and designing	How will it function? - Create a flow chart to describe the flow of events (sequence of steps) What data is required?
Producing and implementing	implement the solution using a visual programming language
Evaluation	gain feedback in the evaluation phase



# Quiz: remixing

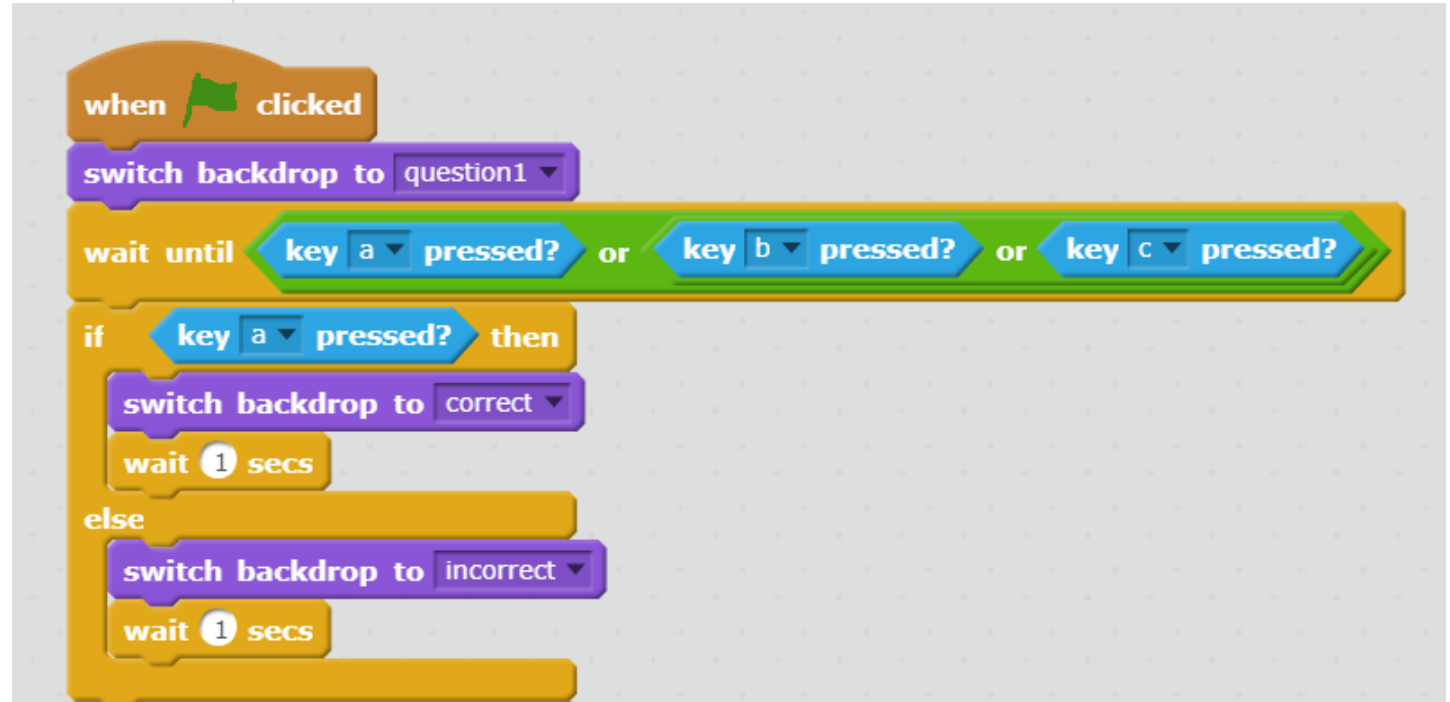


**What was the punishment for murder?**

- a) Hanging
- b) Flogging
- c) Leg irons

User input Keystrokes a, b or c

Branching: If – then – else



# Computational thinking (CT)

Aspect of CT	Choose your own adventure	Design a quiz (Colonial Australia)
Decomposition	Key stages of the story	How many questions? Question style
Abstraction	Which behaviours can be addressed?	Questions of interest
Algorithm design	User interaction What is the flow, what are the decisions and where do they take the user?	What is user input? What feedback does the user get? What is the flow of questions?
Pattern recognition	Repeat code	Repeat code
Evaluation	Is the user able to choose their own adventure?	Does the correct/incorrect feedback work as expected?

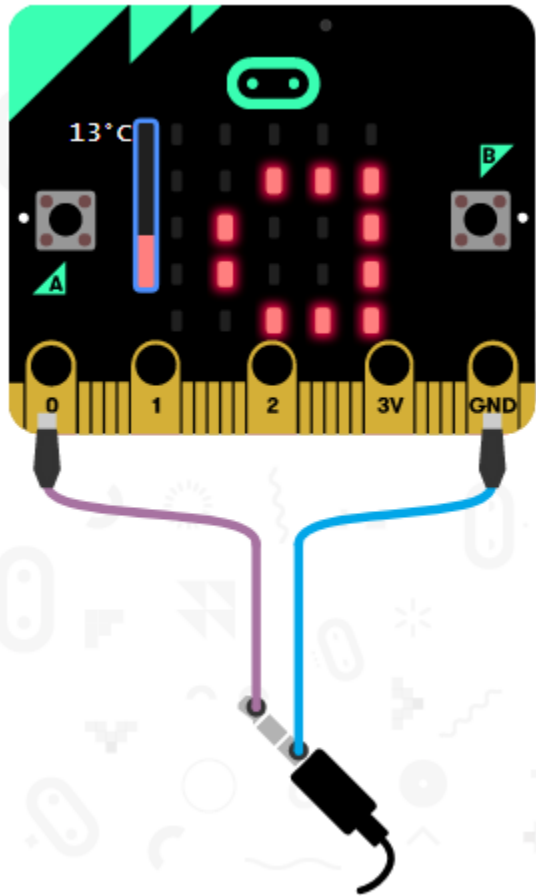
# BBC micro:bit

Make your own temperature sensor

The screenshot displays the BBC micro:bit online editor interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the 'micro:bit' logo, 'Projects', and 'Share' buttons. On the right side of the header, there are buttons for 'Blocks' and 'JavaScript'. Below the header, the main workspace is divided into three sections. On the left, a simulated micro:bit board is shown with a temperature sensor icon and a vertical bar graph displaying '16°C'. Below the board are control buttons for 'Show data' and 'Simulator'. In the center, a vertical sidebar contains a search bar and a list of categories: Basic, Input, Music, Led, Radio, Loops, Logic, Variables, Math, and Advanced. On the right, the code editor shows a 'forever' loop block containing a 'plot bar graph of' block with 'temperature (°C)' selected and 'up to' set to '30'.



# BBC micro:bit



Search...

Basic

Input

Music

Led

Radio

Loops

Logic

Variables

Math

Advanced

```
forever loop
  plot bar graph of temperature (°C) up to 30
  if Temperature ≤ 15
    then
      set DisplayBusy to true
      play tone Middle D for 1/2 beat
      play tone Low B for 1/2 beat
      play tone High D for 1/2 beat
      show string "It is cold turn heater on please"
```

**Intro to programming** ⌚ 8 hours Year 3

Follow the problem solving process to design and create a digital solution.

**Programming project** ⌚ 12 hours Year 4

Develop an understanding of computer programming as a series of instructions

**Communicate ideas and information** ⌚ 5-7 hours Year 3

Learn how information systems can be used by students and others in their community.

**Apply protocols** ⌚ 7-8 hours Year 4

Develop a school ICT agreement and collaborate with others to complete an online task, using agreed protocols.

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## UNIT PROGRAMMING PROJECTS

YEAR LEVEL: 4 TOPIC: DIGITAL SOLUTIONS TIME: 12 HOURS

Students should develop an understanding of computer programming as a series of instructions that can change depending on different user inputs or conditions. The focus is on how digital systems follow instructional pathways and how these can be described using flow charts or through the use of visual programming languages. These pathways can be hand drawn, displayed graphically, using cards or manipulated digitally using block-based programming languages.



Topic Overview



Topic Unit Map



Unit Overview



Unit SOLO Taxonomy

### FLOW OF ACTIVITIES

1

#### Define a problem

Define a problem drawing on computational thinking and draw some conclusions about its features or needs.

Learn More

2

#### Create a storyboard

Create a storyboard or flow chart to record relationships between the content and processes.

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3

#### Implement a solution

Use a visual programming language as part of the digital solution.

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4

#### Evaluate it

Evaluate how well the solution met the desired outcome.

Learn More

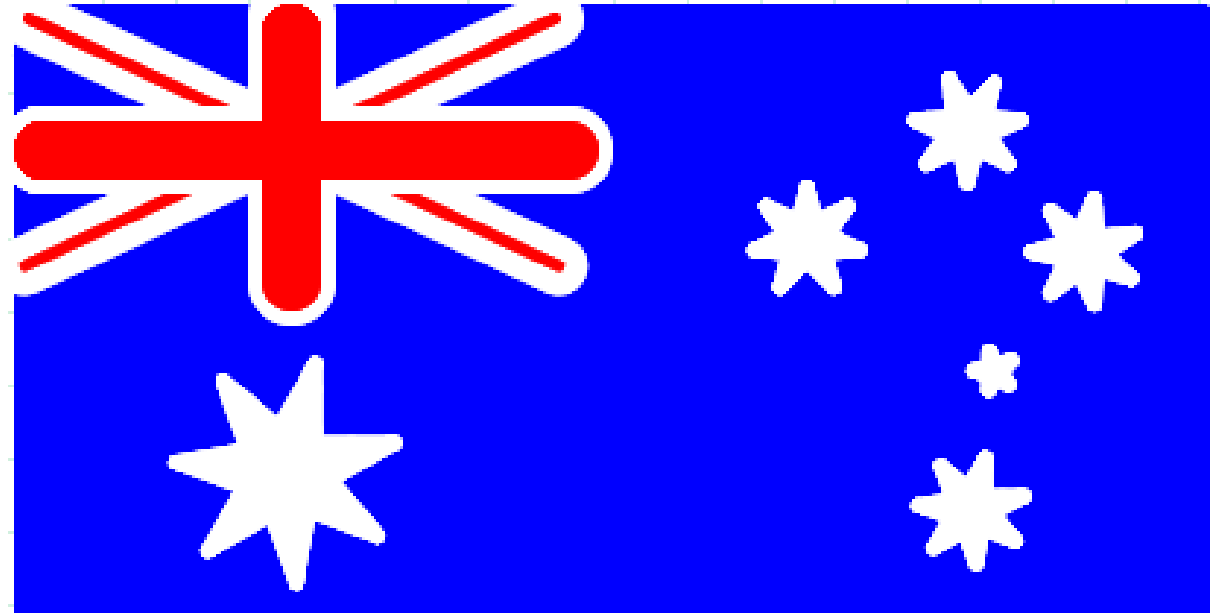
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Lexi  
Year 5–6



# Repeat loops (repetition)

## Designing a flag and create a program



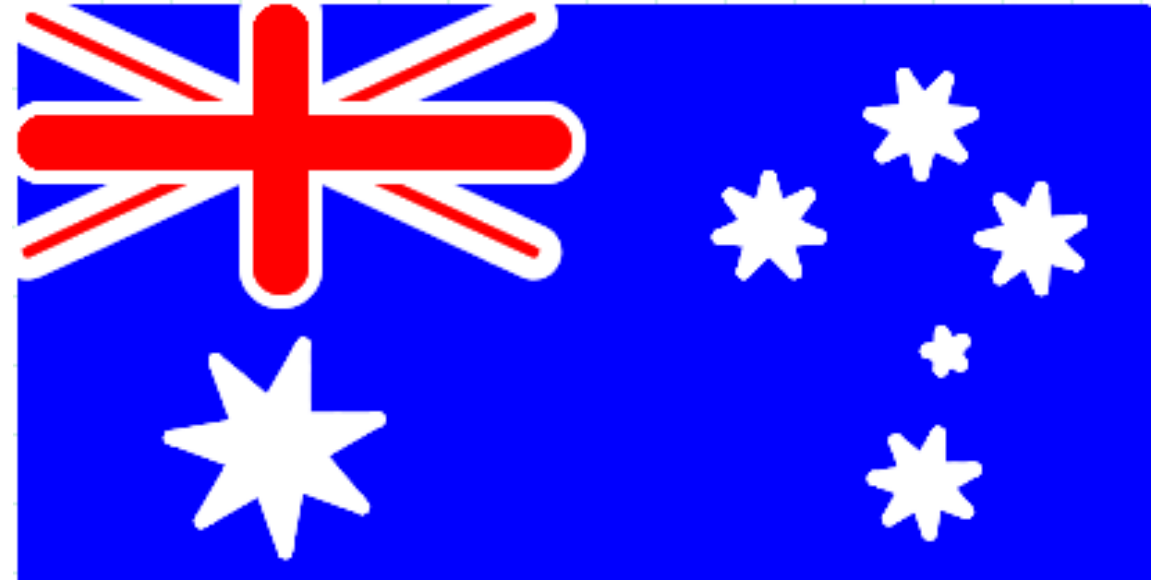


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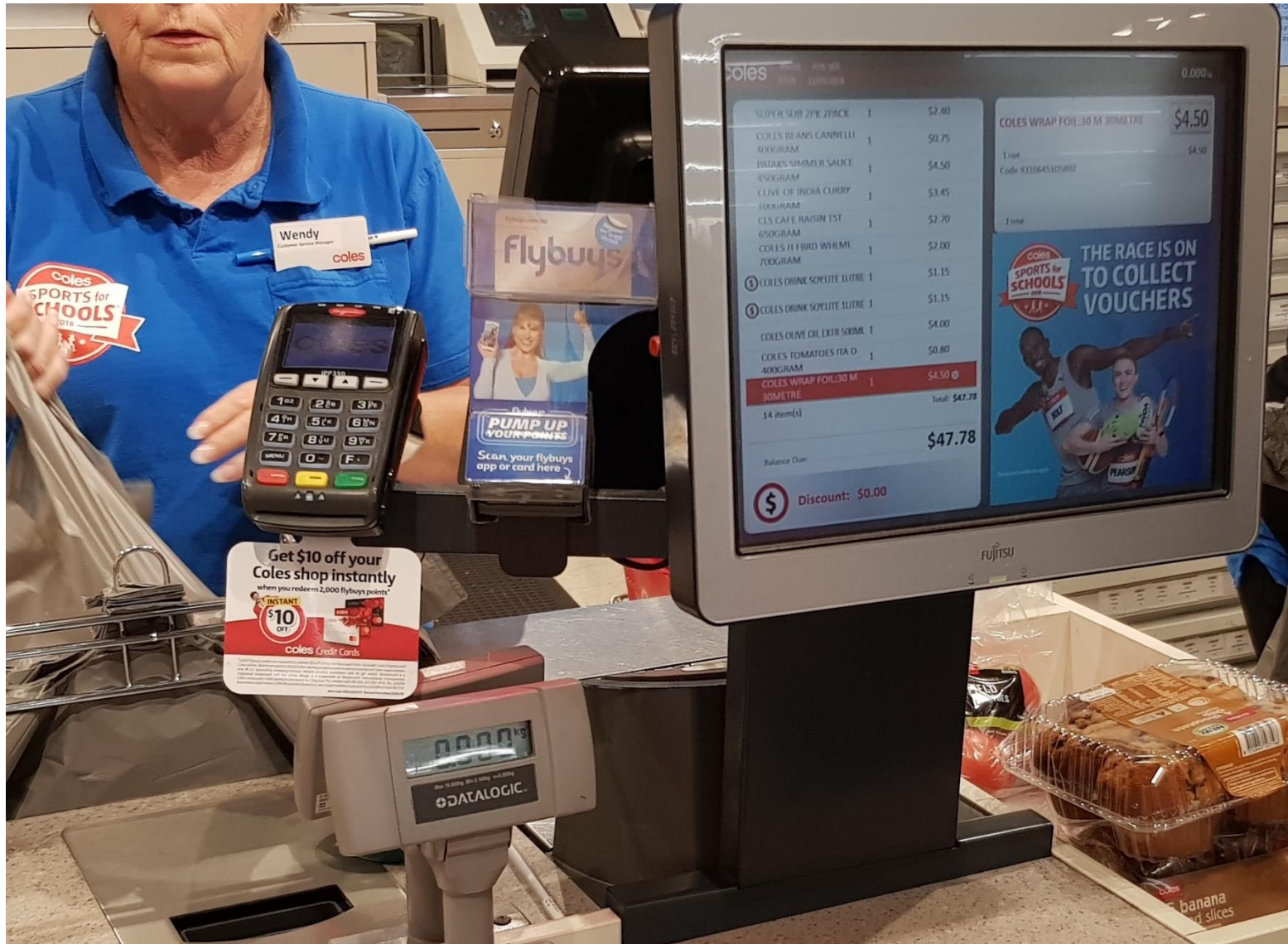
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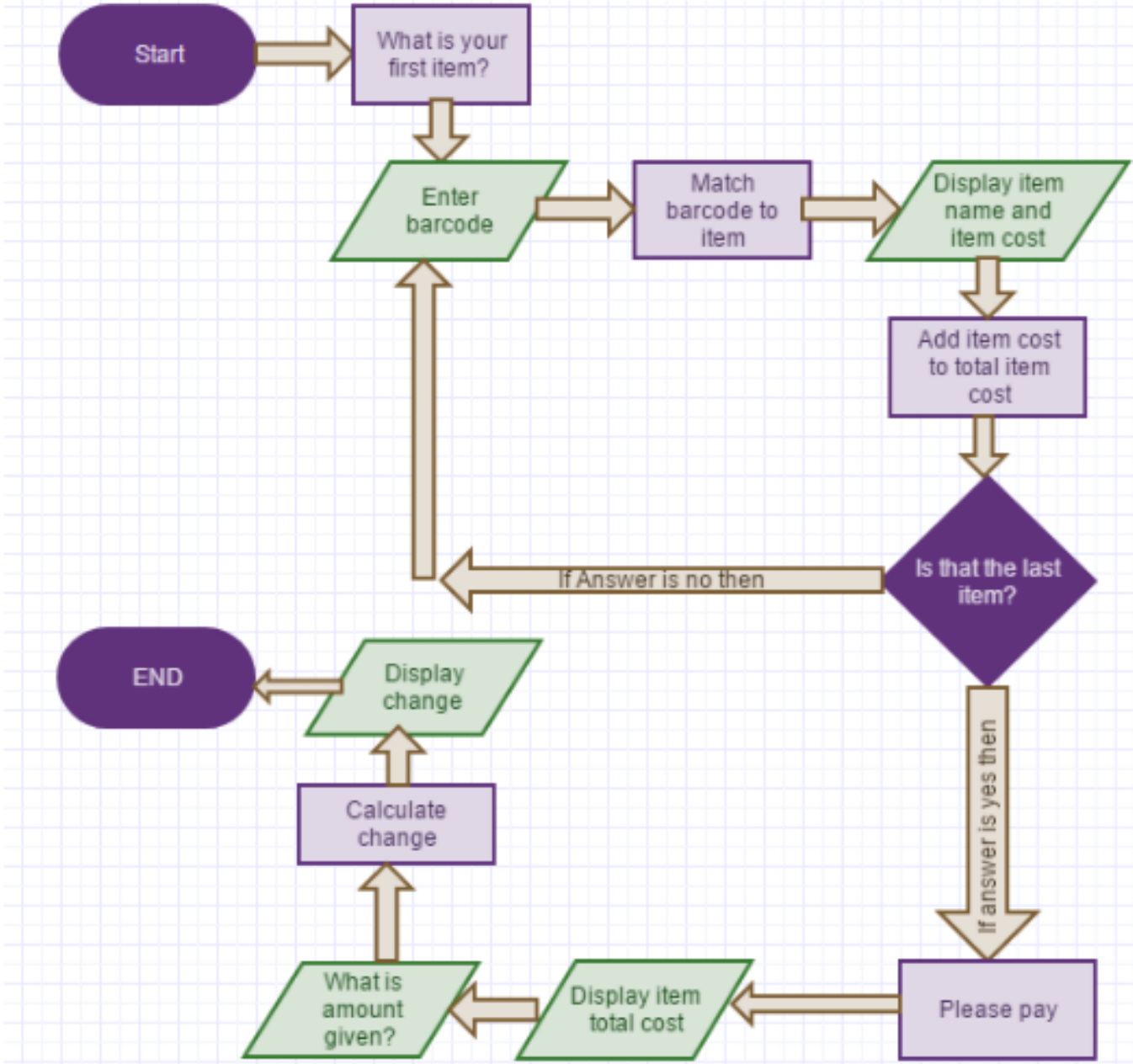
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# Model how a supermarket checkout works



# Create an algorithm Flow chart (Gliffy)

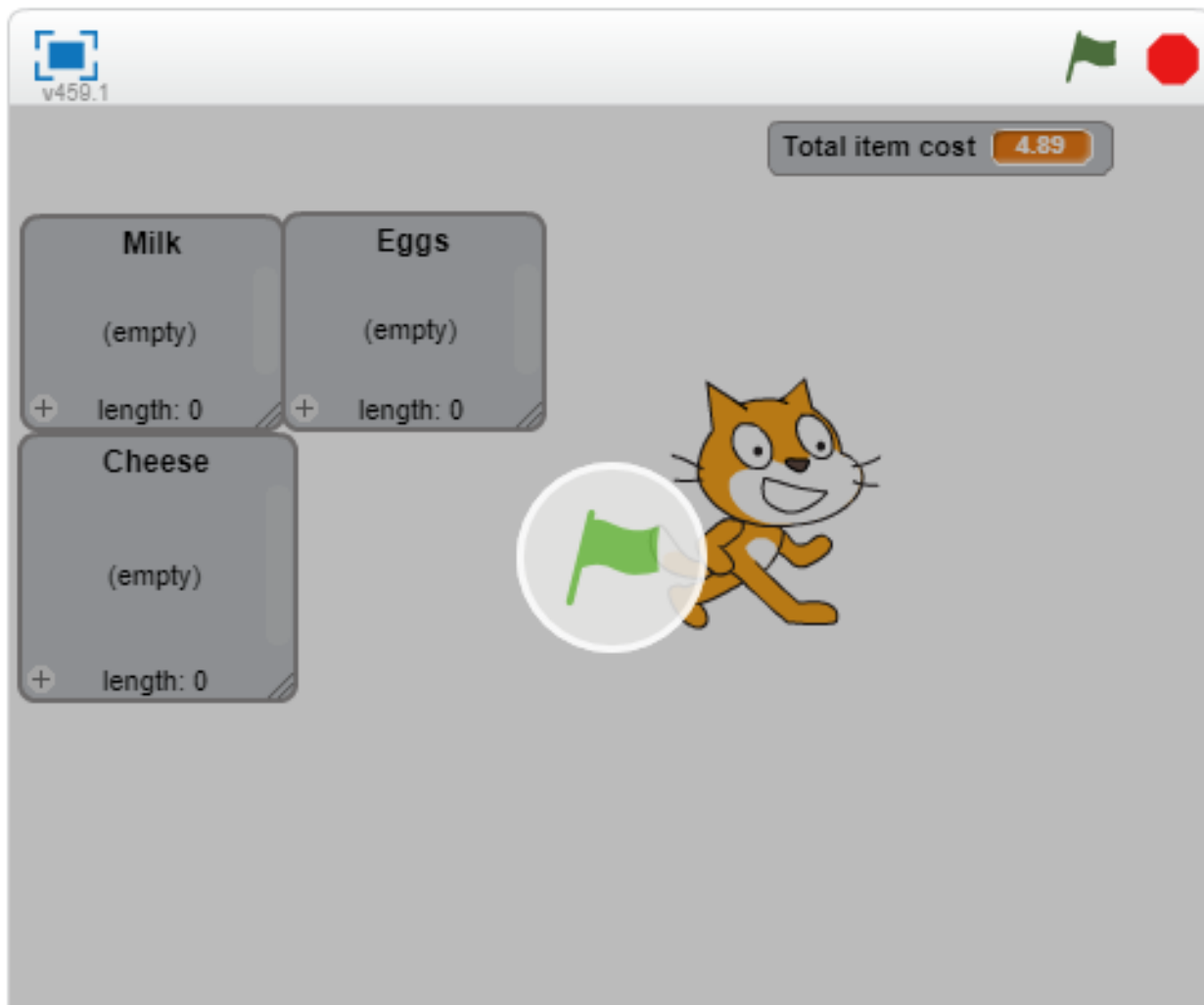


# Checkout

by Fargo123

1 scripts  
1 sprites

 See inside



## Instructions

Barcodes of items are

5000181028133

077782008708

9310625012342

## Notes and Credits

I've been playing around with linking barcodes or real items to replicate purchasing

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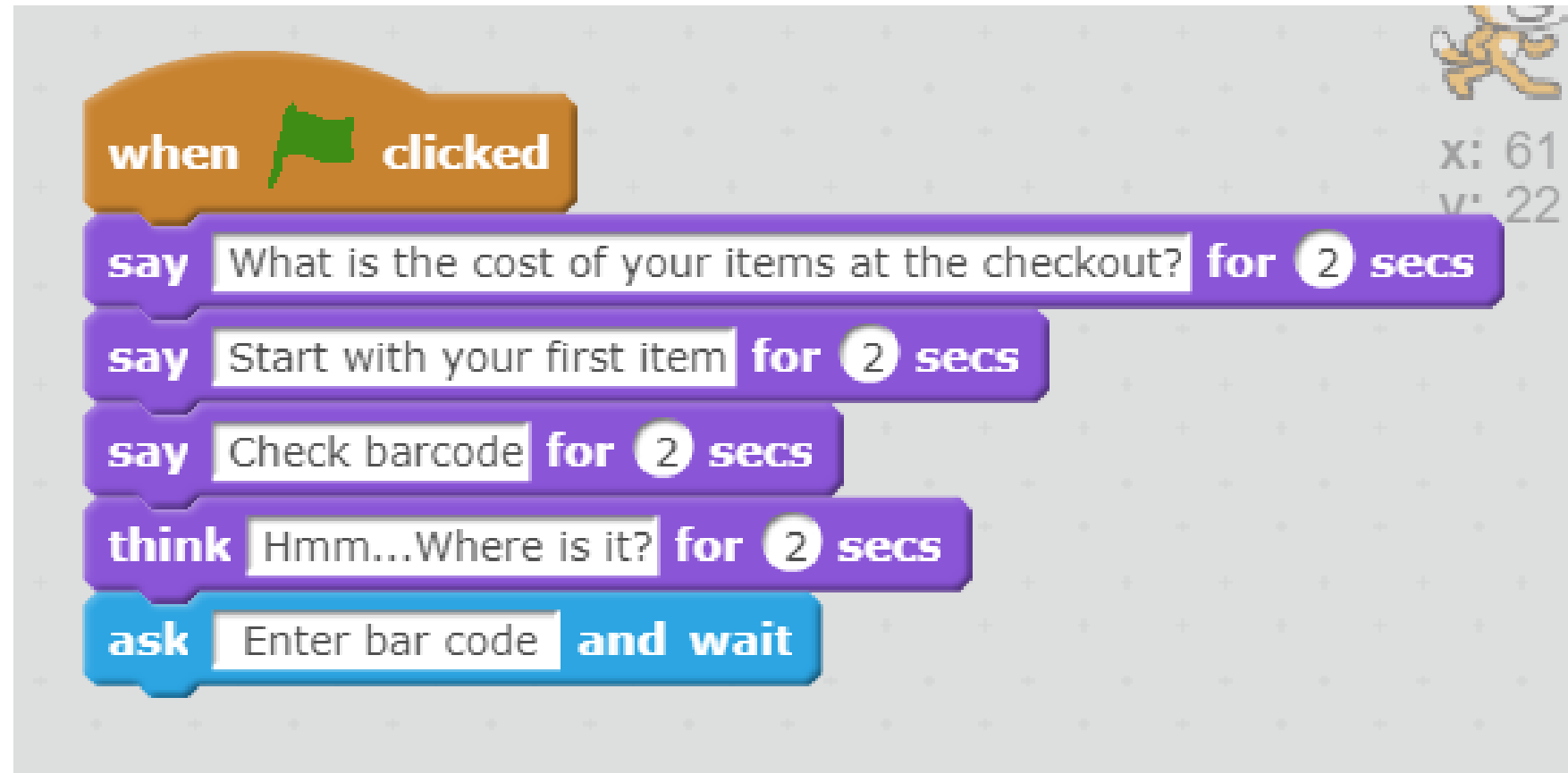


# Build the program in stages

User input:

Use purple 'Say' blocks to print text onscreen

Use blue 'Ask' block for user input



# Build the program in stages

Branching:

Test 'If-then' block

If correct bar code is entered

A series of actions occur  
onscreen



```
when clicked
say "What is the cost of your items at the checkout?" for 2 secs
say "Start with your first item" for 2 secs
say "Check barcode" for 2 secs
think "Hmm...Where is it?" for 2 secs
ask "Enter bar code" and wait
if answer = 9310625012342 then
  say "EGGS" for 3 secs
  change Item cost by 2.39
  change Total item cost by 2.39
  add One dozen to Eggs
```

The image shows a Scratch script on a grey grid background. The script starts with a 'when clicked' block. It then contains five purple 'say' blocks with durations of 2 seconds: 'What is the cost of your items at the checkout?', 'Start with your first item', 'Check barcode', and 'Hmm...Where is it?'. This is followed by a blue 'ask' block with the text 'Enter bar code' and the instruction 'and wait'. Below this is a yellow 'if-then' block. The condition is 'answer = 9310625012342'. The 'then' block contains three orange blocks: 'say EGGS for 3 secs', 'change Item cost by 2.39', and 'change Total item cost by 2.39'. Finally, there is a red 'add' block that adds 'One dozen' to the 'Eggs' variable. In the top right corner, there is a small orange cat icon and the coordinates 'x: 61' and 'y: 22'.

# Build the program in stages

## Branching:

Now it works for one item add some more

Reuse the 'If-then' block sequence for other items



# Build the program in stages

## Iteration:

Add in **repeat until** a certain condition is met.

In this case if answer is yes to 'Is this your last item?'

A series of actions occur onscreen

```
when clicked
  set Total item cost to 0
  say "What is the cost of your items at the checkout?" for 2 secs
  say "Start with your first item" for 2 secs
  repeat until answer = yes
    say "Check barcode" for 2 secs
    think "Hmm...Where is it?" for 2 secs
    ask "Enter bar code" and wait
    if answer = 9310625012342 then
      say "EGGS" for 3 secs
      change Item cost by 2.39
      change Total item cost by 2.39
      add "One dozen" to Eggs
```

The image shows a Scratch script for a shopping cart program. The script starts with a 'when clicked' event, followed by a 'set Total item cost to 0' block. It then displays two 'say' blocks: 'What is the cost of your items at the checkout?' for 2 seconds, and 'Start with your first item' for 2 seconds. A 'repeat until' loop begins with the condition 'answer = yes'. Inside the loop, there are three blocks: 'say Check barcode' for 2 seconds, 'think Hmm...Where is it?' for 2 seconds, and 'ask Enter bar code and wait'. An 'if' block follows, with the condition 'answer = 9310625012342'. If true, it executes four blocks: 'say EGGS' for 3 seconds, 'change Item cost by 2.39', 'change Total item cost by 2.39', and 'add One dozen to Eggs'.

# Build the program in stages

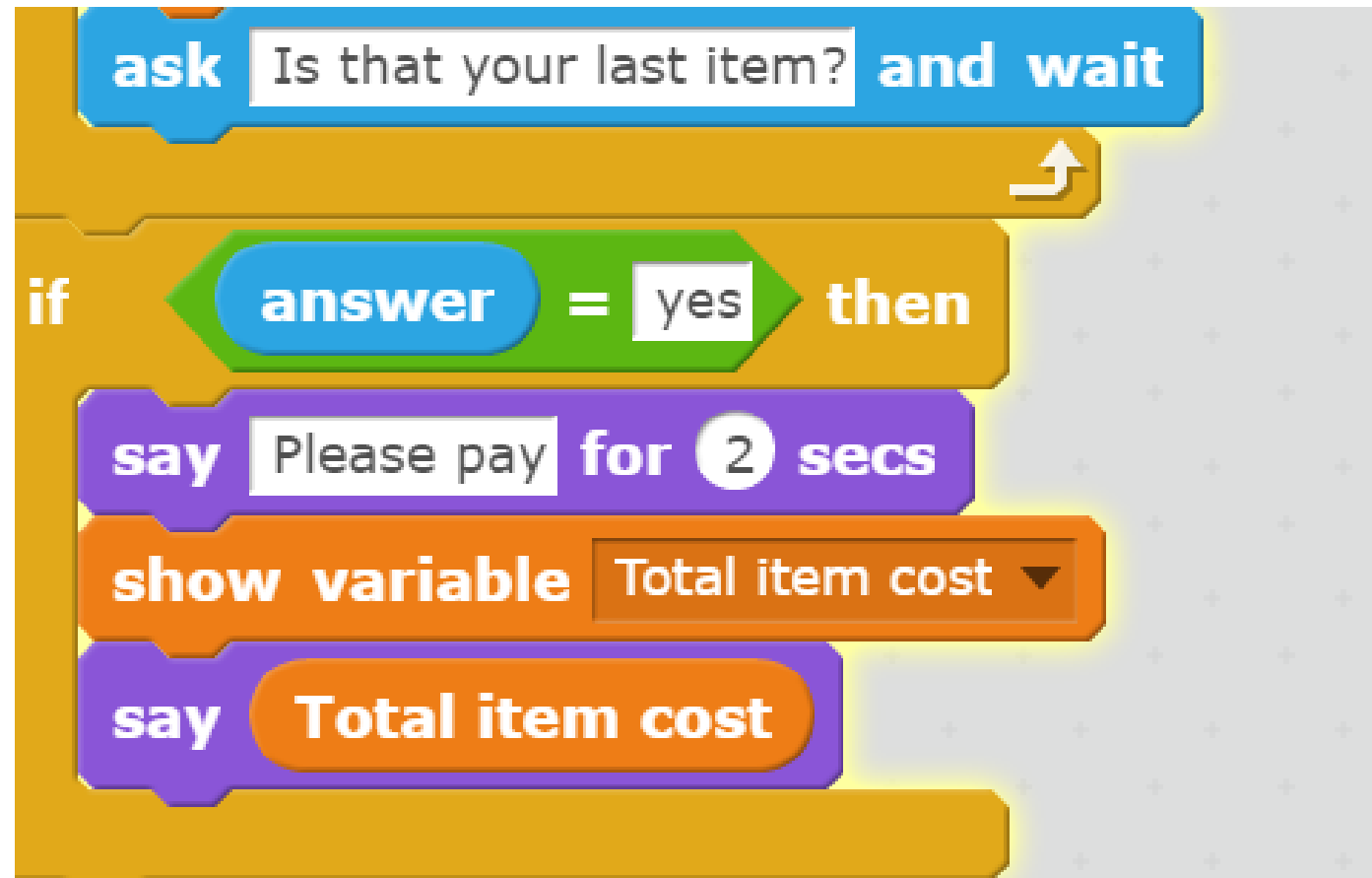
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Add in repeat until a certain condition

In this case if answer is yes to:

Q: Is this your last item?

A series of actions occur onscreen





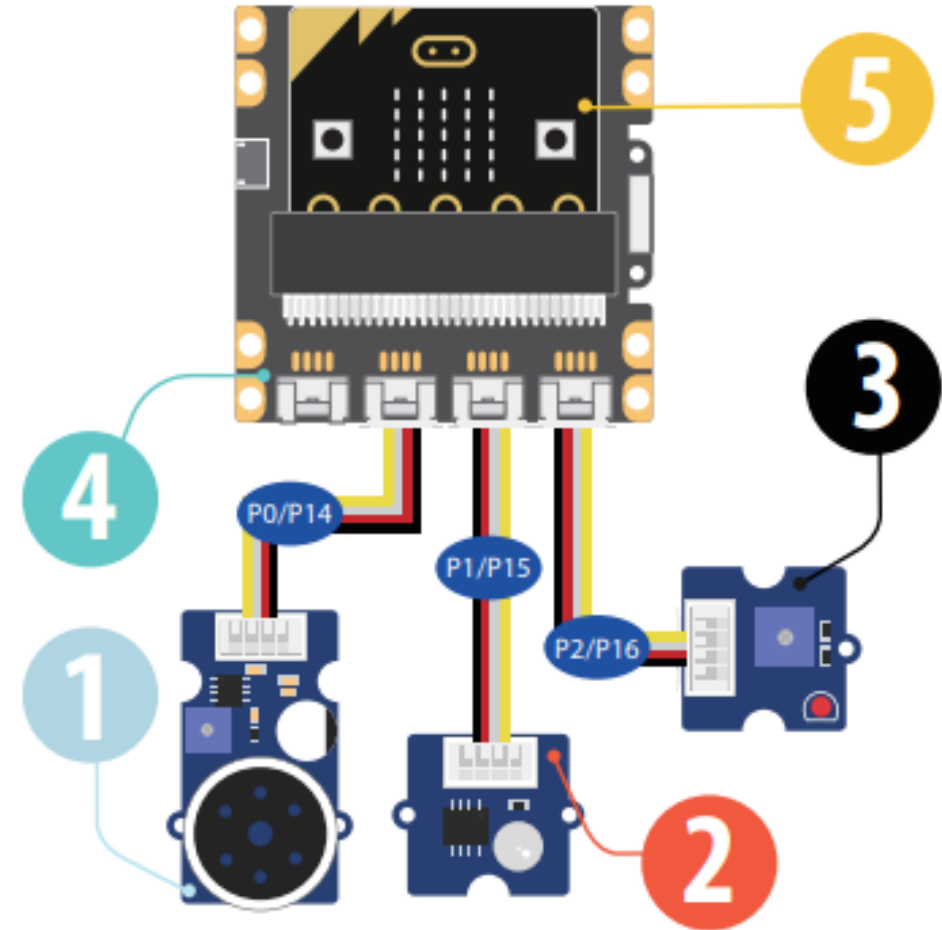
# STEM project

## Grove Kit and BBC micro:bit

This set up shows how the set up Lexi used to connect:

- (1) speaker
- (2) light sensor
- (3) Red LED

This project can be a solution to guarding a prized procession.  
Its an alarm system



# STEM project



## **Lego Mindstorms robotics**

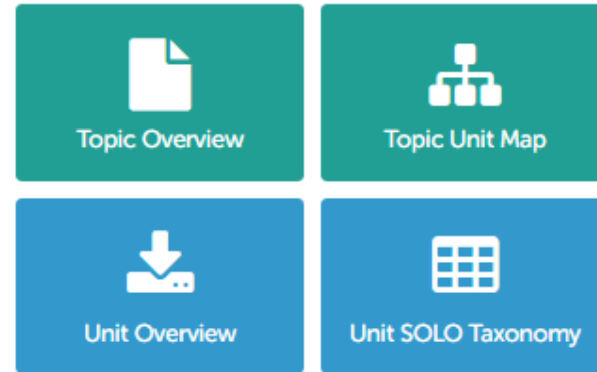
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# UNIT PROBLEM-SOLVING PROCESSES

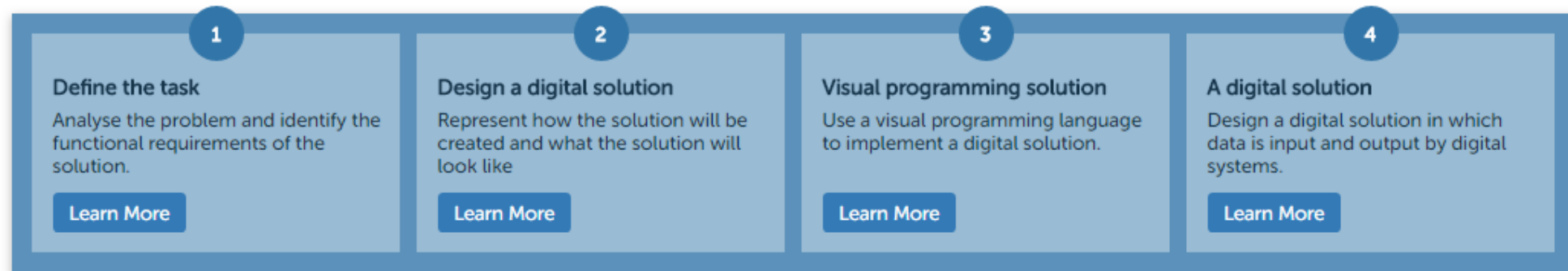
YEAR LEVEL: 5 TOPIC: CREATING DIGITAL SOLUTIONS TIME: 16 HOURS

When students are set the task of solving a problem that requires a digital solution, they usually start by investigating and defining the problem. They draw on computational thinking, a problem-solving approach that involves activities such as organising data logically, breaking down problems into components, and designing and using algorithms and models to show how the solution will be developed and how it will appear. As part of designing their solution, students generate ideas and consider the user of their digital system. During the producing and implementing process students typically create their own solution using a visual programming language. Once a digital solution has been created it is important to evaluate it against relevant criteria, such as: Did it entertain the users (if a game)? Can updated data be added so the solution can be used in the future? (Future needs). Note: Sometimes when students are creating digital solutions they might return to a process they have already completed in order to make adjustments; however, typically at this level, students engage in each of these processes in the above-mentioned order.

Programming is the way we communicate algorithms to a digital system, such as a laptop or notebook, so that the system understands the instructions. Digital systems need precise instructions as they are unable to understand instructions that include superfluous details. We use programming languages to code the instructions. There are many different visual programming languages but all have common programming statements and use a common approach to creating a program and running it to see if it works as intended.



## FLOW OF ACTIVITIES



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# SOLO Taxonomy

SOLO stands for the Structure of the Observed Learning Outcome.

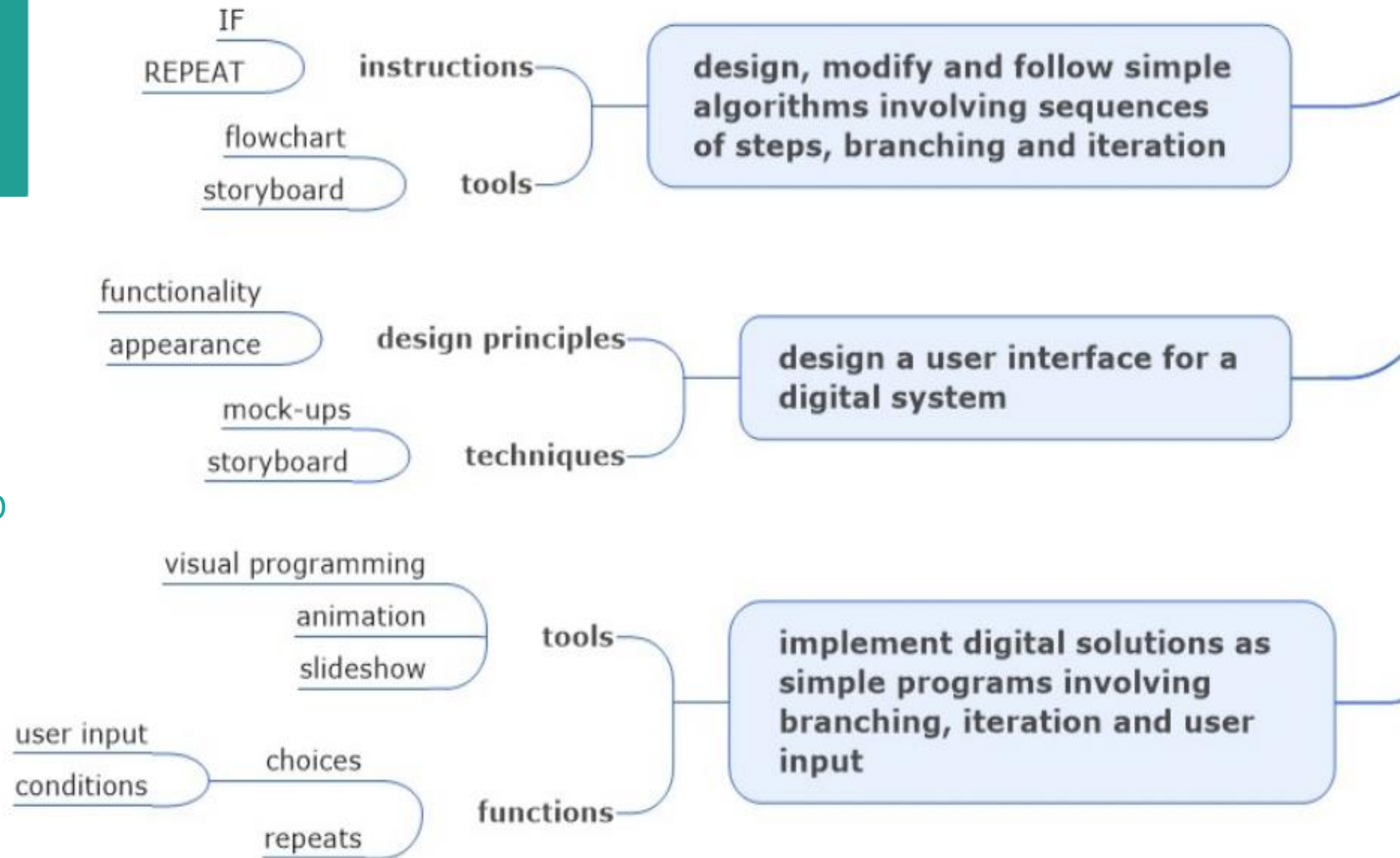
We are creating an online game				
SOLO LEVEL	One	Many	Relate	Extend
SOLO VERB	<i>Identify isolated skills</i>	<i>Describe and combine serial skills</i>	<i>Integrate skills</i>	<i>Evaluate skills</i>
<p><b>DECLARATIVE KNOWLEDGE</b> Knowing about (talking or writing about) the programming code</p> <p>Creating a digital solution using visual programming language</p> <p>Success criteria</p>	<p>I can <b>DEFINE</b> a problem identifying functional and data requirements</p> <p>I can <b>IDENTIFY</b></p> <p>... the use of isolated visual programming skills when programming</p> <p>For example, the use of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> an if/then statement</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> loops or repetition</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> user input</li> </ul>	<p>I can <b>DESCRIBE</b></p> <p>... the use of isolated and combined visual programming skills when programming</p> <p>For example, the use of loops when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> incorporating repeat instructions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> allowing for varied user input</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> selecting options (for example, in a quiz)</li> </ul>	<p>AND I can <b>EXPLAIN</b> my programming choices – when programming a digital solution such as an animation, quiz, choose your own adventure story or controlling a robotic device</p>	<p>AND I can <b>EVALUATE</b> the effectiveness of my digital solution in meeting its functional requirements for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> meeting its intended purpose</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> user input.</li> </ul>
<p><b>FUNCTIONING KNOWLEDGE</b> Knowing how to ...</p> <p>Creating a digital solution using visual programming language</p> <p>Success criteria</p>	<p>I can interpret an algorithm presented as a flow chart</p> <p>I can use a visual programming language <b>IF</b> I copy programming examples created by someone else</p>	<p>I can create an algorithm that I use to plan out a program for a digital solution.</p> <p>I can create a paper prototype of my design to show screen transitions</p> <p>I can independently program a digital solution using a visual programming language</p>	<p>I can independently and confidently create a digital solution using a visual programming language</p> <p>AND I can debug as I build (correct my own code)</p>	<p>AND I can seek and act on feedback to improve the effectiveness of my programming choices as I go.</p>





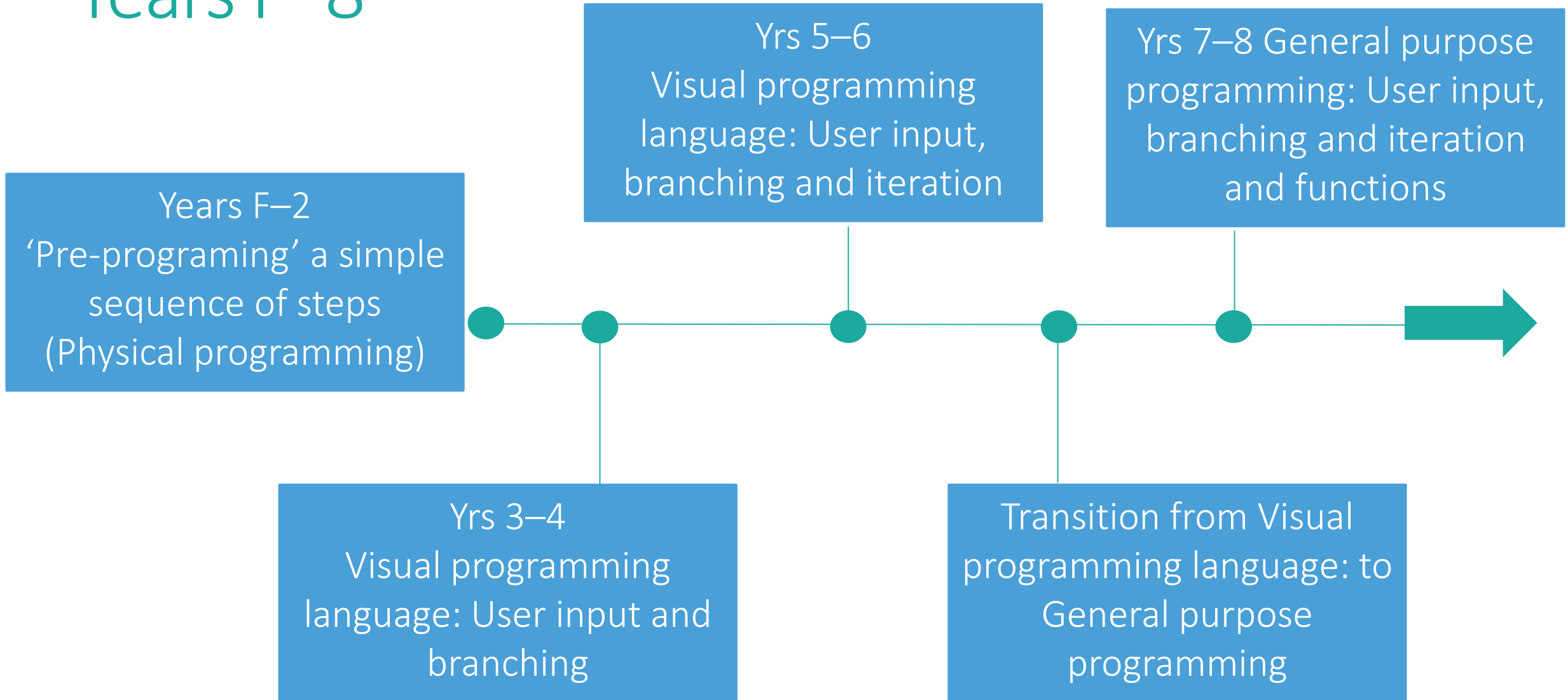
## Topic Unit Map

A visual representation of the underpinning concepts related to the content descriptions





# Programming (Producing and implementing) Years F–8



# Looking into the Scope and sequence

Spend time as a group looking at the Scope and sequence.

Use the sheet provided to guide your exploration.

# Lesson ideas

Lessons are currently being updated to reflect inclusive teaching practices



HOME / TEACHERS / LESSON IDEAS / INTEGRATING DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES / CREATE A LANGUAGE-LEARNING PROGRAM

## DT+ HASS Geography

Create a computer program to learn a traditional Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language.

Curriculum links

Assessment



### Learning Sequence

Suggested steps

Discussion

Why is this relevant

### Suggested steps

1. Discuss and list ways you might learn a new language.
2. View the video [Learn some Warrgamay words](#).
3. Discuss this approach to learning some words and phrases from a traditional Aboriginal language. From viewing the video, what words do the students now know? What does the video tell us about the animals and lands of the Warrgamay people?
4. Compare the video with this quiz, created in Scratch: [Warrgamay animals](#).
5. Discuss how the quiz works and what programming blocks your students expect would have been used.

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A level approach has been taken to differentiate the lesson

## 8. Instructions (with Differentiation)

The Digital Technologies curriculum differs from the old ICT curriculum in that there is an emphasis on students' thinking processes. Therefore this task has been divided into three levels where, first, students need to demonstrate they understand the logic and decision-making used to make a quiz game. Then they modify the example quiz to demonstrate understanding of Scratch. The actual creation of a new quiz is saved for last in Level Three. This allows you to differentiate the task depending on students' understanding of both computational thinking and Scratch (or similar programs). Proficient students could start on Level Two or even Level Three where as struggling students practice pieces of the task at Level One.



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