In an ever-changing world, I feel it is important to try to keep up with new technological advances. I have always found it exciting to look at, and learn new things. New ways of doing things smarter and more efficient ways of completing tasks. Computing is now at the for front of these advances and it seem now that we spend more and more time using technology, being online. Especially in recent times with classes now taught online, through zoom or class dojo. We are all constantly developing new skills and adapting to new ways of using technology.

As a girl, I choose computing as an option both at GCSE and A level, as I found it an enjoyable challenge to use computers and learn more about how they work and the programmes they run.

We now have so many more options of using ‘computing equipment’ in school even from being in early years, where they use interactive whiteboards, iPads and the touch screen table to enhance lessons. Children are introduced to technology now at a younger age and it is important they learn how to use that equipment safely in school. This is why E-safety is embedded throughout the computing curriculum and a whole half term in Spring is dedicated to E-safety. As the children progress through the school, we introduce more hardware/software and they really get to develop and show off their creative skills using scratch, Minecraft, Microbits s and Lego. There is so much to cover in computing I really do feel like it has something for everyone, from digital literacy, creating stories, to art designing our own sprites and animating them to building our own creations using Lego.

I truly believe children here at West Rainton Primary get the best start to their computing journey; the curriculum covered here is vast and progresses each year. We consistently look at our computing curriculum to ensure it is up to date.

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