

## Computing

## Programming A – Selection in Physical Computing

## Year 5

## Spring 1

### Key Knowledge

To control a simple circuit connected to a computer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can create a simple circuit and connect it to a microcontroller</li> <li>I can program a microcontroller to make an LED switch on</li> <li>I can explain what an infinite loop does</li> </ul>
To write a program that includes count-controlled loops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can connect more than one output component to a microcontroller</li> <li>I can use a count-controlled loop to control outputs</li> <li>I can design sequences that use count-controlled loops</li> </ul>
To explain that a loop can stop when a condition is met	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can explain that a condition is either true or false</li> <li>I can design a conditional loop</li> <li>I can program a microcontroller to respond to an input</li> </ul>
To explain that a loop can be used to repeatedly check whether a condition has been met	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can explain that a condition being met can start an action</li> <li>I can identify a condition and an action in my project</li> <li>I can use selection (an 'if...then...' statement) to direct the flow of a program</li> </ul>
To design a physical project that includes selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can identify a real-world example of a condition starting an action</li> <li>I can describe what my project will do</li> <li>I can create a detailed drawing of my project</li> </ul>
To create a program that controls a physical computing project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can write an algorithm that describes what my model will do</li> <li>I can use selection to produce an intended outcome</li> <li>I can test and debug my project</li> </ul>

### Statutory requirements

- Design, write, and debug programs that accomplish specific goals, including controlling or simulating physical systems; solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts
- Use sequence, selection, and repetition in programs; work with variables and various forms of input and output
- Use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs
- Select, use, and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems, and content that accomplish given goals, including collecting, analysing, evaluating, and presenting data and information

### Key vocabulary

Spelling	Definition
Circuit	When items are connected together to create a circuit, which <b>electricity</b> can flow through.
Output Component	When a computer has finished processing <b>input</b> , it is sent back out of the computer ready to be used. This is through an <b>Output Component</b> (device).
Count Controlled Loop	A count controlled loop is created by <b>repeating an instruction</b> a set number of times.
Selection	A computer program is a list of instructions written in a way that a computer can understand, so the choices need to be part of the program. We call this part of programming, 'selection'.

### Possible experiences

- Copy and complete the set of instructions to guide someone connecting a Crumble controller to its components – try to use crumble vocabulary such as Crumble controller, battery box, Sparkle, crocodile clip, USB lead, computer & switch.
- Visit the Science Museum's Dojo, to borrow a Microbit or similar coding output devices and investigate. [CoderDojo useful links](#) | [Science Museum](#)

### Crumble controller

A microcontroller is a small device that can be programmed to control components that are connected to it.

The microcontroller that you will be using is a Crumble controller. You will program a Crumble to control outputs and respond to inputs.

