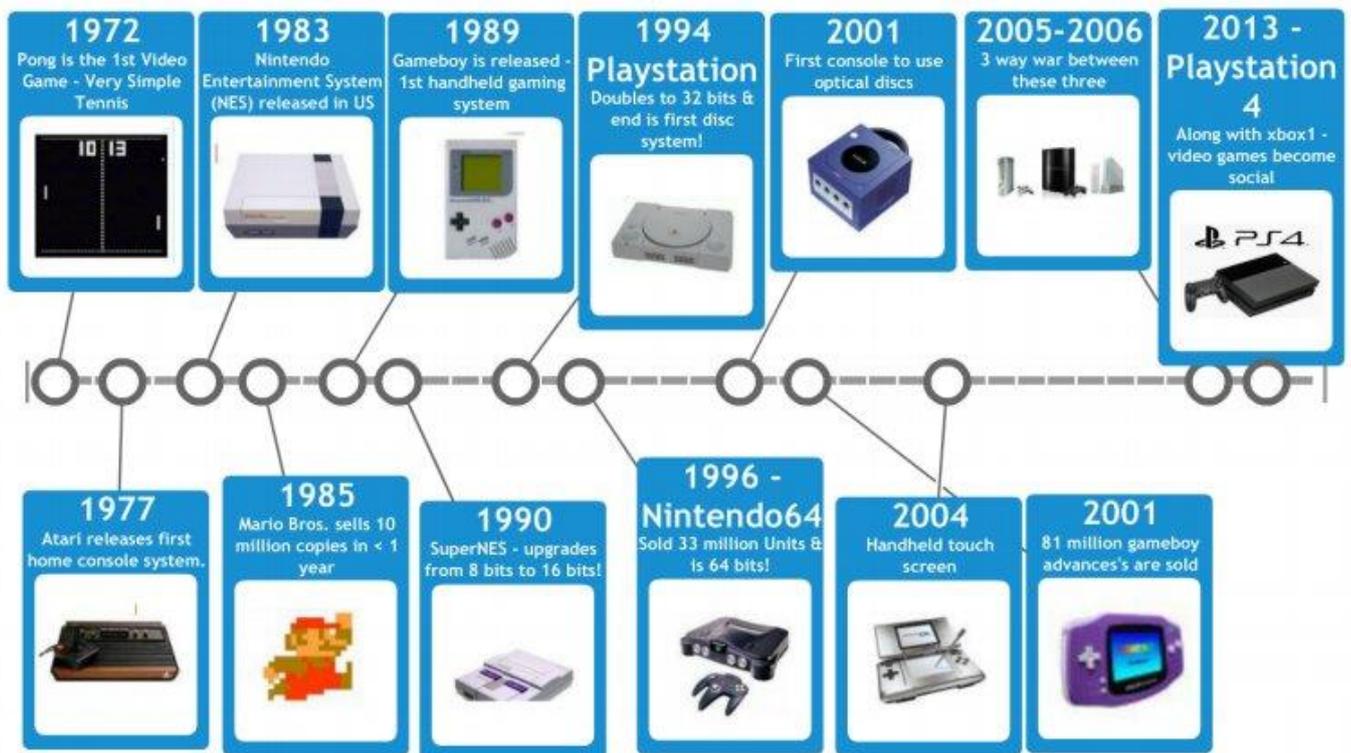


# Findern Primary School

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## Computer Games

### TIMELINE



Through a cross curricula approach to our learning, we will research and present information about computer games and games consoles. We will explore instructions for computer games, read and write reviews about a game of our choice before programming our own game using Kodu Game Lab thinking about what makes a good game.

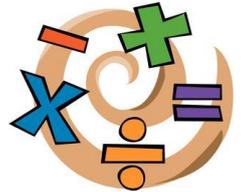
## English



Through reading and writing instructions for computer games and explanations for blogs and podcasts, we will practise a range of punctuation including colons, bullet points, and punctuation for parenthesis. We will write a booklet for our granny, giving instructions and explanations to help her with technology in 2017. We will also read and analyse poems from *Classic Poems for Children* compiled by Nicola Baxter. We will use these to discuss expanded noun phrases, modal verbs and the use of dashes and semi-colons. We will also write a poem review, a short biography of a poet and a poem based on one by Oscar Wilde.

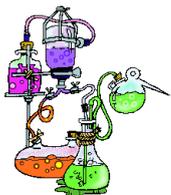
## Mathematics

We will continue to consolidate and extend our understanding of number and place value, the four operations of calculation, fractions including decimals and percentages, ratio and proportion, algebra, measurement, properties of shape, position, direction and statistics.



## Reading

The children will read weekly with their class teacher during a focused guided reading session. Children are given the opportunity to change their reading books daily. As you know, reading regularly with your child and asking questions about the book is very important, so please read with your child as often as possible.

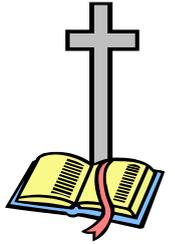


## Science

We will continue to explore the structure of the heart, lungs and blood. We will investigate the affects of exercise on our pulse rate and why exercise is good for us. We will also look at simple circuits and then get hands on, looking at symbols, diagrams and incomplete circuits. We will investigate the length of wires in a circuit, the use of cells and compare series and parallel circuits.

## RE

We will consider places that are sacred to us and others. We will think about the people who use sacred places, what happens in those places and how these compare to our own experiences of celebration and commitment. We will consider why certain times and places are sacred.



## PE

We will continue learning a variety of skills in order to take part in physical activities effectively. We will develop different techniques allowing us to be accurate and play as a team.

Please see below for some useful websites to visit to keep your maths, science and literacy skills alive!

BBC bitesize - maths and literacy skills

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/>

Interactive games and activities - maths, literacy and science.

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/>

Maths games and activities

<http://www.coolmath4kids.com/>

Maths and literacy games

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>

Information on the Gunpowder Plot

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/the-gunpowder-plot>