





Preparation

Learning



Using a Turtle Program or Bee Bots to learn about Algorithms

DFE Computing Curriculum Subject Content Covered:

Key Stage 1 Subject Content:

- understand what algorithms are; how they are implemented as programs on digital devices; and that programs execute by following precise and unambiguous instructions
- create and debug simple programs

Resources and Preparation:

You will need:

Either some Bee Bots or some Turtle Software (MSW Logo/Scratch)
A production line for students to follow with a Bee Bot or Turtle Software
Possibly an instruction/help sheet if you feel this will be required

This (from the sweet factory group) may help too: https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B24Znho85BCTdnFzTWxsNHNsS1U/edit?usp=sharing

Lesson Outline:

This lesson varies depending on which resource you decide to use.

Show students the production line that you would like them to follow.

Discuss writing instructions and planning out steps (algorithms).

Show the students the commands that the Turtle or Bee Bot understands.

Ask them to come up with some instructions.

Get them to test them out, modifying them as required.

This lesson would best suit...

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