Year 1 – Programming B – Programming animations

Unit introduction

Learners will be introduced to on-screen programming through ScratchJr. Learners will explore the way a project looks by investigating sprites and backgrounds. They will use programming blocks to use, modify, and create programs. Learners will also be introduced to the early stages of program design through the introduction of algorithms.

Overview of lessons

Lesson	Brief overview	Learning objectives
1 Comparing tools	During this lesson learners will become accustomed to the ScratchJr programming environment. They will discover that they can move characters on-screen using commands, and compare ScratchJr to the Bee-Bots used in the previous unit.	To choose a command for a given purpose • I can find the commands to move a sprite • I can use commands to move a sprite • I can compare different programming tools
2 Joining blocks	During this lesson learners will discover that blocks can be joined together in ScratchJr. They will use a **Start** block to run their programs. They will also learn additional skills such as adding backgrounds and deleting sprites. Learners will follow given algorithms to create simple programs.	To show that a series of commands can be joined together • I can use more than one block by joining them together

		• I can use a **Start** block in a program • I can run my program
3 Make a change	During this lesson learners will discover that some blocks in ScratchJr have numbers underneath them. They will learn how to change these values and identify the effect on a block of changing a value.	To identify the effect of changing a value • I can find blocks that have numbers • I can change the value • I can say what happens when I change a value
4 Adding sprites	During this lesson learners will be taught how to add and delete sprites in ScratchJr. They will discover that each sprite has its own programming area, and learn how to add programming blocks to give instructions to each of the sprites.	To explain that each sprite has its own instructions • I can show that a project can include more than one sprite • I can delete a sprite • I can add blocks to each of my sprites
5 Project design	During this lesson learners will choose appropriate backgrounds and sprites for a 'Space race' project. They will decide how each sprite will move, and create an algorithm based on the blocks available in ScratchJr that reflects this.	To design the parts of a project • I can choose appropriate artwork for my project • I can decide how each sprite will move • I can create an algorithm for each sprite
6 Following my design	During this lesson learners will use their project designs from the previous lesson to create their projects on-screen in ScratchJr. They will use their project design,	To use my algorithm to create a program

	including algorithms created in the previous lesson, to make programs for each of their rocket sprites. They will test whether their algorithms are effective when their programs are run.	• I can use sprites that match my design • I can add programming blocks based on my algorithm • I can test the programs I have created