



Using Robotics in STEM Classes

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A large, vibrant Aboriginal dot painting is the central focus of the slide. It features intricate patterns of colorful dots in shades of blue, green, yellow, and purple, arranged in wavy, concentric, and circular formations. The painting is framed by a thick, stylized border consisting of a red outer arc, a white middle arc, and a blue inner arc. The background of the slide is white.

Acknowledgement of Country

The ACS would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of all the lands from which we join. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to other Indigenous Australians present.



Session 1

<https://padlet.com/catherinenewington/STEM>



Agenda Session 1



01

Introductions and connect with ACS

Learn about ACS,
sign up to our
community and
access loads of
resources!

02

STEM

Dive into the
theory of what
makes u a good
STEM program

03

TPACK

Look at a popular
theory when using
technology in your
classes

04

Curriculum

Recap on the
Digital
Technologies
Curriculum

05

Tech Play

Play with same
tech available from
ACS and consider
the type of
activities to
complete in your
STEM classes



ACS is the peak body for IT professionals. They support all IT professionals – including educators.



ACS ICT Educators is a program to support the implementation of the Digital Technologies Curriculum. We connect with teachers across Australia.



Create resources and help build scope and sequences and lesson plans. Moving to STEM units



We have a dedicated platform to help connect teachers.


Resource Structure



14 days ago

2 items

Year 5 to Year 6




5-6 Teaching Resources

14 days ago

25 items

Understand curriculum concepts




Teacher and Student Resources

14 days ago

11 items

Teach the curriculum



Lessons and Units of Work

PERIPHERAL DEVICES

Levels 3-4

Information

For a digital system to function and performs certain tasks, it needs devices that will input and output data. Devices that will input the data into the computer (to store and manipulate the data) and devices that will output the data (to view the data). Peripheral devices are digital devices that are the extra 'add ons' to a computer. These can take the form of:

- Mouse
- Printer
- Scanner
- Webcam
- Monitor or interactive white board
- Speakers
- Microphone

These devices can be connected to a computer via a cord that will be directly plugged or wirelessly through WIFI or Bluetooth. Devices can also be added into a hard drive such as extra memory or a graphics card. Peripheral devices are categorised as:

Input devices	Output devices	Storage devices
Puts data into the computer such as a mouse to click, a keyboard to write information.	Takes data from the hard drive such as a monitor allows you to view information, speakers allow you to hear sound, printer printers out information.	Holds the data such as hard drives that allows you to save information from the hard drive.

Curriculum Expectation

Students will investigate and explore how peripheral devices are used to help perform a task (printer to print out a hard copy, a monitor to watch a video) for a purpose and the type of data that is transmitted between the devices.

Video Resource

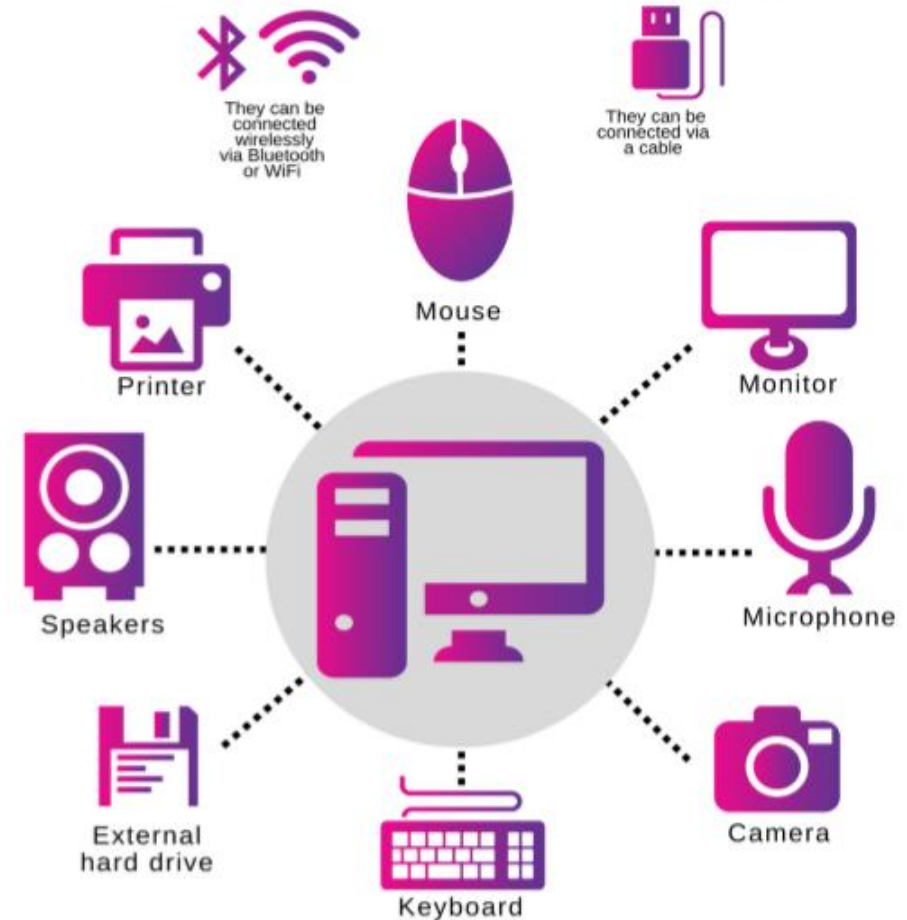
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This video identifies and further explains the role of common peripheral devices.



Video Source: study.com

PERIPHERAL DEVICES



Devices can be categorised as:

Inputs

Data that goes into the hard drive, like a pressing a key on a keyboard.

Outputs

Data that comes out of the hard drive, like information displayed on a monitor.

Storage

Data that is stored from the hard drive.

Teaching the Curriculum



Create units of work **WITH** teachers to help them:

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Getting to 'that' point



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Understanding STEM

Understanding what is the theory behind STEM

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Digital Technologies Curriculum

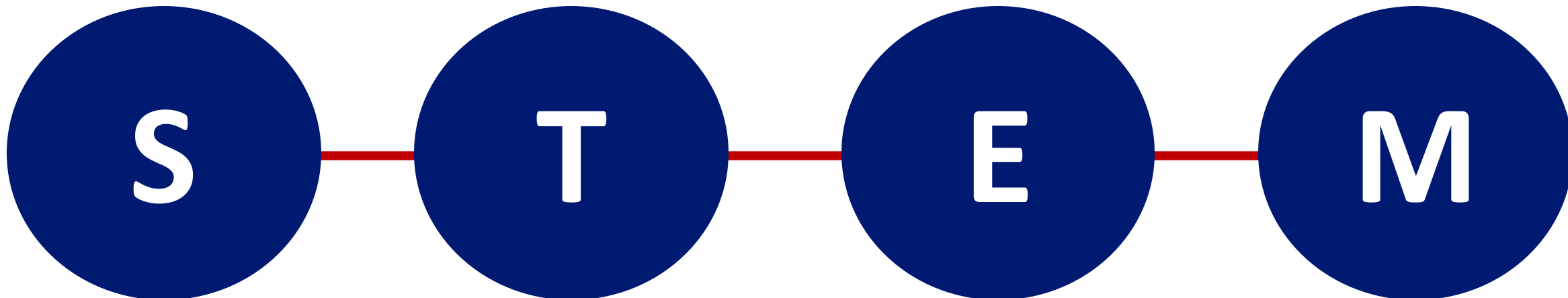
Understanding and having confidence to integrate the Digital Technologies curriculum into a STEM program.

3

Understanding the technology

Gain the skills to be able to pick the right technology to do the job!

STEM



STEM – Science,
Technology
Engineering and
Mathematics

Created to help
build more
awareness of
careers in this area

Connection
between multiple
areas. To stop
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Real world
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current issues

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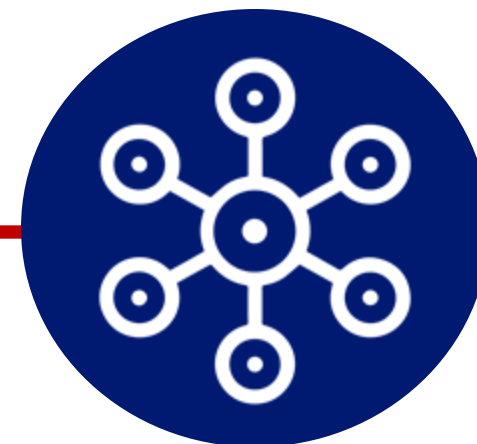
The impact of technology on society. How changes to technology have supported growth.



Bringing real life examples and adapting them to the classroom.



Allows students to explore real life scenarios to create authentic learning purposes.



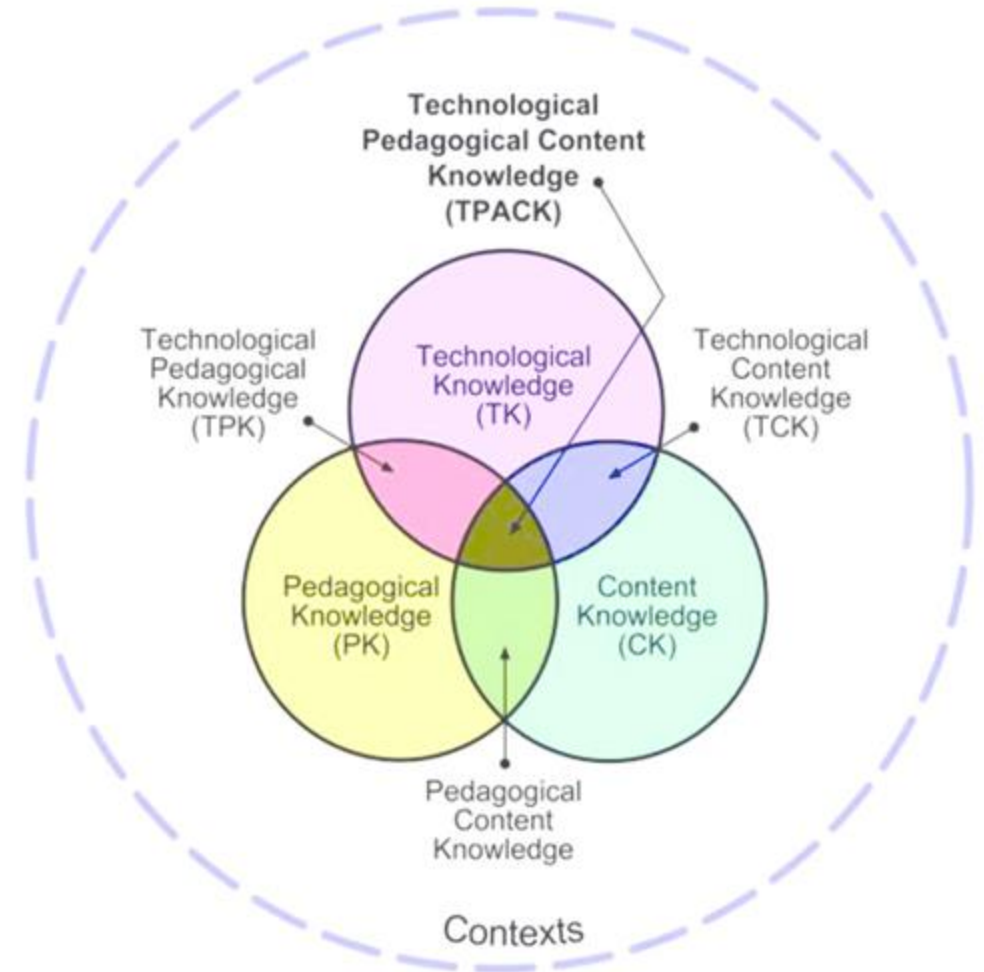
See relevance when learning about topics.

TPACK



TPACK is a way of describing how technology pedagogy and content fit together to enable powerful learning.

The TPACK model highlights that an idea for using ICT in classrooms must have a sound curriculum and pedagogical fit.



TPACK



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=yMQiHJsePOM>

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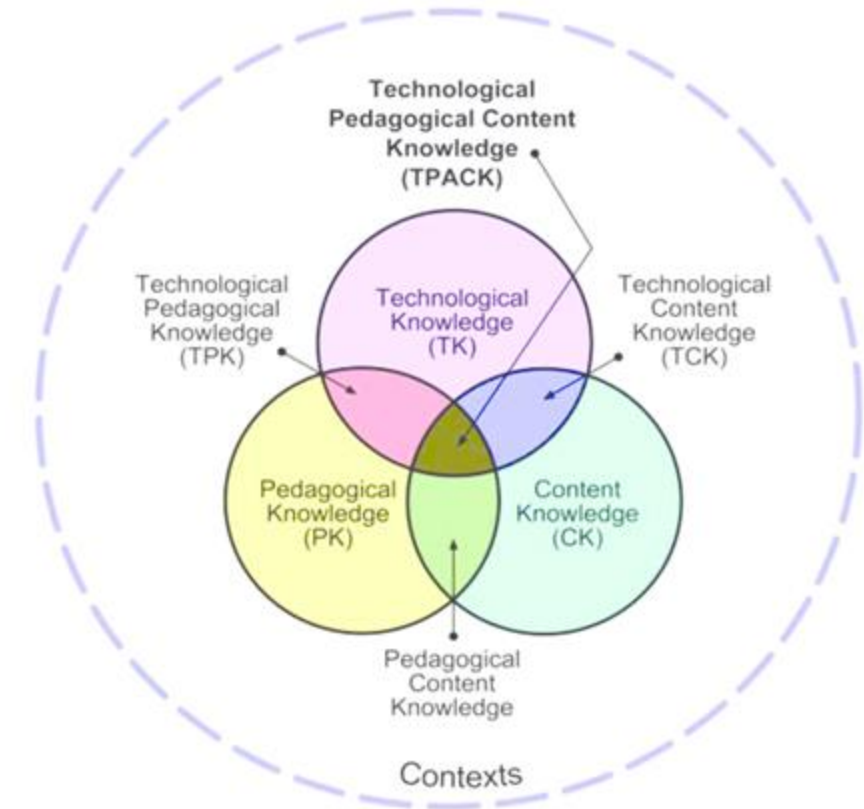


Technology – Evaluating the technology as a tool and making sure you are using the right tool to complete the job.

Focus on how the students will use the technology when they are engaging in their learning. They need to be doing more than just engaging with the technology.

Look at how the technology fits into the curriculum rather than trying to fit the technology into the curriculum.

Example: Drones and 3D Printers



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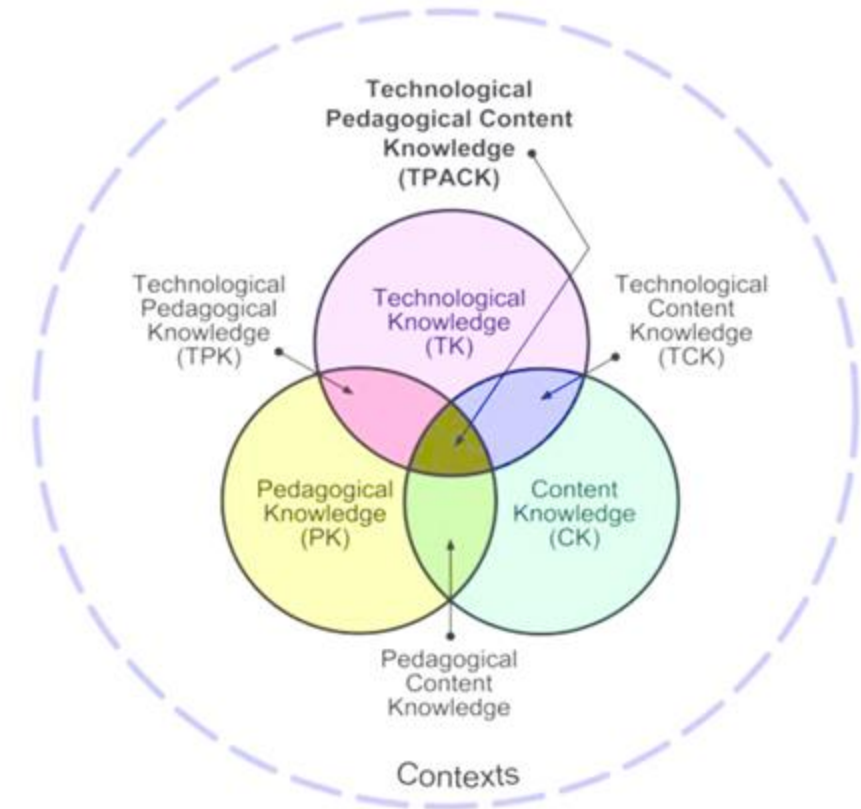


Pedagogy – Knowing who you are as a teacher and knowing what works in your classroom.

Finding and evaluating the technology that fits into your pedagogy.

If you choose technology that doesn't marry your pedagogy, it can hinder.

I love project based learning, inquiry based learning where students are exploring and constructing their own knowledge. Drill and skill based technology doesn't work for me.



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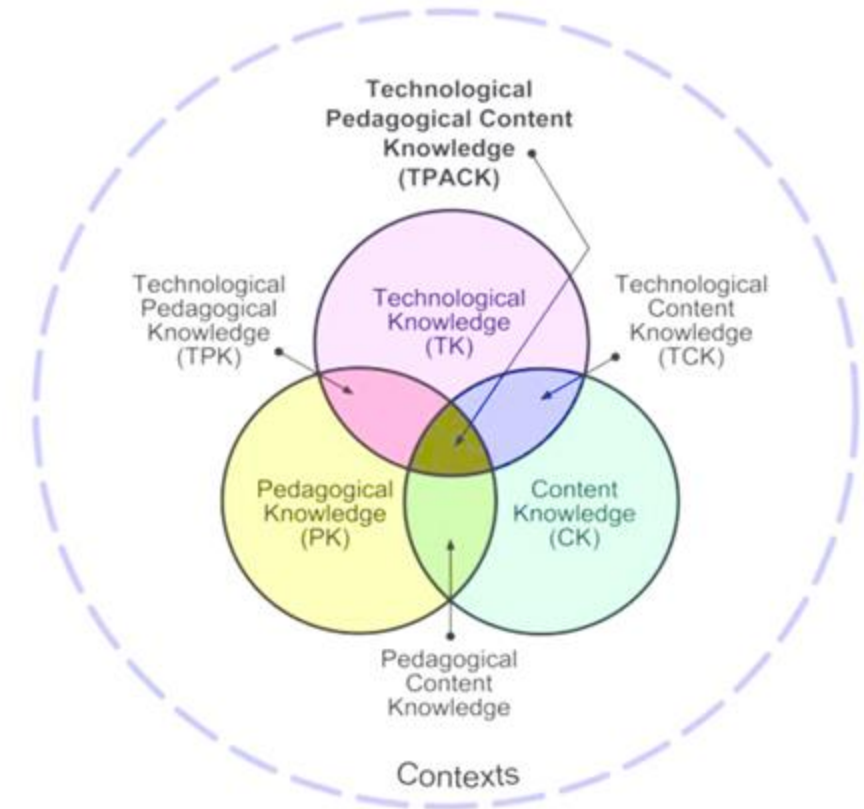


Content – Knowing what you need to teach the students. Knowing the curriculum standards and knowing how you will assess.

Honour the curriculum

Knowing the standards that your students need to meet too. This may be different for some.

Explore the curriculum.



TPACK Reflection activity



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Content: How are technologies supporting curriculum learning?

Digital Technologies Curriculum

- Investigating how a digital system works
- Looking at the parts that make up a digital system and knowing how they all work together
- The type of data it collects
- How you would creating with it
- Analysing it's purpose

ICT Capabilities/Digital Literacy

- Investigating what you can do with a computer
- Learning about the functions of a program
- Knowing how to create a document
- Know your way around a program

Digital Technologies Curriculum



Systems



Data



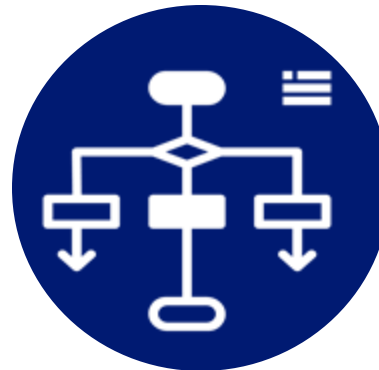
Purpose



Collaborating



Designing



Algorithms

Digital Systems



The main components of common digital systems (hardware, software, networks), and how such digital systems may connect together to form networks to transmit data



Using
technology
(hardware and
software)

Plugging in
other parts
peripheral
devices

Connecting
multiple devices
together to make
a network

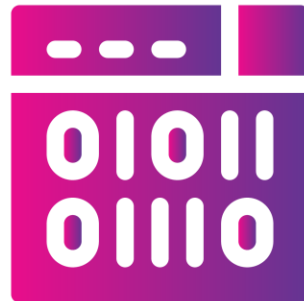
How you connect
(through wires or
wireless
connection)

How quick and
safely you can
connect and
share
information

Data Representation



Understand how data are represented and structured symbolically. Recognise different types of data.



Knowing what data is

Data can be represented in different way (money)

Data that is stored in a digital system is represented as 0 and 1s

Images, sound and text is stored as different data

The files to store data different on the quality

Data Interpretation



Collecting, collating and interpreting data. Commonly use spreadsheets. Cross over to data in Mathematics.



Using software to interpret data

Data can be represented in different way (think money)

Make sure that the data you have found is quality. Visual it

Gather data from multiple sources. Visual it

Collect and collate qualitative and quantitative data

Creating Digital Solutions



Create a **MEANINGFUL** digital solution. This is coding to create an app, creating a game. Create for a purpose and look at the potentials of technologies and bring that into the classroom



Using tech to solve problems

Using tech to solve problems, add some coding commands

Using tech to solve problems, add a couple more

Using programming languages (python to code)

Solve problems based on how to use tech

Solve problems to help your school

Solve problems to help your wider community.

Listen to your stakeholders

STEM



HARDWARE AND
SOFTWARE



Is there room to look at the hardware and software of technology?

DATA



What data that can be collected?

COLLABORATION



Can they use technology to work on project together?

DESIGN



Is there room for students to design something new?

STEM



ROBOTICS



Can robotics and programming be used as a method to solve a problem?

PROBLEM SOLVING



Is there a problem based on specific themes students can solve?

COMMUNITY NEEDS



How can solutions help the school community and wider community?

All Comes together



Educators

Knowing our students.
Knowing our pedagogy.



Curriculum

Honor the Curriculum.
Know what requirements
we need to fulfill.



Technology

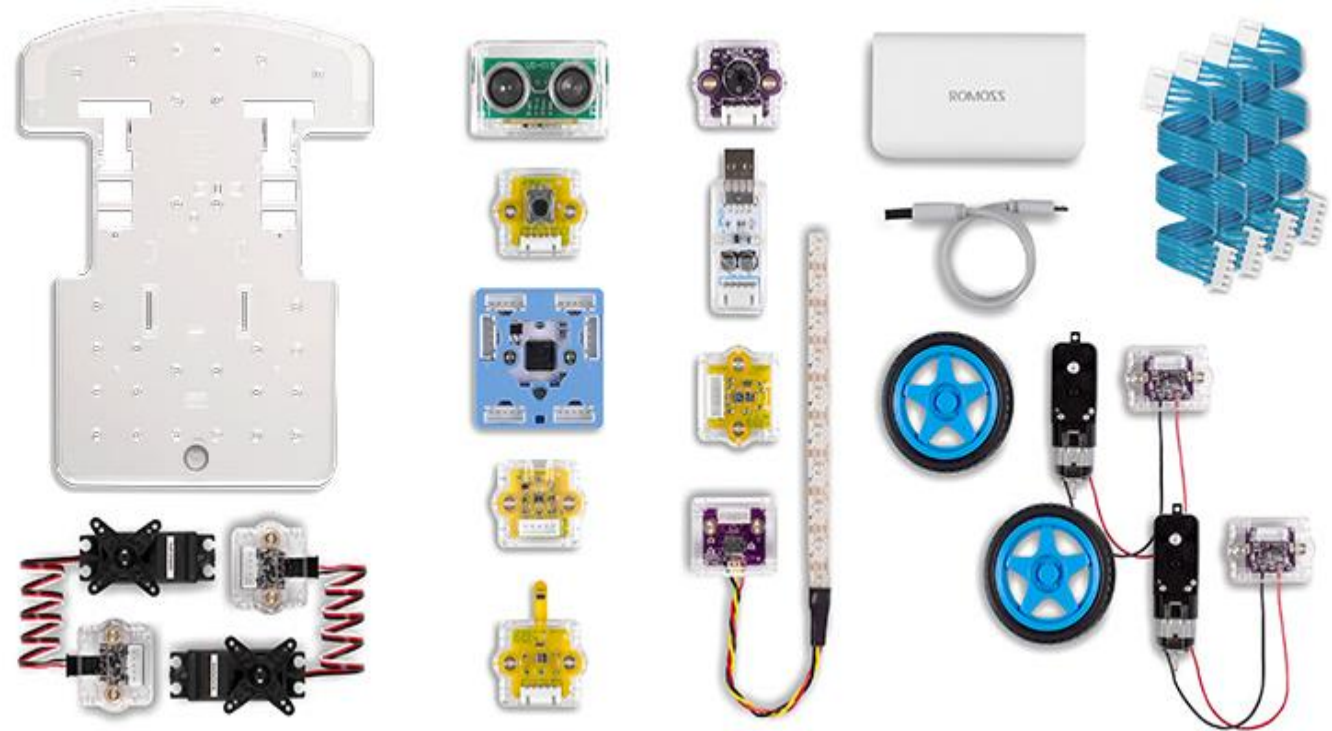
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Implementation



**ACS ICT Educators supports
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Integrating digital technology
across the curriculum
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experiences



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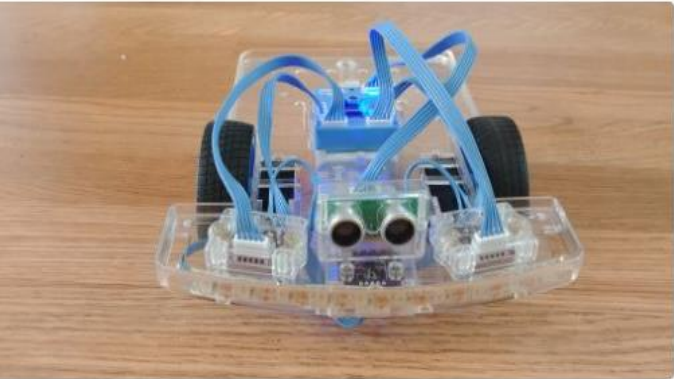
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Designing High-Tech Transportation Systems - Teachers Guide



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3+ Hours

Middle School

- Science
- Technology
- Engineering
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- Math

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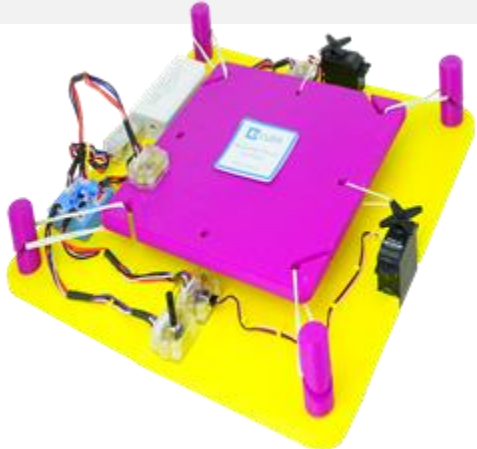
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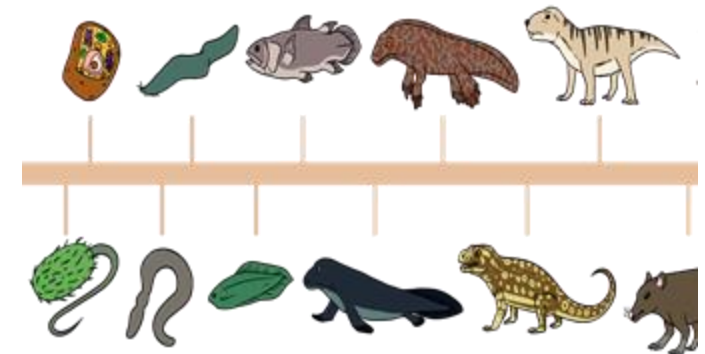
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Using the Cubits



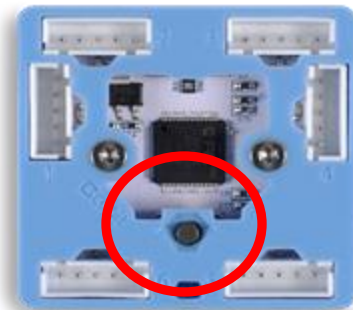
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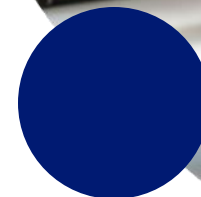
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Session 2

Practical Session

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Agenda Session 2



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Play with same tech available from ACS and consider the type of activities to complete in your STEM classes.

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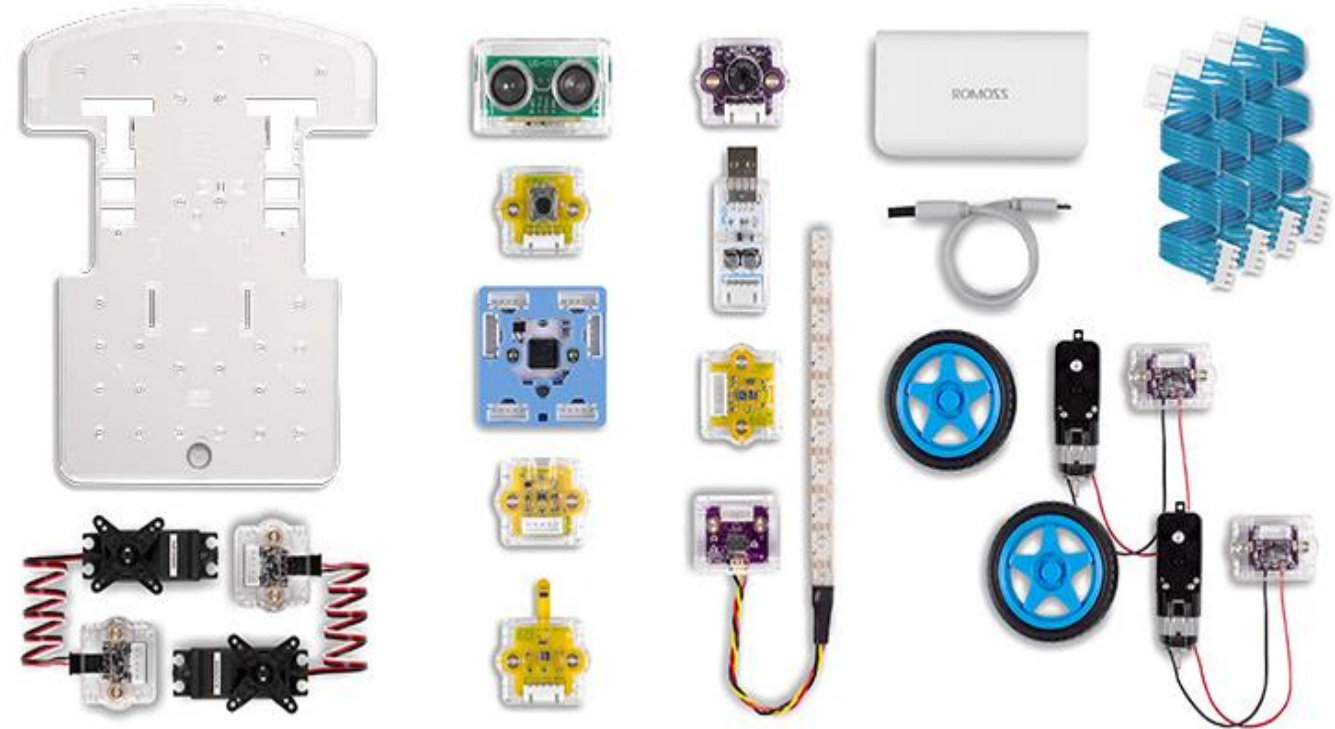
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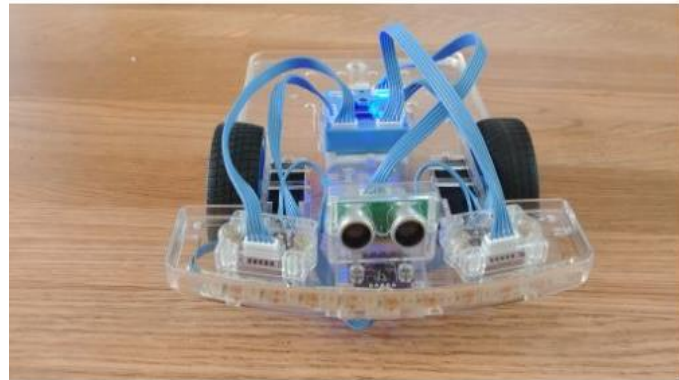
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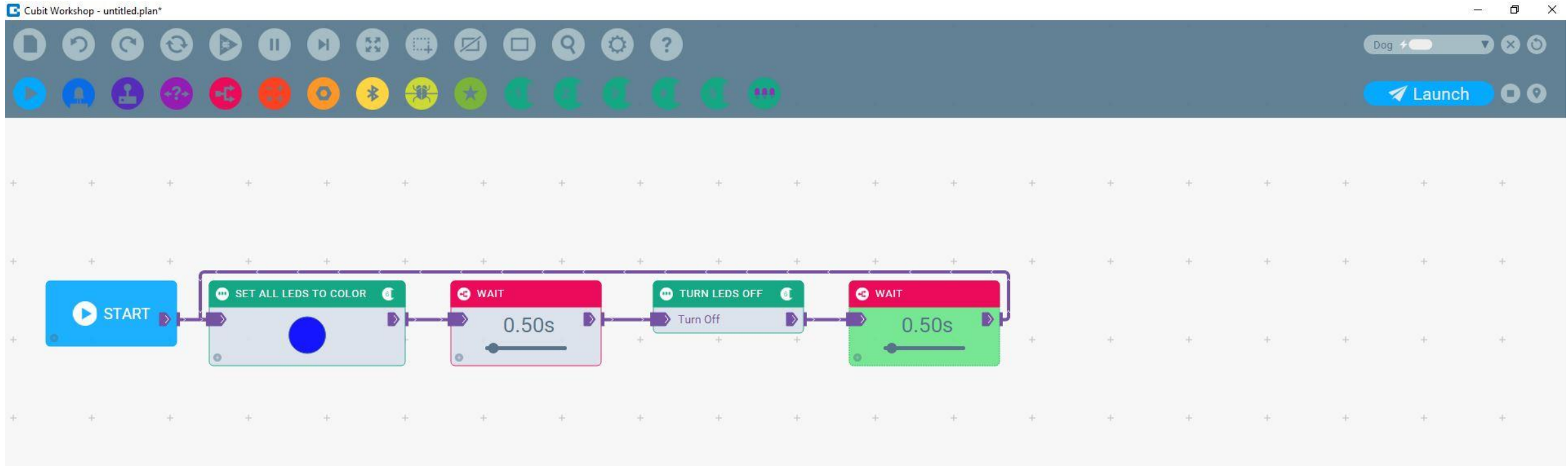
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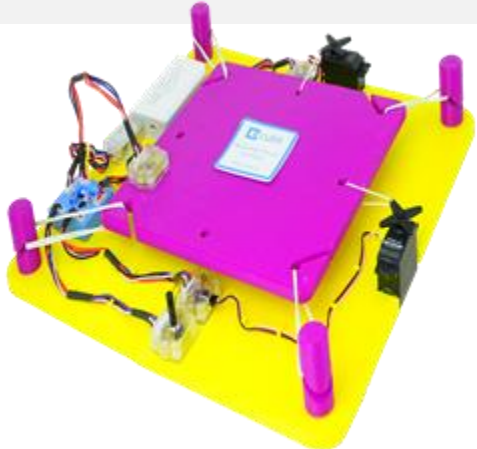
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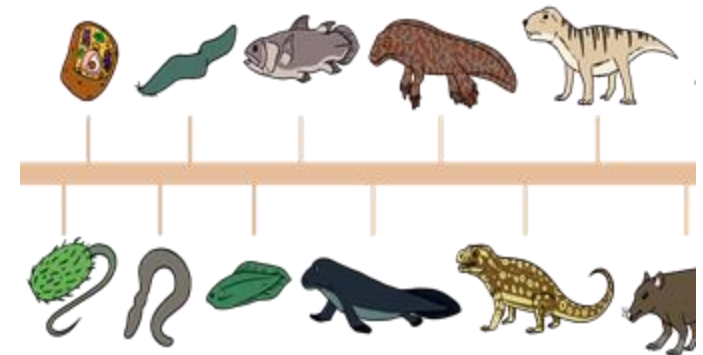
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Sustainable House

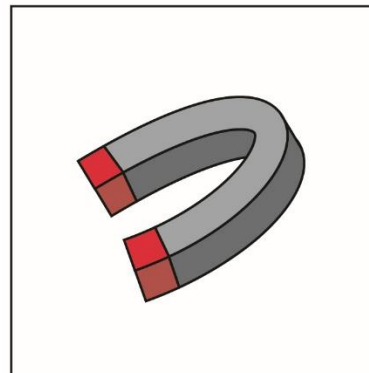
Build a sustainable house out of materials and track the temperature.



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Magnet Metal Detector

Test different items and find out if they have magnetic properties



Using the Cubits



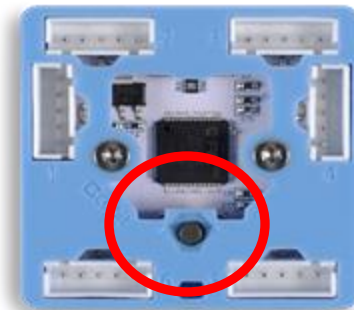
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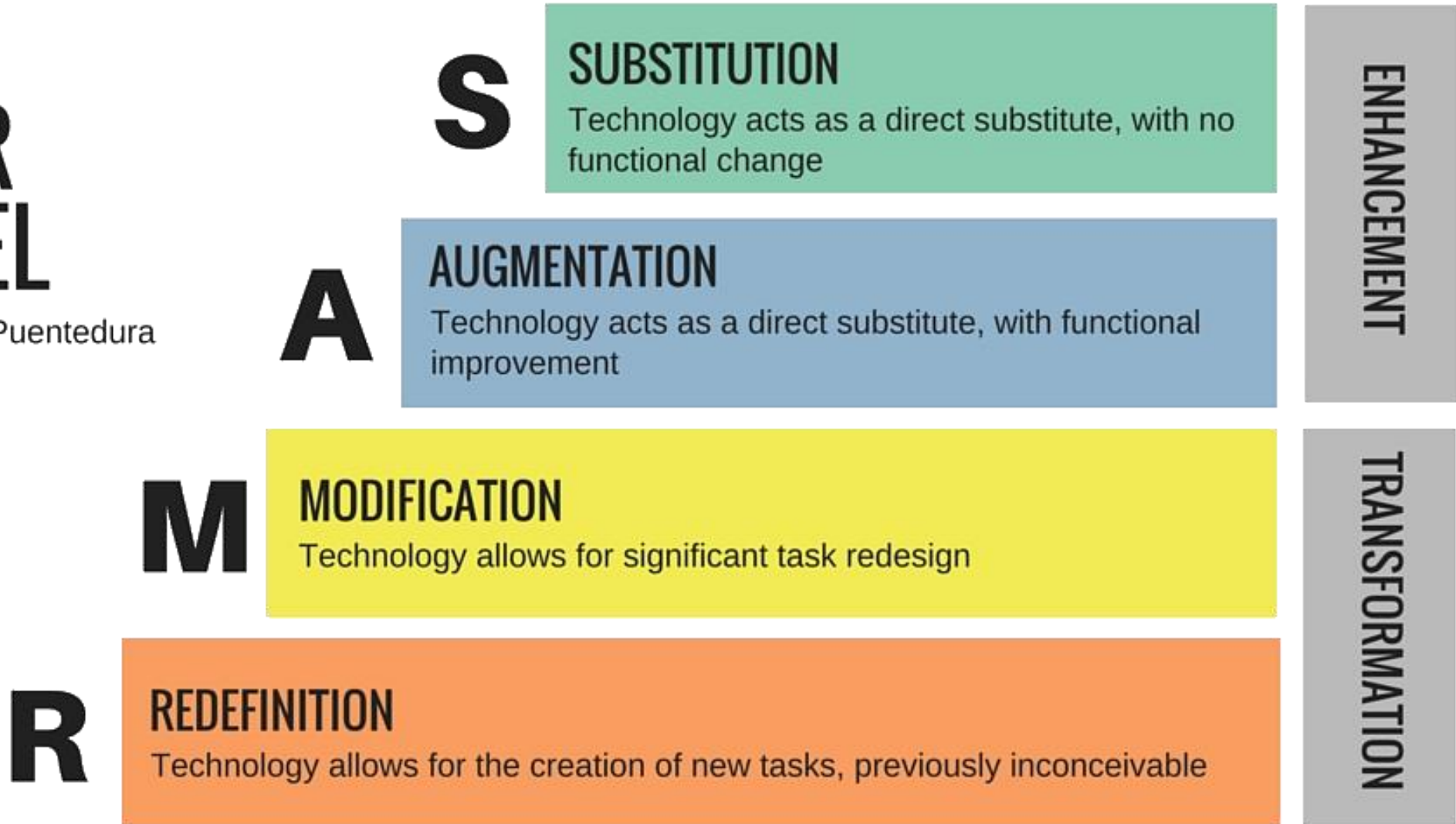
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THE SAMR MODEL

Dr. Ruben R. Puentedura



SAMR Model



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SUBSTITUTION

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Substitution - Technology acts as a direct tool substitute for traditional practices, with no functional change could be time saving and resource friendly

- Digital textbook - online quizzes - digital whiteboard - word/docs

SAMR Model



A

AUGMENTATION

Technology acts as a direct substitute, with functional improvement

Augmentation - Some functional improvement

- Multimedia elements images, videos layout skills in presentations, online instruction, online independent research eg Gapminder

SAMR Model



Modification - Co-authorship and collaboration intended - less teacher direction

- Podcasts, blogs, website authorship ie google sites

M

MODIFICATION

Technology allows for significant task redesign

SAMR Model



Redefinition - student centered, self directed learning, real-world authentic problem solving. Students display high levels of technology skills

- Extensive multimodal elements in presentations
- Potential world wide audiences

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REDEFINITION

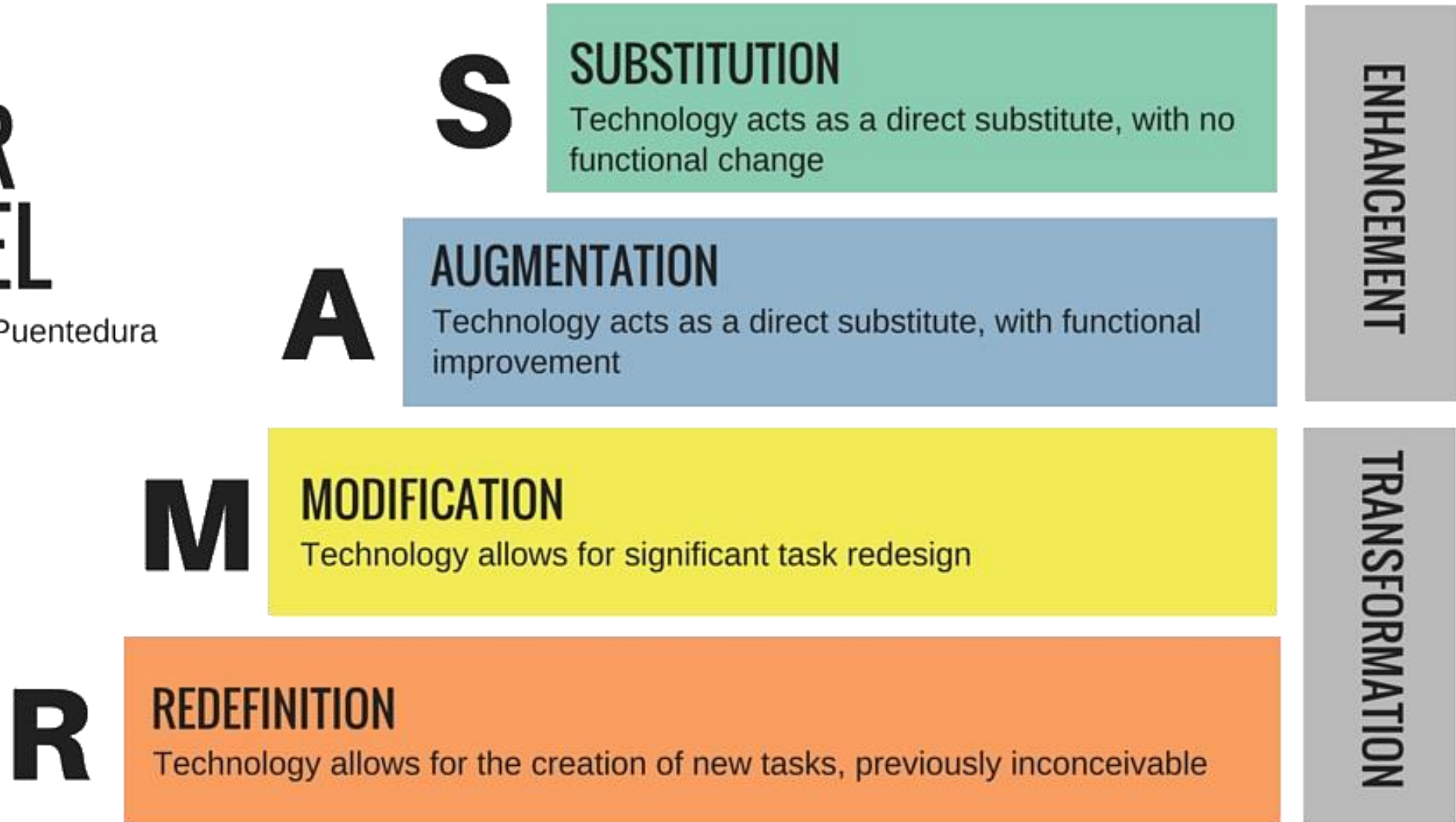
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What do you need to move onto the next level? How can ACS support that growth?

Evaluating Technology



PEDAGOGY



Does the content accommodate for individual differences?

CURRICULUM



Can the technology be used within another subject area of the curriculum?

ASSESSMENT & FEEDBACK



When the learner is incorrect, does the technology give instant feedback?

INTERFACE & DESIGN



Can content such as music and animations be controlled by the user (turned off and on)?

USABILITY



Can students use the program independently after the first use?

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Access the Padlet with all the resources from today

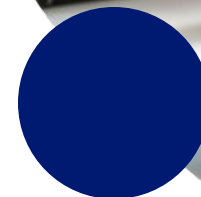
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Session 3

Planning Session



Agenda Session 3



01

Tech Play

Play with same tech available from ACS and consider the type of activities to complete in your STEM classes.

02

Planning

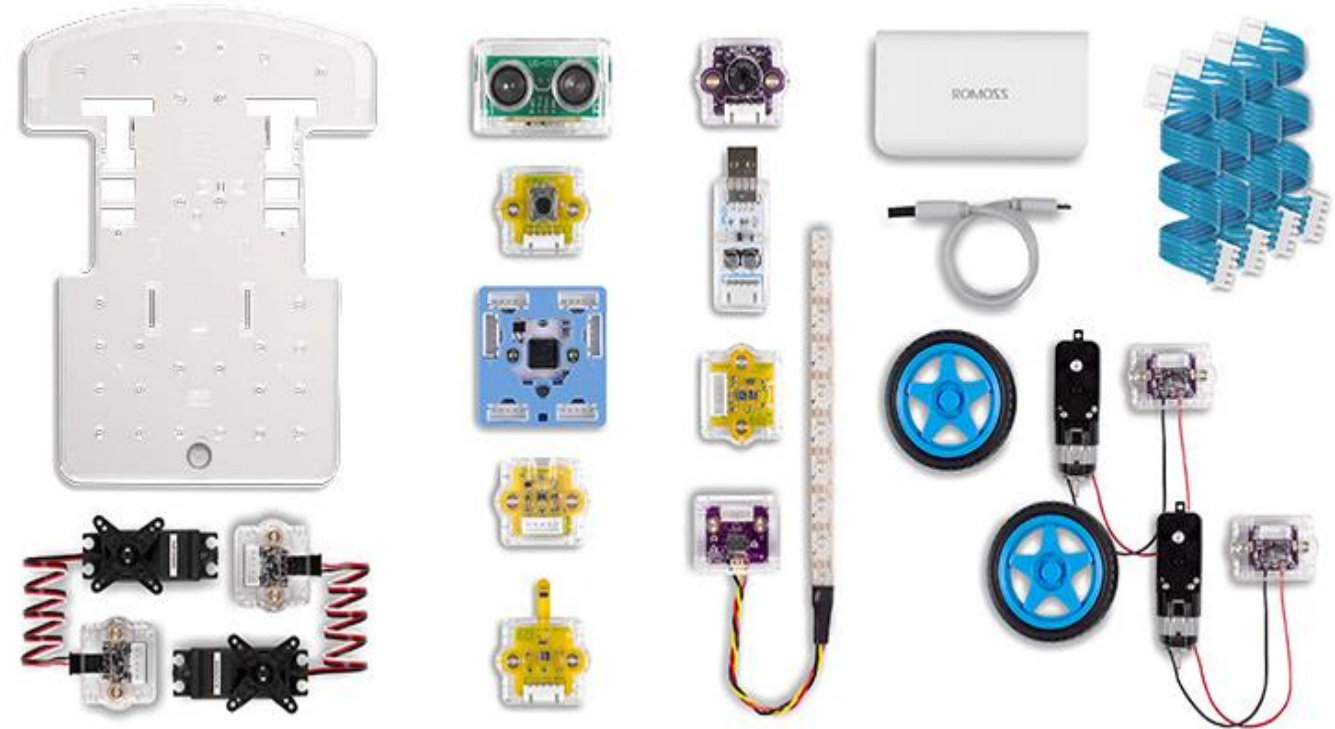
Showcase a scope and sequence and units of work. Then lets get planning and preparing for Term 3, Term 4 and beyond!

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newington/STEM](https://padlet.com/catherinenewington/STEM)

Implementation

ACS ICT Educators supports schools with
robotics

Integrating digital technology across the
curriculum through robotics and
authentic learning experiences



Implementation

Cubit's approach to STEAM Education emphasizes the integration of the various fields and an unconstrained problem-solving approach through design challenges in our curriculum themed around solving real-world problems.

<https://cubit.cc/>



Cubit Curriculum

[Downloads](#) [Resources](#) [Support](#)

INTRODUCTORY FILES

Nothing here yet. Check back soon!

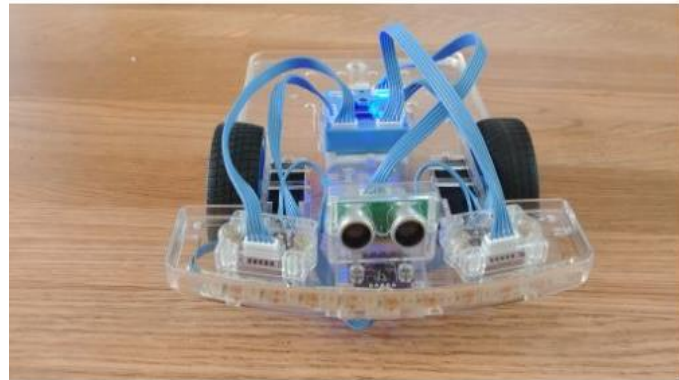
MASTERY FILES



Designing High-Tech
Transportation Systems
- Teachers Guide



Cubit-Racer-Vehicle-
Technologies



Designing High-Tech Transportation Systems

Students will build and program the Cubit Racer, a robotic car they will program to run races, navigate mazes, drive autonomously, and more. Through these activities, they will practice and explore the science and mathematics of motion. Once students are familiar with basic Racer programming, they will use their Racer to explore math concepts such as calculating speed in a race and measuring angles of triangular driving tracks. They will use artistic and design thinking skills to create a car body shell to protect the robotic components.

3+ Hours

Middle School

Science Technology Engineering Art Math

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CUBIT WORKSHOP FILES (.PLAN)



Racer Drive Forward



Racer Drive Stop Blink
Light



Racer Forward Then Stop



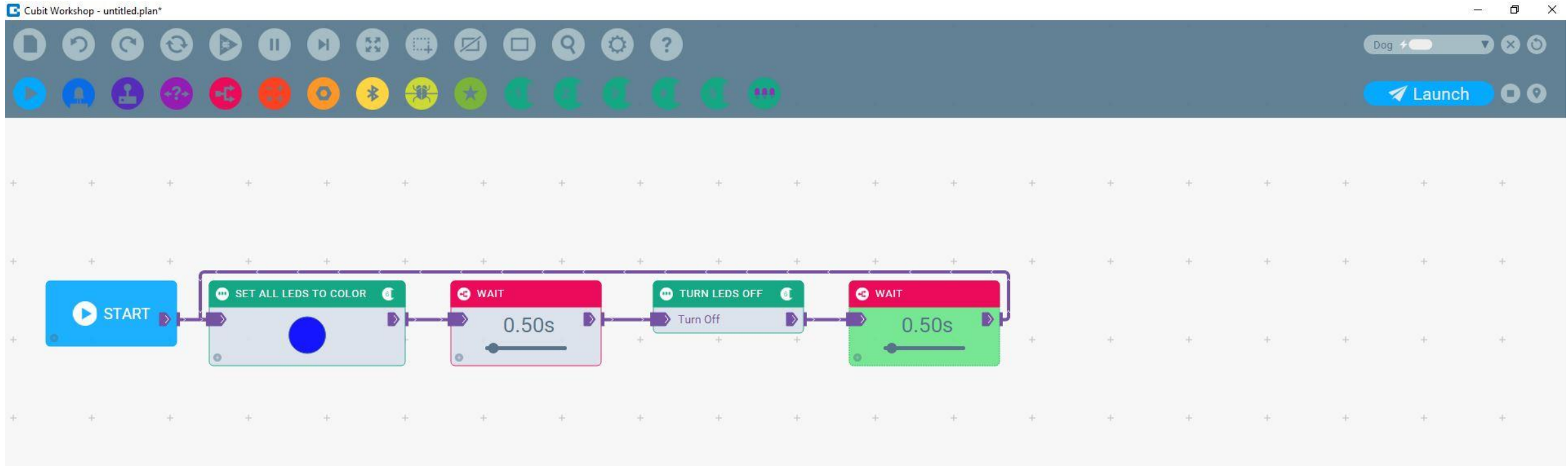
Self-Stopping Racer



Self-Turning Racer

Cubit Workshop

Cubit Workshop - untitled.plan*



The screenshot displays the Cubit Workshop software interface. At the top, there is a toolbar with various icons for file operations, execution, and debugging. Below the toolbar is a grid workspace where a sequence of programming blocks is arranged:

- START**: A blue block with a play button icon.
- SET ALL LEDS TO COLOR**: A green block with a blue circle icon.
- WAIT**: A red block with a slider set to 0.50s.
- TURN LEDS OFF**: A green block with a 'Turn Off' label.
- WAIT**: A red block with a slider set to 0.50s.

The blocks are connected in a linear sequence, with a loop arrow at the end of the second 'WAIT' block pointing back to the 'SET ALL LEDS TO COLOR' block. On the right side of the interface, there is a 'Dog' status indicator and a 'Launch' button.

Cubit Units



- Exploring Energy
- Metal Detector
- Robotics for Unstable Environments
- Sustainability in Structural Design
- Medical Technologies
- Manufacturing Technologies
- Utilizing Environmental Data to Improve Design
- Matter Tester
- Designing High-Tech Transportation Systems
- Sending Messages with Cubit
- Exploring Sound

- Weather Station
- Simulating Earthquakes
- Mystery Motion Box
- Monitoring Plant Growth
- Life Cycle Model
- Erosion Prevention
- Environmental Engineering
- Butterfly Wing Defences
- Roller Coasters
- Water Quality Tester
- Flying Pollinators
- Photo-therapy Device



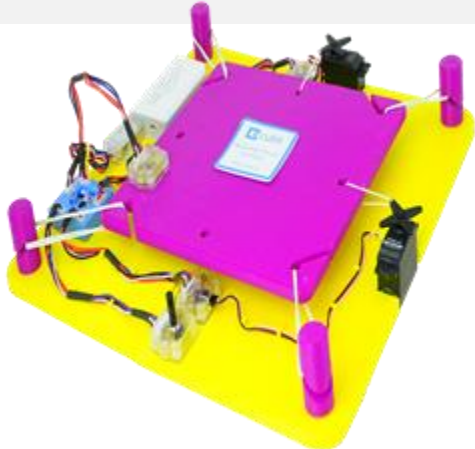
Hands on Robotic Activities



1

Simulating Earthquakes

Build a prototype structure that will be tested on an earthquake simulating table.



2

Exploring Sound

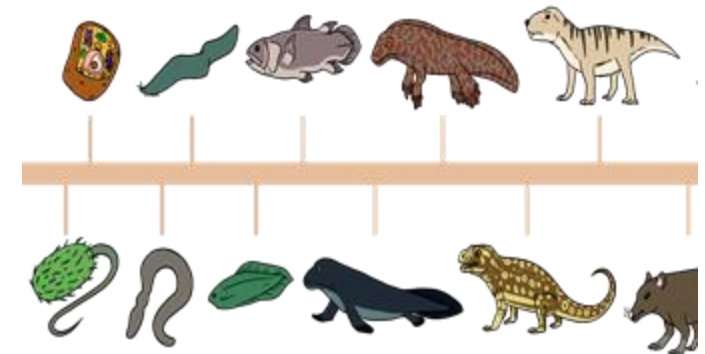
Explore how sound can change (amplified and muffled using different materials)



3

Survival of the Fittest

Create new habitat for a species of caterpillar (represented by the LED strip). Find out the survival rate



Hands on Robotic Activities



4

Sustainable House

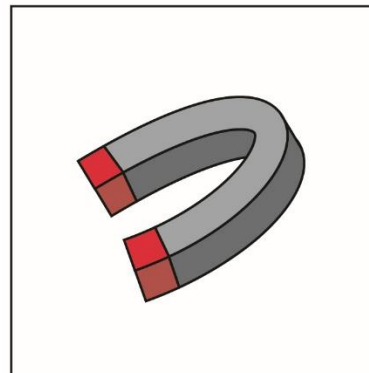
Build a sustainable house out of materials and track the temperature.



5

Magnet Metal Detector

Test different items and find out if they have magnetic properties



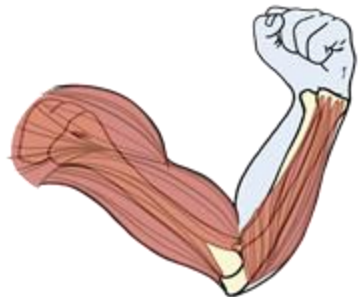
Hands on Robotic Activities



6

Bionic Joint

Design a bionic joint using the Cubit robotic DC motor and dial to create movement. Make it look good!



7

Perfect Plants

Measuring the light and temperature around the school. Based on the data you collected – where the best place to plant your basil.



Using the Cubits



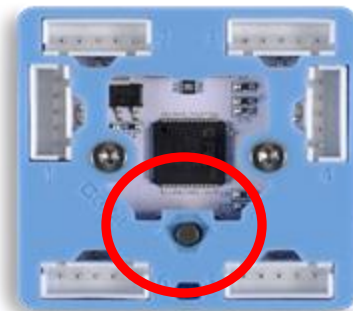
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Plug the USB
into the
battery



2

Wait for blue lights to
turn on. Press the grey
circular button to
launch the code



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Play and Reflect



Can this activity be integrated into one of your terms? Into a term of another year level?

How can the activity be aligned to another year level?

What challenges could you face with a task like this at school?

How can you incorporate other areas of the Digital Technologies Curriculum through growing the activity?



Could you use the same activity with robotics you already have available at your school?

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Resource Structure



14 days ago

2 items

Year 5 to Year 6

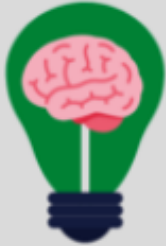


5-6 Teaching Resources

14 days ago

25 items

Understand curriculum concepts




Teacher and Student Resources

14 days ago

11 items

Teach the curriculum



Lessons and Units of Work

PERIPHERAL DEVICES

Levels 3-4

Information

For a digital system to function and perform certain tasks, it needs devices that will input and output data. Devices that will input the data into the computer (to store and manipulate the data) and devices that will output the data (to view the data). Peripheral devices are digital devices that are the extra 'add ons' to a computer. These can take the form of:

- Mouse
- Printer
- Scanner
- Webcam
- Monitor or interactive white board
- Speakers
- Microphone

These devices can be connected to a computer via a cord that will be directly plugged or wirelessly through WIFI or Bluetooth. Devices can also be added into a hard drive such as extra memory or a graphics card. Peripheral devices are categorised as:

Input devices	Output devices	Storage devices
Puts data into the computer such as a mouse to click, a keyboard to write information.	Takes data from the hard drive such as a monitor allows you to view information, speakers allow you to hear sound, printer printers out information.	Holds the data such as hard drives that allows you to save information from the hard drive.

Curriculum Expectation

Students will investigate and explore how peripheral devices are used to help perform a task (printer to print out a hard copy, a monitor to watch a video) for a purpose and the type of data that is transmitted between the devices.

Video Resource

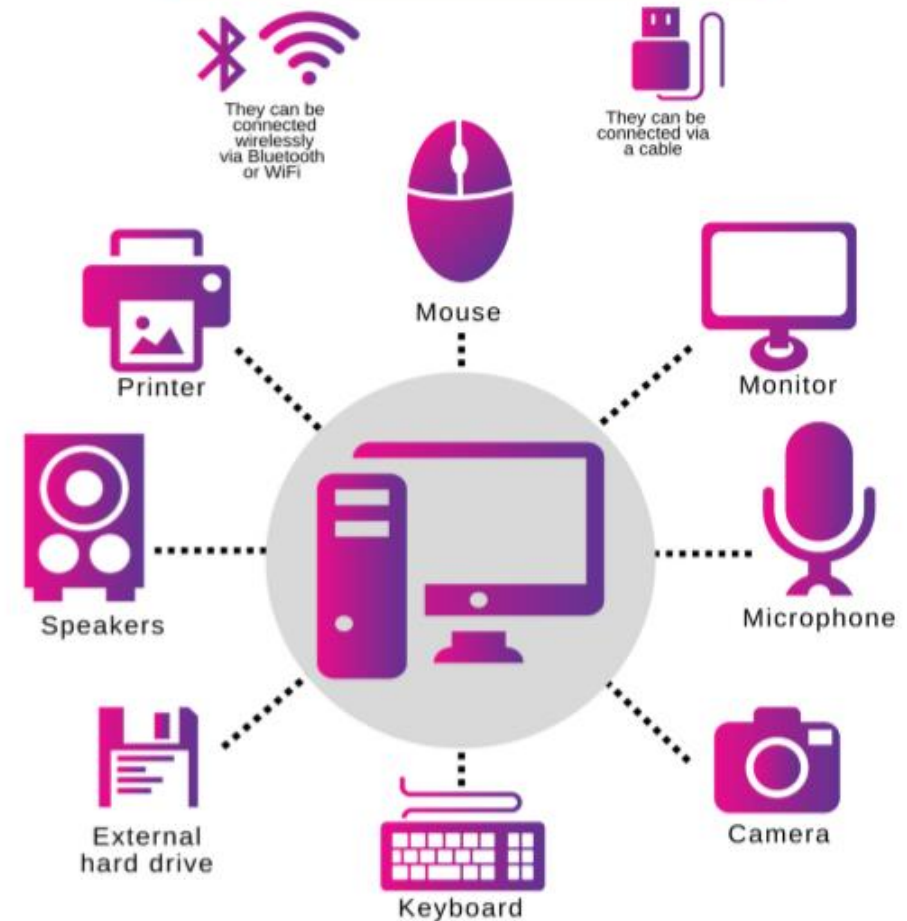
Click the image to open the video

This video identifies and further explains the role of common peripheral devices.



Video Source: study.com

PERIPHERAL DEVICES



Devices can be categorised as:

Inputs

Data that goes into the hard drive, like a pressing a key on a keyboard.

Outputs

Data that comes out of the hard drive, like information displayed on a monitor.

Storage

Data that is stored from the hard drive.

Teaching the Curriculum



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