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Young Children in Digital Society: Connections to the *Australian Curriculum V9.0* (Lower Primary)



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About this document

In this document, resources from the *Young Children in Digital Society* website (www.youngchildrendigitalsociety.com.au) are mapped to learning areas and general capabilities described in the Australian Curriculum (V9.0) for the lower primary years – Foundation (Prep) to Year 2 (Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority, 2024). Related resources developed by the eSafety Commissioner have also been included.

Young Children in Digital Society is a project bringing together leading national organisations and researchers to help educators and services support children and their families to use digital technologies. The project is based on the Early Childhood Australia (ECA, 2018) Statement on Young Children and Digital Technologies which describes technology use in the best interests of children as occurring in digital contexts via four main areas of importance:

- 1. **Relationships:** Young children in digital contexts interact, engage, access, and learn how to use digital technologies in relationship with other people.
- 2. **Health and Wellbeing:** Young children interact, engage with, and experience digital technologies in contexts that can have implications for their physical activity, posture, vision, sleep and emotions.
- 3. **Citizenship:** Young children are active participants in their communities where digital rights, privacy, and online safety provide a foundation for their citizenship in digital contexts.
- 4. **Play and Pedagogy:** Young children use a range of working and non-working digital devices for exploration, meaning-making, collaboration, and problem solving in digital contexts.

In the Australian Curriculum, learning areas and general capabilities for the lower primary years are specifically designed to equip 5- to 8-year-old children with the essential knowledge, skills, behaviours, and dispositions they require to thrive in the world in which they live. These learning areas and general capabilities build on the five key learning outcomes described in Belonging, Being, and Becoming: The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia (Australian Government Department of Education, 2022). This document has thus been compiled to assist lower primary teachers to utilise *Young Children in Digital Society* resources in ways that align with learning areas and general capabilities that directly and indirectly relate to the four ECA digital contexts described above. Information in this document was prepared by experienced lower primary teachers and researchers.

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Section 1: Foundation (Prep)

1.1 Learning Area: Digital Technologies

1.1.1 Knowledge and Understanding: Digital Systems

Content Description	Monned regarrance from the
Content Description	Mapped resources from the
	Young Children in Digital Society website
AC9TDIFK01	Relationships:
Students learn to recognise	Play in a digital world: Ideas and tips
and explore digital systems (hardware and software) for	• Using screen time and digital technology for learning: Children and pre-teens
a purpose.	Supporting peer learning with technology
	Health and Wellbeing:
	Staying active in the digital playground
	Citizenship:
	• What is the internet?
	The wooden internet
	Play-based learning with a wooden internet
	Playing IT Safe – What is the Internet? and Connected Home Corner resources
	Play and Pedagogy:
	 Using apps and websites to support children's interests and skills
	 Everyday learning to build young children's digital technology skills
	Technologies used in play
	Tinkering with unplugged technology
	Tinker play with unplugged tech

Related resources from the eSafety Commissioner

Kiya's Excellent e-Birthday!

This special ABC Kids Play School episode is about online safety for young children. Key eSafety messages are woven throughout and educator notes provide further information on how this episode can be used with children for learning experiences about online safety.

1.1.2 Processes and Productions Skills: Privacy and Security

Content Description	Mapped resources from the Young Children in Digital Society website
AC9TDIFP01 Students learn to identify some data that is personal and owned by them.	 Citizenship: eSafety Lower Primary Professional Learning Modules eSafety Mighty Heroes video series Playing IT Safe – <i>Passwords</i> resource

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1.2 Learning Area: Health and Physical Education

1.2.1 Personal, social and community health: Interacting with others

Content Description	Mapped resources from the Young Children in Digital Society website
AC9HPFP02 Students learn to practise personal and social skills to interact respectfully with others.	Relationships: Using technology to build relationships and social skills Supporting children's relationships with technologies Citizenship: Healthy social media use Playing IT Safe – How do I feel? resource Play and Pedagogy: Developing a culture of consent

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1.2.2 Personal, social and community health: Making healthy and safe choices

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AC9HPFP05 Students learn to demonstrate protective behaviours, name body parts and rehearse helpseeking strategies that help keep them safe.	Citizenship:

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Ask for help - a Mighty Heroes resource

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Spotlight on cyberbullying

This spotlight on cyberbullying includes links to a range of resources across the eSafety website and includes downloadable material created to help school communities prevent and respond to cyberbullying.

1.2.3 Movement and physical activity: Moving our bodies

Content Description	Mapped resources from the
	Young Children in Digital Society website
AC9HPFM02	Health and Wellbeing:
Students learn to experiment	Get moving with Humpty's Big Adventure
with different ways of moving	
their body safely and	Play and Pedagogy:
manipulating objects and space.	Tinkering with unplugged technology
	Tinker play with unplugged tech

1.2.4 Movement and physical activity: Making active choices

Content Description	Mapped resources from the
	Young Children in Digital Society website
AC9HPFM03	Health and Wellbeing:
Students learn to participate in a	Staying active in the digital playground
range of activities in natural and	Screen time doesn't have to be sedentary
outdoor settings and explore the	Four ways to use technology to help kids be active
benefits of being physically	How can technology help get kids moving?
active.	

1.3 General Capability: Digital Literacy

1.3.1 Manage online safety

Skill	Mapped resources from the Young Children in Digital Society website
Students use online tools that are safe or only under direct supervision, seeking help from trusted adults when feeling unsafe.	 Citizenship: eSafety Mighty Heroes video series eSafety Lower Primary Professional Learning Modules Cyberbullying Jack Changes the Game Swoosh, Glide, and Rule Number 5 Storytelling for a connected childhood Healthy social media use

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Spotlight on cyberbullying

1.3.2 Manage digital privacy and identity

Skill	Mapped resources from the Young Children in Digital Society website
Students recognise their personal data and that data (including text, images, and video) can be seen by others when shared online.	 Citizenship: eSafety Mighty Heroes video series eSafety Lower Primary Professional Learning Modules Playing IT Safe – <i>Passwords</i> resource

Related resources from the eSafety Commissioner

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1.3.3 Manage digital wellbeing

Skill	Mapped resources from the
	Young Children in Digital Society website
Students follow adult directions for the use of digital tools at school and home.	 Citizenship: Jack Changes the Game Swoosh, Glide, and Rule Number 5 Storytelling for a connected childhood

Related resources from the eSafety Commissioner

How our class stays safe online - a Mighty Heroes resource

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Family tech agreements

This resource can be recommended to parents/carers to help them develop a family tech agreement that suits the age and needs of their child(ren). A family tech agreement is a set of rules about how devices, like smartphones, tablets, computers, TVs and gaming consoles are used in the home.

1.4 General Capability: Ethical Understanding

1.4.1 Examine values, rights and responsibilities and ethical norms

Skill	Mapped resources from the Young Children in Digital Society website
Students identify examples of values, rights and responsibilities	 Citizenship: eSafety Mighty Heroes video series eSafety Lower Primary Professional Learning Modules Cyberbullying Healthy social media use Playing IT Safe – How do I feel? resource Play and Pedagogy: Developing a culture of consent

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Spotlight on cyberbullying

1.5 General Capability: Personal and Social Capability

1.5.1 Self-awareness: Emotional awareness

Skill	Mapped resources from the Young Children in Digital Society website
Children identify their own emotional responses.	 Citizenship: Jack Changes the Game Swoosh, Glide, and Rule Number 5 Storytelling for a connected childhood eSafety Mighty Heroes video series Playing IT Safe – How do I feel? Resource

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1.5.2 Social awareness: Relational awareness

Skill	Mapped resources from the Young Children in Digital Society website
Children demonstrate an awareness of how shared interests and behaviours help build relationships.	 Relationships: Using technology to build relationships and social skills Supporting children's relationships with technologies Supporting peer learning with technology
	Citizenship: • Healthy social media use • Cyberbullying

Related resources from the eSafety Commissioner

Toolkit for schools: Prepare

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Spotlight on cyberbullying

1.6 General Capability: Critical and Creative Thinking

1.6.1 Create possibilities

Skill	Mapped resources from the
	Young Children in Digital Society website
Children use imagination to	Relationships:
create possibilities by exploring and connecting ideas in ways	Play in a digital world: Ideas and tips
that are new to them.	Citizenship:
	The wooden internet
	Play-based learning with a wooden internet
	Play and Pedagogy:
	 Using apps and websites to support children's interests and skills
	Tinkering with unplugged technology
	Tinker play with unplugged tech
	Media as a portal to play
	What to do with children's media interests
	 Unpacking imagination in action with Bluey
	 Technologies used in play
	When the dinosaurs came to kindy

Section 2: Years 1 and 2

2.1 Learning Area: Digital Technologies

2.1.1 Knowledge and Understanding: Digital Systems

Content Description	Mapped resources from the
•	Young Children in Digital Society website
AC9TDI2K01	Relationships:
Students learn to identify and	 Play in a digital world: Ideas and tips
explore digital systems and their	 Using screen time and digital technology for learning:
components for a purpose.	Children and pre-teens
	Supporting peer learning with technology
	Health and Wellbeing:
	Staying active in the digital playground
	Citizenship:
	What is the internet?
	The wooden internet
	Play-based learning with a wooden internet
	Play and Pedagogy:
	 Using apps and websites to support children's interests and
	skills
	 Everyday learning to build young children's digital
	technology skills
	Technologies used in play
	Tinkering with unplugged technology
	Tinker play with unplugged tech

Related resources from the eSafety Commissioner

Questions we have about the internet - a Mighty Heroes resource

This classroom activity is designed to help students understand that the internet is a digital network that connects people all over the world. This means it is important to be safe when you go online.

2.1.2 Processes and Productions Skills: Collaborating and Managing

Content Description	Mapped resources from the Young Children in Digital Society website
AC9TDI2P04	Relationships:
Students learn to use the basic features of common digital tools	Play in a digital world: Ideas and tips
to create, locate and communicate	Play and Pedagogy:
content.	 Using apps and websites to support children's interests and skills
AC9TDI2P05	Citizenship:
Students learn to use the basic features of common digital tools	Healthy social media use
to share content and collaborate	Play and Pedagogy:
demonstrating agreed behaviours, guided by trusted adults.	Developing a culture of consent

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Guidelines for setting up a gaming club

These guidelines are designed to help schools set up and facilitate organised gaming activities for students. This resource can be used alongside school or sector standards or policies, to ensure planned activities are safe and meet expectations.

2.1.3 Processes and Productions Skills: Privacy and Security

Content Description	Mapped resources from the Young Children in Digital Society website
AC9TDI2P07 Students learn to discuss that some websites and apps store their personal data online	 Citizenship: eSafety Lower Primary Professional Learning Modules eSafety Mighty Heroes video series

Related resources from the eSafety Commissioner

Under lock and key - a Mighty Heroes resource

This classroom activity is designed to help students understand the concept of personal information and why it's important to protect personal information that identifies you.

2.2 Learning Area: Health and Physical Education

2.2.1 Personal, social and community health: Interacting with others

Content Description	Mapped resources from the Young Children in Digital Society website
AC9HP2P02 Students learn to identify and explore skills and strategies to develop respectful relationships.	Relationships: Using technology to build relationships and social skills Supporting children's relationships with technologies Citizenship: Healthy social media use Play and Pedagogy: Developing a culture of consent
AC9HP2P04 Students learn to practise strategies they can use when they need to seek, give or deny permission respectfully	Play and Pedagogy: • Developing a culture of consent

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Spotlight on cyberbullying

2.2.2 Personal, social and community health: Making healthy and safe choices

Content Description	Mapped resources from the Young Children in Digital Society website
AC9HP2P05 Students learn to identify and demonstrate protective behaviours and help-seeking strategies they can use to help them and others stay safe.	 Citizenship: Cyberbullying eSafety Lower Primary Professional Learning Modules Healthy social media use eSafety Mighty Heroes video series Jack Changes the Game Swoosh, Glide, and Rule Number 5 Storytelling for a connected childhood

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Investigating the truth - a Mighty Heroes resource

This classroom activity is designed to help students recognise that not everything they see or hear online is true. It aims to help students to develop questioning skills to identify when something is fake or trying to trick or scam them.

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2.2.3 Movement and physical activity: Moving our bodies

Content Description	Mapped resources from the
	Young Children in Digital Society website
AC9HP2M02	
Students learn to investigate	Health and Wellbeing:
different ways of moving their	Get moving with Humpty's Big Adventure
body, and manipulating objects	
and space, and draw conclusions	Play and Pedagogy:
about their effectiveness.	Tinkering with unplugged technology
	Tinker play with unplugged tech
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2.2.4 Movement and physical activity: Making active choices

Content Description	Mapped resources from the Young Children in Digital Society website
AC9HP2M03 Students learn to participate in a range of physical activities in natural and outdoor settings, and investigate factors and settings that make physical activity enjoyable.	 Health and Wellbeing: Staying active in the digital playground Screen time doesn't have to be sedentary Four ways to use technology to help kids be active How can technology help get kids moving?

2.3 General Capability: Digital Literacy

2.3.1 Manage online safety

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Spotlight on cyberbullying

2.3.2 Manage digital privacy and identity

Skill	Mapped resources from the Young Children in Digital Society website
Students recognise that online tools (website and apps) store their personal data, which may give an impression of them.	 Citizenship: eSafety Mighty Heroes video series eSafety Lower Primary Professional Learning Modules

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2.3.3 Manage digital wellbeing

Skill	Mapped resources from the
	Young Children in Digital Society website
Students follow agreed rules for the healthy use of digital tools and apply them at school and home.	 Citizenship: Jack Changes the Game Swoosh, Glide, and Rule Number 5 Storytelling for a connected childhood

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2.4 General Capability: Ethical Understanding

2.4.1 Examine values, rights and responsibilities and ethical norms

Skill	Mapped resources from the
Identify values, rights and responsibilities and shared expectations, and explain why they are important	 Young Children in Digital Society website Citizenship: eSafety Mighty Heroes video series eSafety Lower Primary Professional Learning Modules Cyberbullying Healthy social media use
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2.5 General Capability: Personal and Social Capability

2.5.1 Self-awareness: Emotional awareness

Skill	Mapped resources from the Young Children in Digital Society website
Children describe the emotional responses of themselves and others.	 Citizenship: Jack Changes the Game Swoosh, Glide, and Rule Number 5 Storytelling for a connected childhood eSafety Mighty Heroes video series

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2.5.2 Social awareness: Relational awareness

Skill	Mapped resources from the Young Children in Digital Society website
Children describe ways they can initiate and develop relationships, including identifying how others may feel in a range of contexts.	Relationships: Using technology to build relationships and social skills Supporting children's relationships with technologies Supporting peer learning with technology Citizenship: Healthy social media use Cyberbullying

Social awareness: Relational awareness (continued)

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2.6 General Capability: Critical and Creative Thinking

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	 Play and Pedagogy: Using apps and websites to support children's interests and skills Tinkering with unplugged technology Tinker play with unplugged tech Media as a portal to play What to do with children's media interests Unpacking imagination in action with Bluey Technologies used in play When the dinosaurs came to kindy