

## Computer Coding

This may sound complicated but there are lots of free websites out there for children to help them understand how coding works. One of our favourites is [Scratch](#). Children can program their own interactive stories, games and animations, whilst learning a bunch of key skills along the way.

If you're interested in practical computing and want to get your children doing something a bit more hands-on, you can't go far wrong ordering a [BBC micro:bit](#). These cheap, compact, programmable devices include LED lights, buttons and sensors, all of which can be programmed with Scratch, or via the micro:bit online programming app. The website has loads of brilliant programming projects for children, too.

**Practical tip:** The main Scratch site is designed for children aged between 8 and 16 but there is also an easier version called [ScratchJr](#) for children between the ages of 5 and 7.

