

<p><b>Timing</b></p> <p>The pace of the investigations can vary according to the group of learners so plan for 4 sessions of approximately 1 hour <b>OR</b> 8 sessions of 45 minutes</p>	<p>This block is based on the <a href="#">materials produced by Institute of Education, UCL</a>. A group of Somerset schools were part of this project and identified benefits to learners in terms of computational and mathematical understanding and confidence</p> <p><b>The block is based on module 3 of the materials. Module 1 has been incorporated into planning for year 4. Module 2 is available as a stand-alone module if you would like to use Scratch explore different drawing algorithms.</b></p> <p><b>Children will</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore projects with multiple sprites and define scripts to run their individual behaviours (Investigation 1)</li> <li>• Use multiple costumes to animate a sprite (Investigation 1)</li> <li>• Explore conditions to control the flow of a sprite’s behaviour (Investigation 2)</li> <li>• Discover how to sense the current situation of a particular sprite (Investigation 2)</li> <li>• Explore the concept of broadcasting messages between sprites (Investigation 3)</li> <li>• Plan out and implement a story using all their knowledge gained in Module 3 (Investigation 4)</li> </ul>
<p><b>e-safety links</b> </p> <p>I can talk about the dangers of spending too long online or playing a game</p>	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <p><b>Programming</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can use a variable to increase programming possibilities.</li> <li>• I can use ‘if’ and ‘then’ commands to select an action.</li> <li>• I can decompose a problem into smaller parts to design an algorithm for a specific outcome and use this to write a program.</li> <li>• I can use logical reasoning to detect and debug mistakes in a program.</li> <li>• I can change an input to a program to achieve a different output.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Links to other learning</b></p> <p><b>Maths:</b> Geometry – position and direction, factors of numbers, negative numbers in context  <b>English:</b> Poetry and storytelling  <b>Art and Design:</b> Animation</p>	

## Resources

All resources for this block come from:

[ScratchMaths Module 3](#)

[Download materials here](#)

## Preparation

- Download materials for [ScratchMaths Module 3 – Interacting sprites](#) (*All resources for this block are contained within this download*).
  - Teacher notes
  - Classroom presentations
  - Starter project (save as read only file and guide children to rename when they open them to use)
  - (You may also find the printable posters useful)
- The starter project 3-Multiple Sprites is used throughout the module. Each investigation starts with a starter project that includes all the scripts from the previous investigation(s).
- For confident programmers, you may want to copy pages of the teacher script to enable them to work at a faster pace.
- Print Activity 3.2.4 Unplugged True or False page 28 of [teacher notes](#).
- Print and cut up one copy of the cards on pages 31 – 33 of [teacher notes](#).
- Print out unplugged handout Reading scripts activity 3.4.1 pages 42 - 44

	Expectations	Activity	Success Criteria
1	<p><b>Programming</b></p> <p>I can use logical reasoning to detect and debug mistakes in a program.</p> <p>I can change an input to a program to achieve a different output.</p>	<p><b>Module 3: Investigation 1 Animating Sprites</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use Scratch starter project <b>3-Multiple Sprites</b></li> <li>• Work through investigation 1 as per the <a href="#">teacher notes</a> (pages 5 – 16) using <b>Investigation 1 presentation.</b></li> <li>• Encourage children to explore blocks individually before using them in a script (direct drive)</li> <li>• Take time to discuss alternative solutions to problems</li> </ul>	<p><b>Gold: Can I create and explain different behaviours for different sprites?</b></p> <p>Silver: Can I control different sprites to show different behaviours at the same time?</p> <p><b>Bronze: Can make different sprites do different things?</b></p>
2	<p><b>Programming</b></p> <p>I can use 'if' and 'then' commands to select an action.</p> <p>I can change an input to a program to achieve a different output.</p>	<p><b>Module 3: Investigation 2 Encountering Conditions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use Scratch starter project <b>3-Multiple Sprites2</b></li> <li>• Work through investigation 2 as per the <a href="#">teacher notes</a> (pages 17 – 28) using <b>Investigation 2 presentation.</b></li> <li>• Make sure children recognise the similarities and differences between repeat, forever and repeat until blocks.</li> <li>• Continue to encourage children to explore new blocks individually.</li> <li>• Encourage children to 'test' whether something is touching another object.</li> <li>• Support children to explain how a script runs if a certain condition is true. Test understanding with True or False handout on page 28 of <a href="#">teacher notes</a>.</li> <li>• Discuss the term random with the children for activity 3.2.2</li> <li>• Check children's understanding of a specified x or y value and whether something is more than a specified value.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Gold: Can I use conditions to control the behaviour of sprites and explain how to sense the current situation of a particular sprite?</b></p> <p>Silver: Can I make a sprite react to a certain condition?</p> <p><b>Bronze: Can I change the value of a variable?</b></p>

3	<p><b>Programming</b></p> <p>I can change an input to a program to achieve a different output.</p> <p>I can use logical reasoning to detect and debug mistakes in a program.</p>	<p><b>Module 3: Investigation 3 Broadcasting Messages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use Scratch starter project <b>3-Multiple Sprites3</b></li> <li>• Work through investigation 3 as per the <a href="#">teacher notes</a> (pages 29 – 39) using <b>Investigation 3 presentation</b>.</li> <li>• Use unplugged activity 3.3.1 to build understanding of the broadcast command – copies of the cards distributed around the class.</li> <li>• Remind children of how to define blocks to increase the efficiency of their program.</li> <li>• Make sure children recognise the difference between saying a message and broadcasting a message.</li> <li>• Encourage children to use logical reasons to spot and debug mistakes.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Gold:</b> Can I design a script for different sprites to react to the same message in parallel?</p> <p><b>Silver:</b> Can I explain how I can use the broadcast command to make something happen?</p> <p><b>Bronze:</b> Can use the broadcast command to make something happen?</p>
4	<p><b>Programming</b></p> <p>I can decompose a problem into smaller parts to design an algorithm for a specific outcome and use this to write a program.</p>	<p><b>Module 3: Investigation 4 Interactive Stories</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use Scratch starter project <b>3-Multiple Sprites4</b></li> <li>• Work through investigation 4 as per the <a href="#">teacher notes</a> (pages 40 – 28) using <b>Investigation 4 presentation</b>.</li> <li>• Use unplugged handout Reading scripts activity 3.4.1 pages 42 – 44 to assess children’s knowledge.</li> <li>• Split children into small groups to plan their story and the algorithm for their story.</li> <li>• Support children to build the interactions required for the different parts of their story.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Gold:</b> Can I plan and build a story by breaking it up into the different interactions required?</p> <p><b>Silver:</b> Can I plan a story and help to build the different interactions required?</p> <p><b>Bronze:</b> Can I tell you about the different parts of the story I have helped to build?</p>