

# Computers: Past and Future Knowledge Organiser



## What are we learning about computers past and future?

Since computers were invented over 100 years ago, they have changed dramatically from being the size of rooms to devices you can fit in your pocket. From being only capable of selecting simple numbers or making simple calculations to allowing people to work and communicate all over the world. Understanding important milestones in the history of computers helps us understand how computers work better today. It also helps us predict how computers will change and develop in the future.

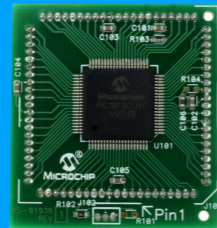
### Key knowledge

1. Show awareness of how computers and digital technology helps us today.
2. Understand how technology has changed over time and represent it as an interactive timeline.
3. Understand the impact (positive/negative) technological changes have on society.
4. Predict how technology will change in the future.

## Important milestones in the history of computers

Binary Number	1	0	1	1	0	1	Decimal Number
Power of base	2 <sup>5</sup>	2 <sup>4</sup>	2 <sup>3</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>0</sup>	
Decimal equivalent	32	16	8	4	2	1	
Magnitude of each term	32	0	8	4	0	1	45

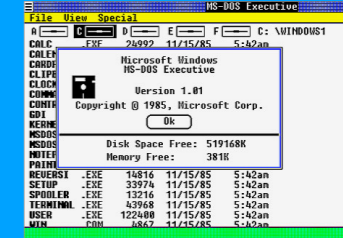
**1679**  
Binary system invented



**1959**  
The Microchip was invented

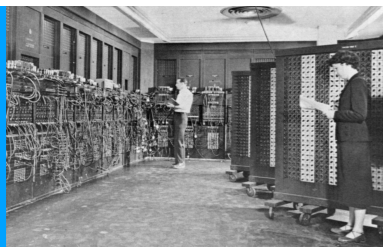


**1971**  
E-mail is invented by Ray Tomlinson



**1983**  
Microsoft Windows is created

**1942**  
The first electronic computer was invented



**1963**  
Douglas Engelbart invented the computer mouse.



**1975 and 1976**  
Apple and Microsoft are founded



**1990**  
The Internet is invented

