Computing in Primary schools is going Barefoot

Free Department of Education Fully Funded Workshops

From September this year, teachers and young people in schools in England will be getting to grips with a brand new Computing curriculum. This new Programme of Study will see children from age 5 learning about algorithms, sequencing and developing an understanding of key computational concepts.

Connect Education & Business www.connecteb.co.uk is the delivery partner for the Barefoot Computing project in the East of England.

So what's the Barefoot project all about?

- The new Computing curriculum is undoubtedly a big ask of already very busy teachers and it has been recognised that many teachers, especially those in Primary schools, would welcome access to a range of high quality exemplar teaching resources to help them on their way.

- Funded by the DfE, led by BCS the Chartered Institute for IT, in partnership with BT, the Barefoot project will be developing cross-curricular teaching resources to help Primary teachers understand how they might incorporate key parts of the new computing curriculum within existing lessons.

- Alongside these resources will be self-teach materials, so that teachers can develop their own understanding of the concepts and practices of computing starting in July 2014 through to May 2015 free in-school Barefoot computing workshops for teachers will be available to Primary schools across England.

- Delivered by volunteer professionals from within the industry, these workshops will cover the background to the new curriculum, raise awareness of the importance and relevance of computing as a subject in school and explain the support available to Primary schools and teachers through Barefoot and other related projects.

Interested? Register your interest in attending a free workshop at www.barefootcas.org.uk

*To ensure a wide geographical offer to teachers we still need venues to host workshops. Workshops can be run for individual schools or opened up for those in an area. Email sue.goodchild@connecteb.co.uk for more information.

To find out more about Barefoot and register to access the free resources go to www.barefootcas.org.uk