Picture charts and keeping information private

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Grade 1 Computing: Picture Charts and Keeping Information Private (5 lessons, about 3 weeks)

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Back to the grade 1 year plan - Term 3

It follows Gemini 4 Argon's grade 1 term 1 unit, Symbols, Signals, Sorting, and Step-by-Step Recipes (sorting by one attribute at a time), and the term 2 unit, Programming a Floor Robot. Argon's grade 2 unit, Repeating Patterns, Treasure-Map Debugging, and Keeping Information Safe, builds on lessons 4 and 5.

This unit is "unplugged": it needs no device. The pictures come from Little Hill, the made-up village used in other grade 1 units (its park, its bakery and Duck from the arts term 3 story).

Big idea

Computers store and show information. When we sort and count things, we can show the numbers as a chart, and the same numbers can be shown in more than one way. Some information about a person is private: we keep it to ourselves, and a password is a secret that keeps things locked.

Outcomes

By the end of the unit, most children can:

1. Sort a set of picture cards into up to three groups and count each group.
2. Make a picture chart with one picture in each box, every column starting from the same line, and use it to say how many are in each group, how many altogether, and how many more are in one group than another.
3. Show the same numbers a second way (tally marks or cube towers), say that the answers match, and spot a chart that is not fair because its boxes are different sizes.
4. Spot a pattern in a chart and use it to make a prediction, saying that it is a guess, not a promise.
5. Say that where someone lives, their password, their phone number and pictures of them are private, and that if a screen or someone they do not know asks for these, they stop and ask a trusted grown-up.
6. Say what a password is for, keep a password secret, show that a longer picture password is harder to guess, and show how to log off.

Prior knowledge

- Grade 1 term 1 computing: sorting objects by one attribute at a time.
- Counting to 20 and writing numbers to 10 (grade 1 maths term 1). Comparing two numbers ("more", "fewer") from kindergarten.
- Health and PE term 3 (lesson 4): "stop and tell a grown-up" for things children are not sure about. Lesson 4 here uses the same idea.
- Children do not need to read: every card is a picture.

Lessons

Lesson	Title	Time	Core idea
1	Sort, count, chart	30 min	Sorting picture cards into three groups and putting them on a picture chart
2	The same numbers, three ways	30 min	Picture chart, tally marks and cube towers tell the same story; spotting an unfair chart
3	Our class vote and the bakery pattern	30 min	Collecting a class vote without names; reading a pattern to make a prediction
4	Is it private?	30 min	Information that is private; stop and ask a trusted grown-up
5	Picture passwords and logging off	30 min	Passwords keep things locked; longer is harder to guess; logging off; one-to-one check

Timings: lessons 1-4 are 30 minutes (5 + 17 + 4 + 4); lesson 5 is 30 minutes (3 + 15 + 7 + 5, with the check spread over the week).

The picture chart

- **Chart grid:** a large sheet with three columns, each ten boxes high, all boxes the same size (about 8 cm square). A thick **start line** runs along the bottom. Under each column is a label space for a picture card (not only a word).
- **Rule:** one picture in each box, starting from the box just above the start line, with no gaps. This makes columns that can be compared by looking.
- **Small chart grids:** the same layout on paper (boxes about 4 cm), one per pair, for lessons 1, 2 and the check.

Materials

Whole class unless noted.

- The large chart grid (above) and one small chart grid per pair.
- **Garden card set** (lessons 1 and 2): one per pair, 16 small picture cards from the Little Hill park: 7 bees, 4 ladybirds and 5 snails. Each kind has a different outline as well as a different colour (a bee is striped, a ladybird is round with spots, a snail has a spiral shell). One large set for the teacher.
- **Three label cards** (bee, ladybird, snail), large and small sets.
- **Interlocking cubes:** 16 per pair (any colours; lesson 2).
- Whiteboard and pens for tally marks.
- **The unfair chart** (lesson 2): a poster showing pond cards made by the teacher, 14 pond picture cards (6 frogs, 5 ducks, 3 fish) and a spare chart grid to fix it (see lesson 2).

- **Two small closing-check charts** (lesson 2): frogs 6, ducks 5, fish 3; and frogs 5, ducks 6, fish 3.
- **Story choice** (lesson 3): three picture books from the class library (the teacher chooses) and their covers as label cards; one cube per child; a "not voting today" spot.
- **Little Hill bakery chart** (lesson 3): a poster (see lesson 3).
- **Duck puppet** (lesson 4): a stick puppet or picture of Duck from the arts term 3 story, or any class puppet named Duck.
- **Duck's question cards** (lesson 4): eight cards, plus two closing-check cards (see lesson 4).
- **"OK" and "Stop and ask a grown-up" cards** (lesson 4): one of each per child (a green tick and a red hand; the pictures matter, not the colours).
- **Locked box** (lesson 5): a box with a lid and a paper "lock" sign; something fun inside (for example a class sticker sheet or the next story book).
- **Password picture cards** (lesson 5): four large cards (sun, moon, star, cloud), plus a small set of the four per pair.
- **Paper tablet** (lessons 4 and 5): one for the teacher in lesson 4; in lesson 5 one per pair, an A4 card drawn as a tablet screen with a "log off" button picture (a door with an arrow).
- **Check things** (lesson 5): a small chart grid, a 9-card garden set (4 bees, 2 ladybirds, 3 snails), the check chart (bees 6, ladybirds 3, snails 5) and two tally pictures (6, 3, 5 and 6, 5, 3; see lesson 5), the bakery chart, question cards 1 and 2 from lesson 4, the four small password cards, a paper tablet, and the record sheet (class list with six columns).
- Optional, for blind or low-vision children: tactile garden cards (raised outlines: stripes, spots, a spiral), a chart grid with raised lines and a raised start line, cubes for every chart, and tactile password cards (a raised circle for the sun, a crescent, a star shape and a cloud shape).
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot, as in every unit.

⚠ Safety and access

- **Privacy first.** Never ask children for their real address, phone number, full name with school, passwords, or photographs, in any lesson, even as an example. All examples are Duck's. The class vote uses cubes, not names.
- **Passwords are practice only.** The picture passwords in lesson 5 are for the locked box game. Never ask children to tell or write a real password. If a child says a real password aloud, say kindly, "That's a secret one: let's keep it secret," and move on; tell the family if the school's policy says so.
- **Disclosure.** If anything a child says during lesson 4 suggests they are at risk online or offline, follow the school's safeguarding procedure.
- **Voting is opt-in.** "Not voting today" is always fine and is never commented on.
- **Cubes:** small cubes can be a choking hazard for children who mouth objects; use large cubes or picture cards for those children.
- **Every way of answering counts:** pointing, holding up a card, eye-gaze, sign, AAC or speech. Children never need to read or write words.
- **Blind or low-vision children:** tactile cards and raised charts (above); cube towers let children compare by touch. A partner can describe a chart column by column.
- **Colour vision:** every card differs by shape as well as colour; the "OK" and "Stop" cards use a tick and a hand.
- **Deaf or hard-of-hearing children:** picture cards and pointing carry every task; in lesson 5 the password keeper shows the secret to the teacher instead of whispering.

Assessment

Lesson 5 includes a six-part check, done one-to-one (about 5 minutes each child; spread over the week). Record each part as **yes**, **with help** or **not yet**:

1. **Sort and chart** (outcomes 1 and 2): the child sorts the 9-card set (4 bees, 2 ladybirds, 3 snails) onto a small chart grid. (Yes if each kind is in its own column, one card per box, from the start line.)
2. **Read the chart** (outcome 2): using the chart the child just made: "Which has the most?" (bees) "How many altogether?" (9) "How many more bees than ladybirds?" (2)
3. **Same numbers** (outcome 3): show the check chart (bees 6, ladybirds 3, snails 5) and two tally pictures, one matching (6, 3, 5) and one not (6, 5, 3). The child points to the matching tally.
4. **Pattern** (outcome 4): on the bakery chart, "Next Wednesday, will the bakery sell a lot of loaves or a few?" (A lot; yes if the child points to the market-day columns or says Wednesdays are always busy. A child who adds "but it's a guess" shows the whole idea.)
5. **Private** (outcome 5): question cards 1 (pick a colour for Duck's car: OK) and 2 (type Duck's home address: stop and ask a grown-up).
6. **Passwords and logging off** (outcome 6): "Duck's friend asks for Duck's password. What should Duck do?" (Keep it secret; tell only a trusted grown-up.) "Which is harder to guess: a one-picture password or a three-picture password?" (three). Then the child points to the log off button on the paper tablet.

Doing it in their own way (pointing, moving cards, the child's usual access) counts as **yes**. "Not yet" is normal for some children; data and privacy return in grade 2.

Sources

- Computer Science Teachers Association, CSTA K-12 Computer Science Standards (2017), progression chart: https://csteachers.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/2017-csta-k-12-standards-progression-chart.pdf (read 10 November 2026). Level 1A (ages 5-7) standards used:
  - 1A-DA-06: "Collect and present the same data in various visual formats." (Lessons 1-3.)
  - 1A-DA-07: "Identify and describe patterns in data visualizations, such as charts or graphs, to make predictions." (Lesson 3.)
  - 1A-NI-04: "Explain what passwords are and why we use them, and use strong passwords to protect devices and information from unauthorized access." (Lesson 5.)
  - 1A-IC-18: "Keep login information private, and log off of devices appropriately." (Lessons 4 and 5.)
- Common Core State Standards for Mathematics, grade 1, Measurement and Data, 1.MD.C.4: "Organize, represent, and interpret data with up to three categories; ask and answer questions about the total number of data points, how many in each category, and how many more or less are in one category than in another." https://web.archive.org/web/2025/https://www.thecorestandards.org/Math/Content/1/MD/ (read 10 November 2026). This is why every chart in lessons 1, 2 and the check has three groups.
- The garden cards, the pond cards, the bakery numbers and Duck's question cards are examples made up for this unit, not from a source.

Known gaps

- Written 10 November 2026. Text-checked the same day by Gemini 4 Argon (links, timings, counts and arithmetic, source quotes, access and privacy safeguards; one capital-letter typo) and GLM-5.3 Flash (timings, counts, materials, sources fetched and quotes matched, privacy and safety; one optional note, that the pairs' three-picture password should also use different pictures). Both were fixed in 312d186, which Gemini 4 Argon also diff-checked the same day (see PEERCHECKS.md). Not yet checked by a teacher.
- **Standards read, not aligned.** Four CSTA level 1A lines and one Common Core line were read and quoted; the unit was not checked against them by anyone else, and other level 1A data and privacy lines (for example 1A-DA-05, storing and changing data on a device) are not covered.
- **No device.** Logging off is practised on a paper tablet. Schools with devices should practise their own real log-off steps.
- **The bakery chart has five days**, more than the three groups in 1.MD.C.4. It is used only for spotting a pattern, not for "how many more" questions.
- **"Private" is kept simple.** Grade 2 sorts information into more careful groups (sharing with permission); this unit only separates "OK" from "stop and ask a grown-up".
- **The password game is a model.** Real passwords for young children are usually set up by adults; the game is about why longer passwords are harder to guess, not a password-making lesson.

Lesson 1: Sort, count, chart

Unit overview - Next: Lesson 2: The same numbers, three ways

Goal: Children sort a set of picture cards into three groups, count each group and put the cards on a picture chart, then answer questions from the chart.

Length: about 30 minutes.

Materials

- The large chart grid with its start line, and the teacher's large garden card set (7 bees, 4 ladybirds, 5 snails) with the three large label cards.
- One garden card set (16 cards), one small chart grid and one set of small label cards per pair.
- Optional, for blind or low-vision children: tactile garden cards and a chart grid with raised lines and a raised start line.
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot.

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

Show the large garden cards all jumbled on the floor. "These are the little animals Hen saw in the Little Hill park today. Hen wants to know: which did she see the most of? It's hard to tell when they're all mixed up. How could we find out?" Take ideas (sort them, count them).

Remind children of term 1: "We sorted things by **one rule at a time**. Today our rule is: what kind of animal is it?"

✎ Main activity (17 min)

1. **Sort (3 min).** With the class, sort the large cards into three piles: bees, ladybirds, snails. Put a label card by each pile.
2. **Count (3 min).** Count each pile together, touching each card. (Bees 7, ladybirds 4, snails 5.)
3. **Chart (4 min).** Put the label cards under the three columns of the large chart grid. Show the rule: "One card in each box. Start just above the start line. No gaps." Volunteers place the cards. Ask: "Can you see which column is tallest without counting?" (Bees.)
4. **Pairs (7 min).** Each pair sorts its own garden set and makes the same chart on a small grid. Walk round and check the rule: one card per box, from the start line, no gaps. Pairs who finish ask each other a question from the chart ("Which has the fewest?").

✓ Discussion questions (with answers) (4 min)

- "How many bees? Ladybirds? Snails?" (7, 4, 5.)

- "How many animals did Hen see altogether?" (16. Count all the cards, or count on: 7, then 4 more is 11, then 5 more is 16.)
- "Which did she see the most of? The fewest?" (Bees; ladybirds.)
- "How many more bees than ladybirds?" (3. Look across: the bee column has 3 boxes above the top ladybird.)
- "Why do we start every column on the start line?" (So the tallest column really has the most; then we can compare by looking.)

✓ Closing check (with answers) (4 min)

Take two snails off the large chart. "Now which has the fewest?" Children point.

Answer: snails (3 snails; ladybirds still have 4). Put the snails back.

Vocabulary

sort, group, count, chart, column, most, fewest, altogether, how many more.

Differentiation

- **Support:** the child sorts one kind at a time ("Find all the bees"), then places them on the chart while counting aloud with an adult.
- **Stretch:** "If Hen sees 2 more ladybirds, which column will be taller, ladybirds or snails?" (Ladybirds: 6 is more than 5.)

⚠ Safety

- Keep cards flat on tables or the floor; no throwing.
- Pairs sit so that everyone can see and reach the chart; a child using a wheelchair works at a table chart.

Teacher notes

- These numbers are an example made up for this unit, not from a source. The same garden set is used again in lesson 2.
- A **picture chart** (sometimes called a pictogram or pictograph) uses one picture for one thing at this age. Do not use one picture for two things yet.

Lesson 2: The same numbers, three ways

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 1: Sort, count, chart - Next: Lesson 3: Our class vote and the bakery pattern

Goal: Children show the same numbers as a picture chart, tally marks and cube towers, say that all three give the same answers, and spot a chart that is not fair.

Length: about 30 minutes.

Materials

- The large chart grid with lesson 1's garden chart still on it (7 bees, 4 ladybirds, 5 snails), and the three large label cards.
- Whiteboard and pens.
- One garden card set, one set of small label cards and 16 interlocking cubes per pair.
- **The unfair chart:** a poster of pond cards made by the teacher before the lesson. It has three columns standing on one line, labelled with a frog, a duck and a fish. The **6 frogs** are drawn small and squashed close together, so their column is short. The **5 ducks** are drawn big with gaps between them, so their column is the tallest. The **3 fish** are drawn medium-sized and close together. Make the frog column clearly shorter than the duck column.
- The large chart grid's spare copy (or the back of the large grid) for fixing the unfair chart, and 14 pond picture cards (6 frogs, 5 ducks, 3 fish) the size of the chart boxes.
- **Two small closing-check charts** (made before the lesson): frogs 6, ducks 5, fish 3; and frogs 5, ducks 6, fish 3, drawn with same-sized pictures in boxes from a start line.
- Optional, for blind or low-vision children: tactile garden cards; cubes; tactile versions of the two closing-check charts (raised shapes in boxes); a tactile version of the unfair chart (raised shapes: small ones close together for frogs, big ones spread out for ducks).
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot.

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

Point to yesterday's garden chart. "Our chart shows Hen's animals with pictures. Computers can show the same numbers in different ways, too. Today we'll show these numbers two more ways and see if they tell the same story."

✎ Main activity (17 min)

1. **Tally marks (5 min).** On the whiteboard, write the three animal pictures in a row. "A tally mark is one line for one thing. When we get to five, the fifth line goes across the other four, like a gate. Then it's quick to count in fives." Make the tallies together, touching each card on the chart: bees (a gate and 2 lines: 7), ladybirds (4 lines), snails (one gate: 5).
2. **Cube towers (6 min).** Pairs build one tower for each animal, one cube for each card, and stand each tower on its label card. Ask: "Which tower is tallest?" (Bees.) "Line the

towers up side by side. How many cubes taller is the bee tower than the ladybird tower?" (3.)

3. **The unfair chart (6 min).** Show the pond poster. "The Little Hill pond had frogs, ducks and fish. Which column is tallest? So are there the most ducks?" Let children say yes. Then count each column together: frogs 6, ducks 5, fish 3. "There are more frogs than ducks! Why did the duck column look tallest?" (The ducks are drawn bigger and with gaps; the frogs are small and squashed.) Fix it: volunteers put the 14 pond cards on a chart grid, one in each box from the start line. Now the frog column is tallest.

✓ Discussion questions (with answers) (4 min)

- "Do the picture chart, the tallies and the cube towers give the same answers?" (Yes: 7 bees, 4 ladybirds, 5 snails in all three. They are the same numbers shown three ways.)
- "Which way is quickest for counting? For seeing which is biggest?" (Any reason counts. Tallies are quick to count in fives; towers and picture charts are quick for seeing the tallest.)
- "What made the pond chart unfair?" (Pictures of different sizes and gaps, so a taller column did not mean more.)
- "What makes a chart fair?" (Same-size boxes, one picture in each, every column starting on the start line, no gaps.)

✓ Closing check (with answers) (4 min)

Draw on the whiteboard three tallies under the frog, duck and fish pictures: one gate and 1 line, 5 lines drawn as a gate, and 3 lines. "Which picture chart matches?" Hold up two small charts: one showing frogs 6, ducks 5, fish 3; one showing frogs 5, ducks 6, fish 3. Children point.

Answer: the first chart (frogs 6, ducks 5, fish 3).

Vocabulary

tally, tally mark, gate (a group of five), tower, the same numbers, fair, unfair.

Differentiation

- **Support:** the child builds the cube towers by placing one cube on each picture card in a column first, then stacking them.
- **Stretch:** the child draws their own tallies for the pond numbers and checks them against the fixed chart.

⚠ Safety

- Cubes stay on the tables. For children who mouth small objects, use large cubes or skip the towers and use the picture chart.

Teacher notes

- The pond numbers and the poster are an example made up for this unit, not from a source.
- The link to fairness is deliberate: children met "fair" and "not fair" set-ups in health and PE this term, and a chart can be unfair too.
- Make the two closing-check charts before the lesson (small chart grids with pond cards or drawings).

Lesson 3: Our class vote and the bakery pattern

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 2: The same numbers, three ways - Next: Lesson 4: Is it private?

Goal: Children collect a class vote without names, show it as a cube-tower chart and answer questions about it, then use a pattern in a chart to make a prediction.

Length: about 30 minutes.

Materials

- Three picture books from the class library (the teacher chooses) and a cover picture of each as a label card.
- The large chart grid (cleared), with the three cover cards as labels.
- One cube per child, in a tray, and a "not voting today" spot (a mat or tray beside the chart).
- **The Little Hill bakery chart:** a poster made before the lesson (see below).
- Whiteboard and pens.
- Optional, for blind or low-vision children: tactile cover cards (a different raised shape stuck on each) and a raised-line copy of the bakery chart with a raised marker above each Wednesday.
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot.

The bakery chart. Ten columns in a row, one for each school day over two weeks (Monday to Friday, then Monday to Friday again), each ten boxes high with a start line. Under each column is the day's picture. Each loaf picture is one loaf sold. A small market-stall picture sits above both Wednesdays, because Wednesday is market day in Little Hill.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Week 1	3	4	9	4	5
Week 2	4	3	8	5	4

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

Hold up the three books. "Tomorrow I'll read one of these. Let's collect information to choose: a vote. Each person who wants to vote puts one cube on the book they'd like. We don't write names: a vote is just a cube. If you'd rather not vote today, put your cube on the 'not voting' spot. That's fine."

✎ Main activity (17 min)

1. **Collect (5 min).** Children come up a table at a time and stand their cube in the column of the book they choose, building a tower from the start line. (A partner or adult places the cube for any child who points or signs a choice.)

2. **Read the chart (5 min).** Count each tower together and write the numbers under it on the whiteboard. Ask: "Which book got the most votes? How many people voted altogether? How many more votes did the top book get than the next one?" Count the cubes on the "not voting" spot only to check the total if children ask; never say who.
3. **If two books tie:** "We'll read one tomorrow and one the day after."
4. **The bakery pattern (7 min).** Show the bakery chart. "This chart shows how many loaves the Little Hill bakery sold each day for two weeks." Let children look. "What do you notice?" Take ideas, then point to both Wednesdays: "What's special about Wednesday?" (Lots of loaves; the most each week. It is market day.) "Next week, on Wednesday, will the bakery sell lots of loaves or only a few?" (Lots.) "Do we know for sure?" (No. It's a guess from the pattern; for example, rain might keep people at home.)

✓ Discussion questions (with answers) (4 min)

- "Why didn't we write names on the vote?" (We only need to know how many chose each book, not who. Who voted for what can stay private.)
- "How did the chart help us choose?" (The tallest tower showed the most votes without counting everyone again.)
- "What pattern did the bakery chart show?" (Every Wednesday has the tallest column; other days are about the same.)
- "Is a prediction a promise?" (No. It's our best guess from the pattern.)

✓ Closing check (with answers) (4 min)

"The bakery is going to bake extra loaves on one day next week. Point to the day it should choose." Children point to a Wednesday column, and say or sign why.

Answer: Wednesday (market day; the most loaves both weeks). Any child who adds "but it might be different" gets a big thumbs-up.

Vocabulary

vote, collect, information, data, pattern, predict, prediction, guess.

Differentiation

- **Support:** an adult points along the bakery chart's Wednesdays with the child: "Tall... tall."
- **Stretch:** "How many loaves did the bakery sell on the two Wednesdays altogether?" (17.)

⚠ Safety

- Children come to the chart a table at a time to avoid crowding.
- The vote is about books, never about people. Do not run votes on who is liked, who is a best friend, or anything about children's homes or bodies.

Teacher notes

- The bakery numbers are an example made up for this unit, not from a source. Little Hill's bakery is on the map in the society term 3 unit.
- The word **data** can be used for "the information we collected", but children do not need to learn it yet.
- Read the winning book the next day; the vote should count.

Lesson 4: Is it private?

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 3: Our class vote and the bakery pattern - Next: Lesson 5: Picture passwords and logging off

Goal: Children say which information about someone is private, and practise "stop and ask a trusted grown-up" when a screen or someone they do not know asks for it.

Length: about 30 minutes.

Materials

- The Duck puppet (or a picture of Duck).
- Duck's eight question cards (below), large, each with a simple picture.
- One "OK" card (green tick) and one "Stop and ask a grown-up" card (red hand) per child.
- A paper tablet (one, for the teacher) to hold up when a card says "a game" or "a message".
- **Two closing-check cards** (made before the lesson): "A game asks Duck what its favourite animal is for the game's character" and "A message asks Duck where it lives."
- Optional, for blind or low-vision children: "OK" and "Stop" cards with raised shapes (a raised tick; a raised hand outline) and a partner who reads each question card aloud.
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot.

Duck's question cards (an example, not from a source):

1. A game on the library tablet asks Duck to pick a colour for its race car.
2. A game asks Duck to type its home address.
3. A message from someone Duck doesn't know says, "What's your password?"
4. Duck's teacher asks the class to vote for a story with cubes.
5. A game asks Duck to type its whole name and the name of its school.
6. A website asks Duck to take a photo of itself.
7. Hen asks Duck which picture in a book it likes best.
8. A box pops up: "You won a prize! Type your phone number."

Answer guide: **OK** for 1, 4 and 7; **Stop and ask a grown-up** for 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8.

Steps

✎ Opening (5 min)

Bring out Duck. "Duck has been playing games on the Little Hill library tablet. Some games ask questions. Some questions are fine to answer. Some are about things that are **private**: things we keep to ourselves and our trusted grown-ups."

Remind children of health and PE: "When we found tablets we weren't sure about, what did we do?" (Don't touch, tell a grown-up.) "With private information, it's the same idea: **stop and ask a grown-up**."

✎ Main activity (17 min)

1. **What is private? (5 min).** Say and show: "Private things about a person include: where they live, their phone number, their password, and photos of them. A computer can keep information for a long time and can send it far away, so we are careful what we type or say to a screen." Ask: "Who are trusted grown-ups you could ask at school?" (Children point to staff pictures or name staff; never ask about home.)
2. **Duck's cards (8 min).** Read each card while holding up the paper tablet for the screen ones. Every child holds up "OK" or "Stop". Talk briefly after each: "Why?" (Use the answer guide. For 3: "A password is a secret. Duck never tells it to someone it doesn't know." For 8: "Prizes that ask for private information are tricks.")
3. **Pairs: what should Duck say? (4 min).** Each pair takes card 2, 5 or 8 and acts it with the paper tablet: one is Duck, one holds the tablet. Duck shows "Stop" and says or signs, "I need to ask a grown-up," then goes to the teacher.

✓ Discussion questions (with answers) (4 min)

- "What does private mean?" (Something we keep to ourselves and our trusted grown-ups.)
- "Name one thing that's private." (Where someone lives, their phone number, their password, photos of them. Any one counts.)
- "Why was card 1 OK?" (Choosing a car colour doesn't tell anyone about Duck.)
- "What if Duck isn't sure?" (Stop and ask a grown-up. Asking is never wrong.)

✓ Closing check (with answers) (4 min)

Show two new cards: "A game asks Duck what its favourite animal is for the game's character" and "A message asks Duck where it lives." Children hold up "OK" or "Stop" for each.

Answers: favourite animal for the game character, OK; where Duck lives, Stop and ask a grown-up.

Vocabulary

private, information, password, trusted grown-up, stop and ask.

Differentiation

- **Support:** use only four cards (1, 2, 3, 7) and do them with an adult.
- **Stretch:** "Card 6 asked for a photo. What if Duck's grown-up says it's fine?" (Then it's OK, because a trusted grown-up decided.)

⚠ Safety

- **Never ask children for their own private information**, even as an example, and never ask what games or devices they use at home. All examples are Duck's.

- Keep the tone calm: the aim is "stop and ask", not fear. Do not tell frightening stories about strangers.
- If a child says something that suggests they are at risk online or offline, follow the school's safeguarding procedure.

Teacher notes

- Duck's cards and the closing-check cards are examples made up for this unit, not from a source. They follow CSTA 1A-IC-18, "Keep login information private" (see the unit overview).
- Make the two closing-check cards before the lesson.
- Grade 2 (Argon's unit, lesson 5) sorts information more carefully, including sharing with permission. This lesson keeps to two answers.

Lesson 5: Picture passwords and logging off

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 4: Is it private?

Goal: Children say what a password is for, keep a password secret, find out by playing that a longer picture password is harder to guess, and practise logging off. The one-to-one check for the whole unit starts this week.

Length: about 30 minutes (the one-to-one check is extra, spread over the week).

Materials

- **The locked box:** a box with a lid and a paper "lock" sign on the front. Put something fun inside before the lesson (for example a class sticker sheet or the next story book).
- **Four large password picture cards:** sun, moon, star, cloud. Each has a different outline as well as a different colour.
- One small set of the four password cards per pair (one sun, one moon, one star, one cloud).
- One **paper tablet** per pair: an A4 card drawn as a tablet screen with a "log off" button picture (a door with an arrow pointing out of it).
- Whiteboard and pens.
- Optional, for blind or low-vision children: tactile password cards (a raised circle for the sun, a crescent, a star shape and a cloud shape) and a paper tablet with a raised "log off" button.
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot.
- **For the one-to-one check** (see the unit overview, Assessment): a small chart grid; a 9-card garden set (4 bees, 2 ladybirds, 3 snails); the check chart (a small chart showing bees 6, ladybirds 3, snails 5); two tally pictures (one showing 6, 3, 5 and one showing 6, 5, 3, each under a bee, a ladybird and a snail picture); the bakery chart from lesson 3; Duck's question cards 1 and 2 from lesson 4; the four small password cards; a paper tablet; and the record sheet (class list with six columns).

Steps

✎ Opening (3 min)

Show the locked box. "Something fun is inside. But the box has a lock. To open it, you need the secret: the **password**." Ask: "What is a password for?" (It keeps something locked so only the right people can open it.) "Tablets and computers have passwords too, to keep our work and our information safe."

✎ Main activity (15 min)

1. **Round 1: a one-picture password (3 min).** Hold up the four large cards. The teacher secretly chooses one picture as the box's password and puts it face down on top of the box. Children take turns guessing by pointing to one large card. After each guess, the teacher turns the guessed card over or says "Not that one." "How many guesses did we need?" (Never more than four, because there are only four pictures.)

Open the box and show what is inside, then close it again. "A one-picture password is very easy to guess."

2. **Round 2: a three-picture password (6 min).** "Let's make the password longer." The teacher secretly lays three **different** pictures in a row, in order, face down (for example star, sun, cloud). To open the box, the guessers must say all three in the right order. Give the class five guesses. Most classes will not find it. "Why was this one so hard?" (There are many more ways to put three pictures in a row.) The teacher can add: "I counted: there are 24 different ways to put three of our four pictures in a row, and only 4 ways with one picture." Children do not need to count this themselves. Open the box for everyone at the end.

3. **Pairs play (4 min).** Each pair has a small set of four password cards. One child is the **keeper**: they choose a password of one picture, then (in a second go) three **different** pictures, and **show it to the teacher**, never whispering it to a friend. The teacher looks, nods and keeps it secret. The partner guesses by pointing or laying cards in a row. Swap roles if there is time.

4. **The log-off routine (2 min).** Each pair holds their paper tablet. "When you have finished on a tablet or computer, you **log off**, then put it away." Together: "Finished? Log off, put it away." Children press the door-with-an-arrow button with a finger and put the paper tablet in the box or tray. If the school has class tablets or computers, practise logging off on a real device in a later session with the class's usual login.

✓ Discussion questions (with answers) (7 min)

- "Who can know your password?" (Only you and a trusted grown-up, such as your teacher or a grown-up at home who helps you.)
- "Duck's friend says, 'Tell me your password, I'm your friend!' What should Duck do?" (Keep it secret. Friends don't need it. Duck can tell a trusted grown-up.)
- "Which password was harder to guess, one picture or three pictures?" (Three pictures.)
- "Why do we log off when we finish?" (So the next person can't use our work or see our information.)
- "Did today's game use a real password?" (No, it was a practice password for the box.)

✓ Closing check (with answers) (5 min)

Show two large cards: the sun on its own, and a row of three (moon, cloud, star). "Which password is harder to guess?" Children point. Then: "Duck has finished playing a game on the class tablet. What does Duck do?" Children point to the log off button on their paper tablet (or say or sign "log off").

Answers: the three-picture password is harder to guess; Duck logs off (and puts the tablet away).

Vocabulary

password, secret, lock, guess, log off, private, trusted grown-up.

Differentiation

- **Support:** play round 1 with two pictures first. Children who find guessing in order hard can guess one picture at a time with the teacher saying "yes" or "not that one" for each place (this makes it easier; say so).
- **Stretch:** "How many guesses could a one-picture password need, at most?" (4.) "Would a two-picture password be harder than one picture?" (Yes.) Children can try to list two-picture passwords with cards.
- **Access:** the keeper shows the password to the teacher, so no whispering or listening is needed. Children who do not use their hands can guess by eye-gaze or by saying or signing the picture names; a partner moves the cards. Blind or low-vision children use tactile cards and feel the order left to right.

⚠ Safety

- The passwords in this lesson are practice passwords for the box. Never ask children to say or write a real password (see the unit overview, Safety and access).
- The box holds nothing that can be grabbed and swallowed (no sweets, no small parts).
- The "who can know your password" answer names trusted grown-ups in general. Do not ask children who knows their passwords at home.

Teacher notes

- The password game is an example made up for this unit, not from a source. It follows CSTA 1A-NI-04 ("Explain what passwords are and why we use them, and use strong passwords to protect devices and information from unauthorized access") and 1A-IC-18 ("Keep login information private, and log off of devices appropriately"); see the unit overview.
- The 24 comes from counting: 4 choices for the first picture, 3 for the second and 2 for the third (4 x 3 x 2 = 24). If pictures could repeat, there would be 4 x 4 x 4 = 64. Children do not need either number.
- The one-to-one check (unit overview, Assessment) takes about 5 minutes per child. Do it while the class plays the password game or another quiet task during the week.