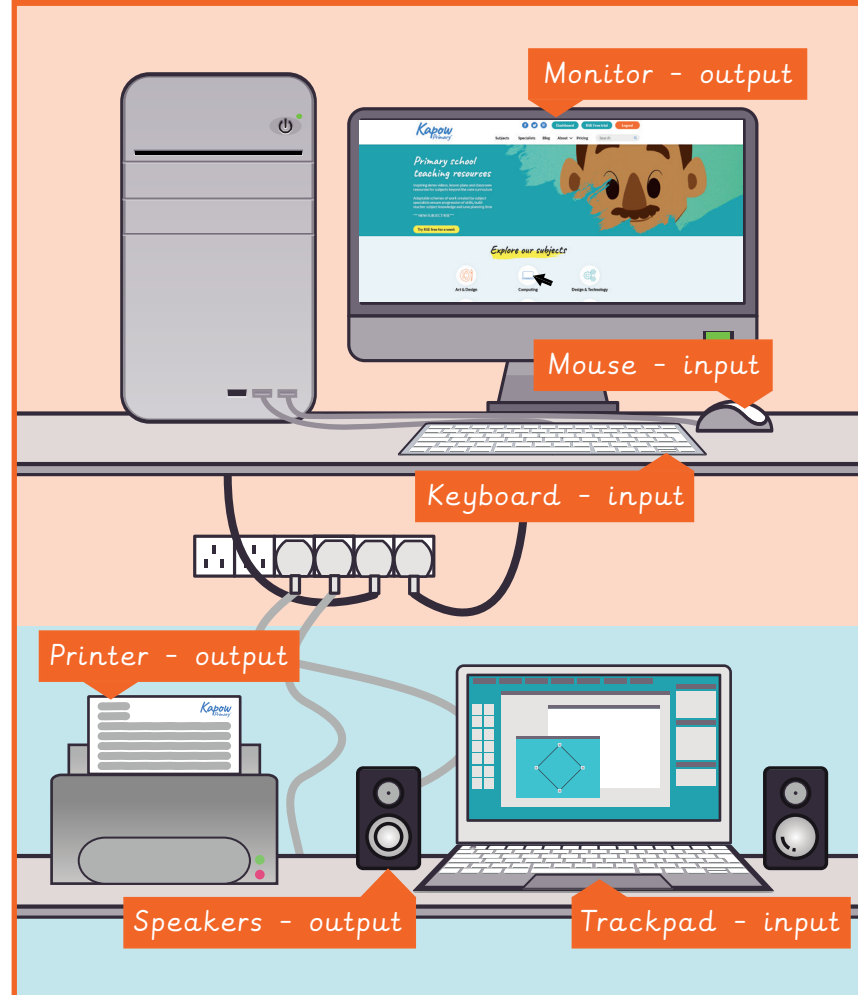


What is a computer?

Battery	A cell or connected group of cells which store electrical energy to power wireless devices.
Buttons	Switches that you can press to control a device.
Computer	Electronic machines that accept information, process this information, produce an output from the information, and then store the results.
Desktop	A tower computer that needs a mouse, keyboard and monitor, that stays in one place.
Device	Equipment created for a certain purpose or job.
Electricity	A type of energy, that is usually invisible, that can be made or stored and used to make devices work.
Input	Information sent to a computer by an input device such as a keyboard or mouse for processing.
Invention	A new device or process which solves a problem.
Keyboard	An input device made up of buttons that create letters, numbers, and symbols, as well as perform other functions.
Laptop	A compact computer that is easy to carry and move around.
Monitor	An output device, which shows what is happening on the computer for example videos, images and text.
Mouse	A handheld hardware input device that can move and select text, icons, files, and folders on your computer.
Output	Information or data which is sent by the computer to an output device such as a printer or speakers.
Technology	Using scientific knowledge to help us or to create new devices or tools.
Wires	A long, thin and flexible piece of metal protected by a plastic coating. Electrical wire is used to carry electricity.

Key facts

Some computers have a keyboard, screen and mouse, others have buttons to make them do things.



All computers need electricity - they can get this through wires into the wall or batteries!

These items all use technology.

