**Autumn Term Computing skills to practice at home to support your child’s learning**

1 - Open <https://studio.code.org/s/course1/lessons/3/levels/1>

Practice dragging the puzzle pieces to complete the picture. Each level gets slightly more challenging than the previous level and allows the learners to practice their clicking and dragging skills. Model clicking and holding down the left mouse key in order to drag the picture to the target if needed.

2 – Open <https://paintz.app/>

This program allows the user to draw images and make pictures using a mouse or trackpad. Practice:

● Changing the colour and thickness of the line of the paint brush tool

● Changing the background colour from white using the fill tool

● Creating shapes and lines and filling them

● Correcting mistakes by using the eraser function

● Using the Undo tool

● Using the Spray can

● Using the text function on the toolbar (dotted square with a T in the middle) to drag a text box onto the paint area and write text

● Writing a sentence using the space bar on the keyboard. Explain that this button allows the learners to create a space between words, just like a finger space they would create if they were writing on paper

● Using the backspace button. Explain to the learners that this will allow them to remove letters and spaces

● Using the arrow keys. Explain that this allows them to move the text cursor to the left of right. This makes it easier to edit text if they have made a mistake

● Splitting the digital canvas into four, six, or nine sections using the line tool

Have fun!

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