Knowledge Organiser – Micro: Bits

	Key Vocabulary	
1	Micro:bit	A small computer designed by the BBC for
		use in computer education
2	Processor	Receives inputs from the computer and produces outputs.
3	LICD	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	USB	The form of power supply used by the
		Micro:bit – power is transmitted from the
	B. Hanne	computer via a micro-USB cable.
4	Buttons	Input devices used within the Micro:bit to
	LED	control or alter programs whilst running.
5	LED	(Light emitting diodes)
		(LEDs) – used on the Micro:bit as a screen in
		a 5x5 grid to display information.
6	Accelerometer	An input device within the Micro:bit to
		control or alter programs by tilting or
		moving the device.
7	Microsoft Block Editor	The visual programming language used to
		create programs
8	Algorithm	A set of instructions to be followed to
		complete a given task or solve a problem.
9	Program	A sequence of instructions used by a
		computer.
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10	Sequence	The order which the computer will run code
		in, one line at a time.
11	Selection	A decision made by a computer, choosing
		what code should be run only when certain
		conditions are met.
12	Condition	Checking to see whether a statement or
		sum is true or false.
13	Iteration	When a section of code is repeated several
		times – also known as looping.
14	Variable	A space that can be allocated in a program
		such as username
15	Motion detector	"Accelerometer" that can detect movement
		and tell other devices you're on the go.
		Featured actions include shake, tilt and
		freefall.
16	Magnetometer	To sense which direction you're facing, your
		movement in degrees, and where you are.
		Used in detecting location

17	Bluetooth	Smart Technology to connect to the internet and interact with the world around you.
18	Sensor	A light sensor is an input device that measures light levels. Your BBC micro:bit uses the LEDs to sense the levels of light and lets you program your micro:bit
19	Interface	Communication between microbit (hardware) and its software using 'Blocks' interface and a 'Javascript' interface

