

Online-Safety Newsletter - February 2024

Welcome to our Online-Safety Newsletter for this term. You will find information and tips on how to keep your children safe when using the internet. If there is anything you would like us to include in future newsletters, then please do get in touch with the office or Miss Hamilton.



Our online safety curriculum covers the ChildNet SMART rules:

S - SAFE: Keep your personal information safe.

M - MEET: If someone online ever asks you to meet up, tell an adult straight away.


A - ACCEPTING: Think carefully before you click on or open something online.



R - RELIABLE: To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

T - TELL: Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused.


<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

Remember our 1,2,3 rules!

Stay safe online 

1. Don't click,  

2. Stop! 

3. Tell an adult. 

Inappropriate content

Children with unsupervised access to the internet can stumble across inappropriate content or it could even be sent to them directly by another child or adult. This could include content such as violent videos, adult jokes or suggestive imagery. They can come across this content on social media, in video games, through streamed media and more.

So, it's important for children to use platforms appropriate for their age as well as their maturity and development. The following website gives practical support on protecting children from inappropriate content:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/protect-your-child/>

Jeffy

Some children have mentioned watching 'Jeffy' on YouTube. Please be aware that whilst this initially looks child friendly, it is not suitable viewing.

Internet safety week 2024

On the 6th February, Miss Hamilton shared her online safety assembly for this term. The focus was 'Changes online' and what to do if something upsets us. Throughout the week, children took part in various activities to learn about how technology has changed and what to do if something changes when we are online.



Year 2 children looked at how technology has changed over the past 50 years. They also learnt about Mo and Jaz who were playing an online game when they received a message. It turned out that the person was not telling the truth and was unkind.

Some comments from children:

'not everyone is kind online'

'tell a trusted adult if something changes'

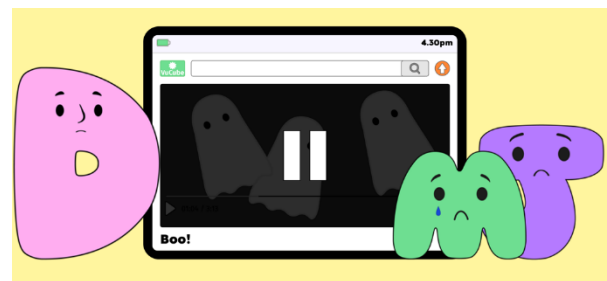
'you can get scammed'



Year 1 children learnt about Mo and Jaz who were watching videos online when a new video started playing that was scary. The children discussed what to do and how they would feel. The children can talk about who their trusted adults are.

'they might be scared and worried'

'the story helps us to remember how to stay safe'



Mo and Jaz stop watching the video and go to find Dad.



Reception children learnt about changes and how this makes us feel – naming emotions. They looked at what can change online, used devices safely in the classroom and learnt out 1,2,3 rules!

