

E- Safety

Dear Parents/ carers

The online world is a wonderful place for young children to explore with opportunities for learning and creativity. However, like in the real world, there are risks and dangers that our children should be aware of; we recognise that skills in the use of technology are essential and will be increasingly so for our children in the future. Therefore within our ICT curriculum, the children have been introduced to and made aware of the 'ThinkuKnow' website which is devised and maintained by CEOP (Child Exploitation and online Protection). Teachers have also attended training led by Sarah Jones and Angelique Coatesworth who are qualified CEOP ambassadors. This has enabled staff to provide the children with the skills and knowledge to use the internet safely.

The school has provided E-safety training for parents and carers within school which will continue throughout the year. We recognise that many parents will already be aware of how to monitor their children's use of ICT at home but we recommend the following:

- The ThinkuKnow advice section for parents,
- Most of the social media sites have their own advice sections which we recommend that you read through,
- Regularly monitor your child's laptop/ ipad or other devices and particularly be aware of,
 - ~ age appropriate games, films and music,
 - ~photographs,
 - ~check the internet history,
 - ~ appropriate use of social media,
- Set parental controls on laptops, computers and other devices with internet access. Free filters are available on-line or you can contact your internet service provider for more information,
- Google has a step by step guide at www.google.com/familysafety/tools

CEOP advise that you talk to your child about the sites that they use.

They suggest:

- Discuss and explore with them their favourite on-line sites and apps,
- Find out what they enjoy most,
- Check their understanding of what can go wrong,
- Ask how they would react if they saw or heard anything inappropriate,

- Let them know that you understand that situations happen on-line and you are there to help them.

If you have any concerns regarding E-Safety please contact your child's class teacher.

We hope you find this information and guidance helpful.

Yours sincerely

Miss Jones and Mrs Coatesworth
CEOP Ambassadors