Welcome

We hope you have a fantastic, e-safe Christmas. Our world is full of IT gadgets and the internet is an essential part of modern life. Some of you may have already purchased that all essential X box, Ipad or mobile phone for your child this Christmas. Most children really enjoy playing with IT. This information leaflet highlights some of the risks and possible consequences to help make sure your children are e-safe this Christmas.

Hot Topics

- Social Networking Sites & Internet
- Making Purchases Online
- Mobile Phones & X-boxes

How can you help to make them safe?

- Limit the time spent using it. This can help prevent antisocial behaviour.
- Turn of the chat mechanism – Your child can access social networking via their X box Live chat and other IT like your phone. Always talk to your child about why you're doing this.
- Check their searches/ messages/ what are they looking at right now – it's a bit Big Brother but worth it to give you peace of mind.
- Again always talk to your children about why you are doing this. This is a chance to talk about e-safety. Cyber bullying is a growing 'crime'. It can leave people feeling low in self-esteem and isolated.
- Never click yes to save passwords when shopping online. If you do your child may be able to make some online purchases. We've heard of toddlers pressing buttons, not knowing what they've been doing but the online purchasing bills have been sky high.
- Make sure they know who to talk to if they feel uncomfortable – you or a teacher.
- Talk about the consequences of giving out personal info or making information public

- Keep the computer in a family room

Book Review – Troll Stinks by Jeanne Willis & Tony Ross

This book is a good introduction to e-safety for any child (age 3-12). It talks about the consequences of sending nasty text messages and miss use of IT bringing in comedy but making you have empathy with the little cute troll who falls prey to bullying via text. Parent view 'A great way of introducing your children to e-safety, my 3 year old and 5 year old loved it and asked me to read it again and again'.
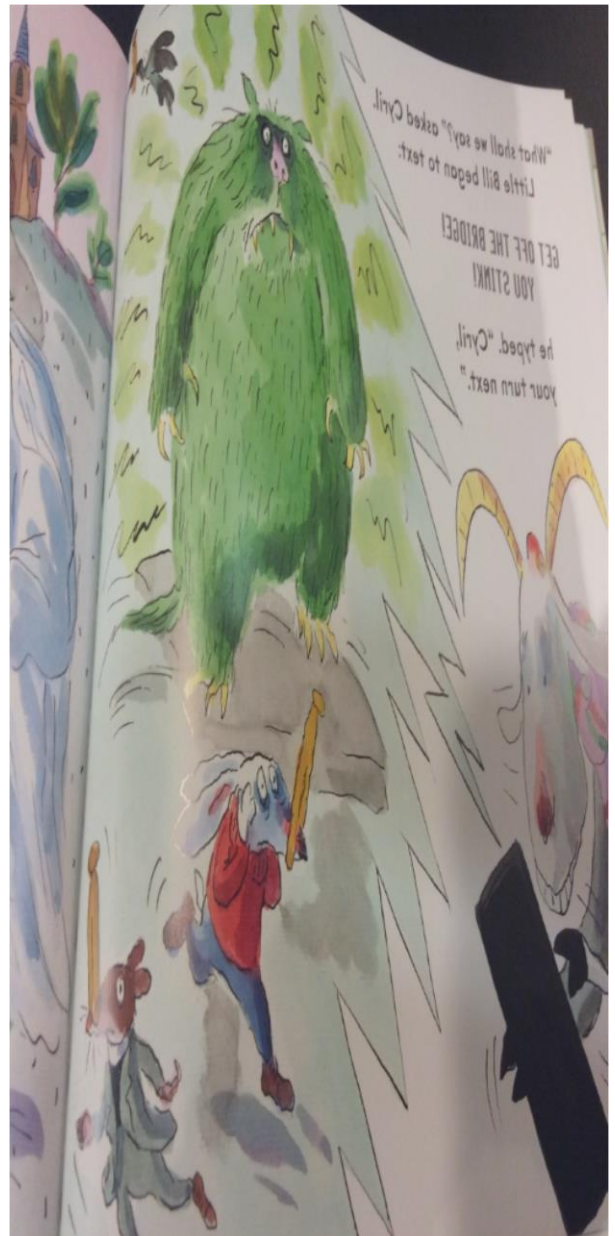
Our e-safety Policy

Internet access is planned to enrich and extend learning activities. The school has acknowledged the need to ensure that all pupils are responsible and safe users of the Internet and other communication technologies. An e-Safety policy which forms part of the Computing & Information Technology Policy has been drawn up to protect all parties and an agreement to responsible internet use must be adhered to. You can access a copy of this policy on our website. http://www.glendale.northumberland.sch.uk/website/school_policies.

Your children will be taught the following:

- Pupils will be taught what Internet use is acceptable and what is not and given clear objectives for Internet use.
- Pupils will be educated in the effective use of the Internet use
- Pupils will be educated in the effective use of the Internet in research, including the skills of knowledge, retrieval and evaluation.
- Trained on e-safety, use of emails and social media only internally from one school email account to another and only under supervision.
- The use of mobile phones is banned at our school. Mobile phones should be handed into school at the beginning of each school day and collected at the end. This is to avoid the possibility of the sending of abusive or inappropriate text messages.

The policy covers key topics like:

- How the school puts in filters to reduce the risk of exposure to inappropriate images or information.
- Managing videoconferencing, webcam use, photographs of the pupils.
- Managing emerging technologies – incorporating these where possible into the curriculum.
- Protecting personal data – not sharing passwords and logging off at the end of a session.
- Authorizing Internet access – access is only given to pupils and staff following a safety talk and signing of a code of conduct.

If you have any e-safety concerns or wish to discuss anything further, please contact our Head Teacher, Mr Dean-Hall who is our e-safety lead

If you need to report anything of concern in this area:
https://ceop.police.uk/

These further sites are rather useful:

www.childnet.com

www.kidsmart.org.uk

www.digizen.org
www.thinkuknow.co.uk
www.childline.net
www.cybermentors.org
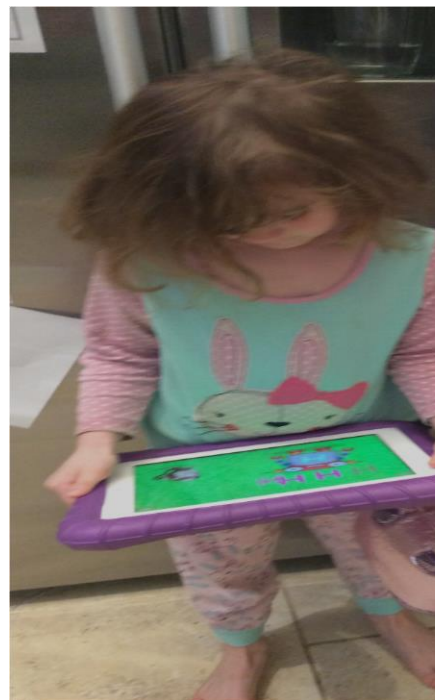
This child is playing Monkey Pre School fix it: It helps with Maths. There are many 'good' applications out there.

Learning with IT is Fun!