

Dear Parents, Carers & Children

Welcome to the computing newsletter. This week has been safer internet day. The main objective of safer internet day is to educate the children on how to be safe in an online world. This year's objective is **"Together for a better internet"**. In all classes throughout school we have been using safer internet day activities, to talk and discuss about how we can make the internet a safer and nicer place for everyone, especially children.

Internet safety is an important part of the curriculum and something that we are constantly discussing and talking about not only in computing lessons but also through PSHE. Our aim is to educate all children in the school to understand the process that they need go through if they find or see something that they do not like in an online world.

With children under five now becoming the biggest adopters of technology in the country it is hugely important that adults understand the rules and responsibilities when allowing children to use technology.

In order to support parents we are holding online safety training via zoom on Thursday at 6pm. Our aim is to help educate everyone in our community on the positives as well as the negatives of our online world. Hopefully the zoom session will give you some better understanding of the online world our children are using.

Zoom Details:

Topic: 8005 Online Safety briefing for parents

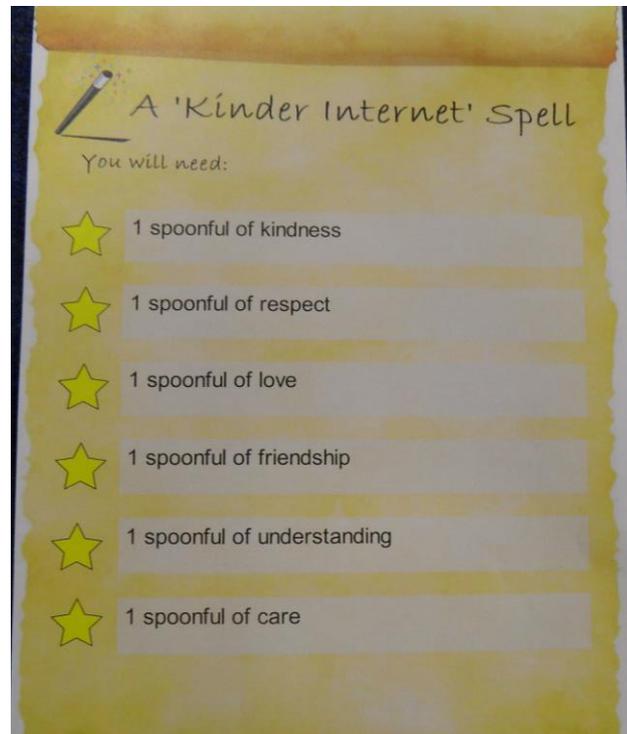
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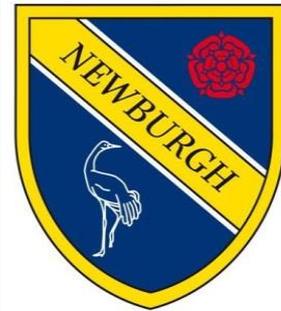
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The main concern we have all had during the Covid pandemic was the amount of screen time the children have had per day. With online learning taking place at home it was a necessary for children to use a tablet or computer to continue their education. Now we are back in school and thankfully back to face to face teaching we are hoping that, the amount of time in front of a screen is reducing. We are especially in KS2, trying to use tablets and devices less and having screen free days. Using books from the library to research instead of tablets and technology. We have discussed in Venables having screen free mealtimes when at home or out for a meal. All of this will help decrease the amount of time we all spend in front of a screen. Purple Mash is an excellent resource for all areas of the curriculum and vital to the teaching of computing in school. This week there are lots of resources for children to access for safer internet day and other areas of the curriculum.

Website

The website below has lots of information and advice for parents about all areas of internet safety.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Please also look at the computing section of the website for more guides and helpful information about all areas of computing and internet safety.

Any other questions or queries you may have, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

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