ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

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SUGGESTED APPS AND GAMES

Learning...

• **(EYFS/KS1) Sketchbook- Draw and paint (Autodesk sketchbook on IOS)-** This app is a drawing and art app which allows children to use a range of tools to create pictures. This app is free but would better suit a tablet. PEGI rating 3.

• **(KS2) Crossword puzzles by Wubu-** This crossword app for children encourages word skills. This is only found on IOS and constantly changes it's daily crosswords. It is free to download and is rated 4+ but would suit older children better.

For fun...

• **(EYFS/KS1) Youtube kids-** This app takes the normal format but has content directed at children. There is a pre school mode for 4 and under too. There are parental controls and adverts are monitored by the site however they do disclaim some inappropriate content can slip through but they are constantly trying to stop this.

• **(KS2) Lego Movie Maker 2-** This app allows children to create their own Lego movies and upload them. They are able to add sounds and effects. All movies are moderated before going online. It is free to download on Android and IOS.

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2020

Safer Internet Day

In February this year, schools across the MAT took part in Safer Internet Day. Each year it is celebrated globally to promote positive and safe use of the internet and digital technology.

Each year there is a different theme to emerge ourselves in. This year it was #freetobe. We explored the importance of being ourselves and how we want to represent our identities online to create a safer online community.

Children explored how they manage their online identity and how they want people to perceive them online. The children looked at whether or not the internet allows them to be themselves or if they feel limited. We want the internet to be a safe place for everyone and by celebrating difference, we can start to build an inclusive space.

Free to be ME

Focusing on online identity helps children consider how they can be inspired and empowered to support each other to be who they want to be both offline and online.

Children from across the MAT created a poster to celebrate the theme of #freetobe and their interpretation of this. Please see some of these below!

- House party is a popular live streaming app where children can meet in groups to video call and write messages. It is important to note that children under 13 should have permission by parents as no proof of age is required.

- Each time the app is opened it connects to other users. Group chats can hold up to 8 users on a split screen. They can have as many rooms going at a time and can swipe between them. There are however risks to be aware of:

Inappropriate messaging

- Children need to be aware of the possibility of people using live streaming apps to engage in illegal or inappropriate behaviour. People accessing their chats who are unknown to them, through friends of friends, may have this intention.

Talking to strangers

- Friends of friends can join chats. House party call this **'Stranger Danger'** and will alert you if someone unknown to you is joining. Children need to be aware of people using false names and identities that may want to mislead them.

Cyber bullying

- Children using messaging and video chats may be targeted with cyber bullying. This is when someone is harassed, threatened, embarrassed or targeted with hurtful or offensive comments to the point where they are made to feel sad and excluded.

Sharing personal information

- Children must never give away any personal information in a live stream or messaging and must be made aware of the risks. Be aware of what is also in the background of live streams which could give away location, school attended or personal information as well.

Sharing content

- **'Facemail'** allows users to film 15 second snippets of chats which can be shared. Each member will be notified if they are being recorded by another user. This could be a problem if a child shares something in the chat, they later don't want repeating or saving. Screenshots can also be taken of chats that can also be shared.

In app purchases

- There is a game called **'Heads up'** where children give clues to describe someone or something to guess. The first 3 cards are free but then you have to pay. There is the potential for children to want to play more.

internet matters.org

SUPPORTING PARENTS WITH ONLINE LEARNING   NSPCC THINK U KNOW

Below are some websites that are useful to look at during this period of online learning. They highlight areas to be aware of and ways to keep safe.

Thinkyouknow (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
Internet matters (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
Parentinfo.org (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
SWGfL (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
Net-aware (support for parents and careers from the NSPCC)