



# USING ICT - NEWS

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## U ICT

This year our focus in Term 1 will be to explore Digital Story Telling through Publishing. In school all children will have the opportunity to take photographs, record videos and use in programs such as paint, Microsoft Word, Publisher and Just2Easy packages. Where possible teachers will connect these to topics. In Term 2, the focus will be on Digital Story Telling - Presenting and the use of Microsoft PowerPoint, photo story, Key Note and Just2Easy. Term 3 will see a focus of Managing Data, JiT5, J2Data, and Excel will be explored. Of course, all pupils will be continually developing their ICT skills, and these will be evident throughout the classrooms and in displays. iPads, digital cameras, flip-video and microphones will also be used to enrich teaching and learning.

Please remind all children to ensure they always keep their passwords private! These will be required to log into the C2k system and other associated learning packages such as Accelerated Reading and RM Easimaths.

Some more useful information can be found on-  
[www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/)

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>  
[www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers)

Keep an eye on our ICT Curriculum page on our website for other useful weblinks and resources that may be of use.

## Useful Links

## E-Safety

A copy of our Key Points E-Safety leaflet can be found on our School website in the Curriculum area - ICT and I trust you will read this and find it useful. Together we need to protect our children from the many dangers out there. The internet can be amazing, but we must work together to ensure our children are always kept safe.

## You Can Help!

Devices such as tablets, smart phones, smart watches, games consoles, laptops and PC's are fantastic devices in their rightful places. Here are a few points to note -

- Smart Watches worn to school must not have access to apps in school or be used to take photographs on school premises or on the bus.
- Pupils should not bring Mobile Phones or other devices to school.
- Please note age restrictions of certain social media apps, many of which are 12+. Primary school children should not have access to these.
- Make sure to set up Parent Control on all devices and apps that your children use.
- Limit screen time especially before bed.
- Encourage the use of ICT to enhance learning, e.g. research of topics or to complete revision of mental maths facts or to complete homework.

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