

### Online Safety

The feedback received following the Year 4-6 Online Safety Presentation has been overwhelmingly positive.

**Important messages from Simon Aston** (Northamptonshire's e-safety Lead):

- Make upstairs in your house a digital-free zone (phones, ipods, laptops etc. can be left charging downstairs). This will ensure time on devices is controlled and children are less likely to be secretive about their online activity.
- Talk to your children about their online activity. Be interested in:
  - What they are doing
  - Who they are talking to
  - Where they are going online

Open communication will enable children to talk to you if they are worried about anything they see or hear on the internet.

**Recommended apps/websites**

- YouTube for Kids- more stringent filters help to ensure children are watching age appropriate material.
- Swiggle'- a search engine developed specifically for children to suggest age-appropriate websites from their searches.
- NetAware app- information for parents on the most popular social media sites, apps and games.
- Internetmatters.org- interactive quiz to do with your children
- Think U Know, SWGfL and UK Safer Internet Centre - websites that offer specific parent advice and resources to reinforce online safety at home.

If you would like to discuss any of the above in more detail, please speak to our ICT/Computing Lead- Miss Ramm (Dolphins- Year 5)