

THIS WEEK'S TOPIC IS SOCIAL MEDIA



Being responsible

Social media is becoming a more and more integral part of our and our children's lives. It has never been more crucial for adults to ensure children understand the negatives that social media can bring and guide them towards using social media in a positive and safe way. We need to teach children to be responsible online.

What have your children learned about?

In Year 5 and 6, children have been learning about trolling. They have discussed what trolling is, how it can affect people and what to do if you have been trolled. Trolling is being unkind online and usually it is anonymous. Offensive or nasty comments can be easy to write online because you can't see the victim of your words, but trolling can have a negative impact on people's mental health. Children have also spoken about what to do if they feel they want to troll someone. Please ask them about it.



What can you do?

The following tips can help your child have a safe and positive interaction with social media.

- use age-appropriate apps on your children's devices and regularly review this.
- have open conversations about what is happening online so your children talk to you if anything happens.
- use parental controls to limit exposure to things that could be harmful.