

# SWITCHED ON

# Online Safety

## Year 4 newsletter text

### Unit 4.1 - We are Year 4 rule writers

'This half term, all pupils have been helping to create a set of online safety rules that they will follow at home and at school. All children will be sent home with a set of online safety rules. Please help them to stick these in a prominent place at home to reinforce the need to be safe online wherever they are. These rules should replace any rules from a previous year.'

### Unit 4.2 - We are standing up to peer pressure

'This half term, Year 4 pupils have been learning that access to the internet is not the same for everyone. They have also been learning how to deal with negative peer pressure, especially when it comes to the use of technology. Children have been encouraged to discuss any situations where they have felt pressured to do something by others with their parents and carers at home.'

### Unit 4.3 - We are aware that our online content lasts forever

'This half term, Year 4 pupils have been learning that information posted on the internet lasts forever so we should always be respectful and kind whenever we post content online. Children have been asked to create a digital message with their grown-ups at home (this could be via any social media platform) and share it with school.'

### Unit 4.4 - We are online risk managers

'This half term, Year 4 pupils have been finding out ways that people might try to steal our personal information such as hacking, phishing or the use of viruses. All children have been asked to talk to their parents about these risks and share a family action plan they have created to help everyone in your household to protect personal information. Please support their learning by adding to this action plan where appropriate.'

### Unit 4.5 - We are respectful of digital rights and responsibilities

'This half term, Year 4 pupils have been reviewing the rights and responsibilities we all have when using technology. All children will bring home a sheet outlining their rights and responsibilities as a good digital citizen. Please support them in their learning by adding examples of your own digital rights and responsibilities.'

### Unit 4.6 - We are careful when talking to virtual friends

'This half term, Year 4 pupils have been considering the differences between virtual friends and real-life friends. All children have been asked to share any online games they play with virtual friends with their parents and carers. Please encourage them to do this and contact the school if you have any worries and concerns about inappropriate contact within these games.'