

YouTube is a video sharing site/application that enables you to upload, view, rate, share and comment on a wide variety of videos. Consisting of a huge resource of information, advice and entertainment, YouTube now has 1.9 billion logged-in monthly users who watch a billion hours of video daily. Most of the content on Google-owned YouTube is uploaded by individuals, but organisations and media companies also offer some of their content via this platform.

What parents need to know about
YouTube

SPENDING A PREMIUM
YouTube Premium (formerly YouTube Red) is a new paid streaming subscription service in the UK, offering a three-month free trial to tempt viewers into a £12-per-month plan. This includes the ability to download videos, stream videos with the app in the background, gives exclusive access to original content and a separate music streaming service and gaming app.

DANGEROUS 'CHALLENGE' & VIRAL VIDEOS
On YouTube, 'challenge videos' are shared quickly and can be very dangerous. One person may post a video of themselves doing something unusual like eating a hot chilli or jumping in a river and before you know it, the video goes viral and everyone wants to join in and share their videos. The speed in which challenge videos spread across the Internet makes it difficult to keep up with the latest ones.

SHARING VIDEOS
As well as watching videos, many children are keen to share their own videos online, emulating their YouTube heroes, such as Stampy or DanTDM. However, if they post something on YouTube, they may later regret it or feel embarrassed about what they have shared. There is also a risk that they will receive hurtful or negative comments regarding not only their content, but also their appearance. YouTube's comment section is infamous for being one of the most opinionated on the Internet.

IN-APP MESSAGING
When your child is logged into their Google account and browsing the YouTube website, they can share and talk about videos with their friends using the chat bubble. This can be found at the top right of the desktop site or through in-app messaging on their mobile or tablet. When they tap on the 'Friends' icon, they have a list of suggested people from their contacts - which can be any contact they've had on Google or somebody who has sent them an invite link.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE VIDEOS
As YouTube is the biggest video sharing website in the world, there is content available for all ages, meaning that some content will not be appropriate for your child. If you think that content is unsuitable, there is a flagging feature to submit it for review by YouTube staff, but you will need to be aware that just because video is not appropriate for a younger audience, it may not violate YouTube's policies. YouTube has mechanisms in place to automatically remove explicit and harmful content, yet offensive content may still slip through.

TURN ON 'RESTRICTED' MODE
'Restricted Mode' is an optional setting you can use to help screen out potentially mature content you may prefer your child not to see. Restricted Mode works on the browser or device level, so must be turned on for each browser or device your child uses. To do this, follow these steps:

Desktop:

- Go to the bottom of any YouTube page and switch 'Restricted Mode' to 'ON'.
- To make it more difficult for this to be turned off, you will be given the option to lock restricted mode onto your browser.

Please note that you can't 'lock' restricted mode on a phone in the same way that you can on a desktop. You will need to turn this on each time your child uses it.

CREATE A FAMILY GOOGLE ACCOUNT
By having a shared family Google account, checking the history will enable you to see exactly what your child is watching and sharing on YouTube. To see the history on a computer, on the right hand menu under the library section, click 'History'. On mobiles, the viewing history can be found by clicking on the 'Library' tab.

BLOCKING ACCOUNTS
When using YouTube, there may be instances where your child receives negative comments. If somebody's giving your child a difficult time, here's how to block them and prevent future comments and replies:

- Go to their channel/account by clicking on their name.
- Click on 'About'.
- Tap the dropdown box with an image of a flag on it.
- Press 'Block user'.
- Tap 'Submit'.

MONITOR WHAT YOUR CHILD IS WATCHING/POSTING
The only way to truly know what your child may have been watching is to regularly monitor them. You can do this by checking their viewing history. YouTube videos can also be easily downloaded, so it is important that your child understands the associated dangers of content they are uploading and that it could harm their online reputation in the future. Show them how to set their videos to private or choose a small network of YouTube friends to share with. To get started, your child can use YouTube Studio which offers learning modules on creating a YouTube channel, however, you should encourage them not to use their real name.

NEW FEATURES
DIGITAL WELLBEING
YouTube has launched a tool called 'Time Watched' that allows you to see how long has been spent on the platform. Once you have discovered how much time has been spent on the app, there is the option to set a time limit. Once the limit is reached, a reminder will pop up on the screen. You can also disable sounds and vibrations to help resist the urge to check for notifications.

OPT FOR A FAMILY PREMIUM PLAN
A YouTube family Premium plan may be a cost-effective option if you have more than one child. For £17.99 a month, it allows you to share a YouTube paid membership with up to five other family members - aged 13 and older - living in the same household. As the account holder, or family manager, you must create a Google family account.

MANAGING IN-APP MESSAGES
If your child is accessing YouTube via your account, bear in mind that they may be contacted by Google contacts who are complete strangers to them. You can remove someone from the suggested contacts list by pressing and holding the person's name and tapping on the red 'x'.

POPULAR YOUTUBE GAMERS
There are hundreds of YouTube accounts which show other people playing and commenting on games. These are called 'Let's Play' videos. While YouTube can be a great resource for hints, tips and news for games, it is a good idea for parents to keep a close eye on what YouTube gamers are posting. Often, the games they are playing will contain strong language and violence. A few examples of popular YouTube gamers for you to have a look at are:

- Stampy
- Yogscast Lewis & Simon
- PewDiePie
- EthanGamer
- Markiplier
- PopularMMOs
- Captainsparklez
- Jacksepticeye
- LtCorblis
- Dan TDM

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Dear Parents/Carer

I can't believe that we are already almost at half term! Hopefully we will soon see a change in the weather so that we can enjoy a little more sunshine.

Undeterred by the weather, the children have been working hard in school producing fantastic work as always. I have included some examples of this work below just to give you a flavour of what some of the children have been up to!

Speaking of hoping for good weather, our Sports Day dates have now been confirmed and have been put into the school diary. Sports Days will run as they did last year with the Key Stage Two Sports Day (Years 3-6) taking place at the Meres Stadium and the EYFS and Key Stage One Sports Day (Reception-Year 2) taking place at school. Both Sports Days are in the morning and will begin at around 9.30am or as soon as we can get the children ready to go. I'm very much looking forward to seeing many of you there, cheering your children on !

Chris Heathcote
Heathcote
Headteacher

Attendance

Mrs Pask has been monitoring attendance very closely and has been impressed with a number of classes. This class managed 100% attendance this week. Well done Class 3 and Miss Mandefield!

Skegness Aquarium

Our Year 3 and 4 children visited the Aquarium in Skegness this week, as part of their topic 'Our Wonderful World'. They had a fantastic time and I hear that one of their highlights was seeing a zebra shark!

Year 4 Tennis

This week saw the year 4 tennis teams in action! They took part in the Grantham & District Tennis Tournament finishing a very respectable 2nd and 4th in their leagues! They have been practising extremely hard with Lewis, a coach from Grantham Tennis Club, who we are extremely fortunate to have visit us every Tuesday lunchtime. Well done everyone, we are very proud of your commitment!



SATs week

The Year 6 pupils will sit their SATs tests next week. They have worked brilliantly all year and we are extremely proud of them. They could not have tried harder!

All Year 6 children can arrive from 8:15am onwards next week if they want to have a drink and a snack (toast etc) prior to the tests.

We would be grateful if all of the pupils were able to arrive promptly each day. This will help us to reduce any stress or anxiety that they feel. They have done all that they can to be ready and so should just see the tests as an opportunity to show off all of their learning.

Monday 13 th May	Grammar test followed by: Spelling Test
Tuesday 14 th May	Reading test
Wednesday 15 th May	Maths Paper 1 (arithmetic) followed by Maths Paper 2 (reasoning)
Thursday 16 th May	Maths Paper 3 (reasoning)

Dates For Your Diary:

6 th June	Year 6 visit to Belvoir
17 th June	Year 5 visit to Rutland Castle
18 th June	Year 6 visit to Harry Potter Studios
1 st July	Year 2 visit to Twycross Zoo
2 nd July	Year 1 visit to Twycross Zoo
10 th July	Years 3- 6 Sports Day
12 th July	EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day

Cricket Coaching

This term Neil Atkins from Belvoir Cricket Club has been providing extra coaching sessions for our Year 4 children. They have been practising and improving their skills in throwing, aiming, catching and batting. They have learnt how to score in cricket and have even managed to put their new skills into practise by playing a full cricket game! Well done to everyone for your enthusiasm and a huge thank you to Neil for providing the coaching for us. We know a few children already attend the cricket club, but if any other budding cricketers are interested please speak to Mrs Atter for more information.

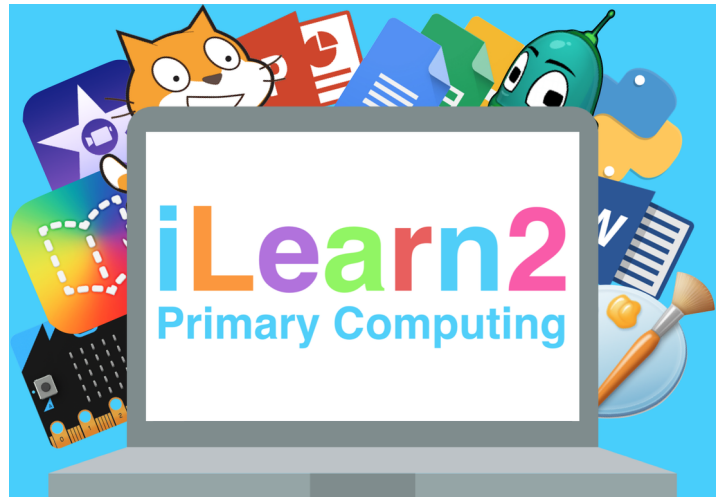


iLearn2

School has purchased an ICT resource called iLearn2 for both staff and pupils to use. There are lots of interesting projects with links to free software at

Ilearn2.co.uk

All pupils can login with the same username and password:



Lifecycles in EYFS

Unfortunately we had to say goodbye to our chicks last week. The children really enjoyed watching them hatch and observing how they grew and changed over their time in school.



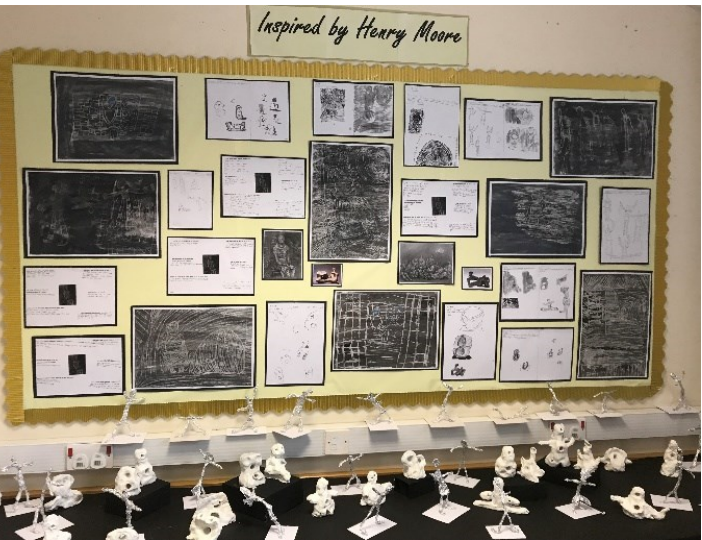
The children’s disappointment was short lived however, as we now have a tank of tadpoles for them to get to learn all about!



Football Success

The final football league games of the season were played against Huntingtower last week. In a very close game, the A Team won 3-2; some incredible saves in goal from Layton Davis-Mullenger kept the team in the game! The B Team were also in action and played some great passing football, winning their game 2-1. We now await the overall result of both leagues! Well played everyone!

Year 3 Henry Moore artwork



Year 5 writing and artwork inspired by Harry Potter.



Year 5 plastic-inspired artwork

