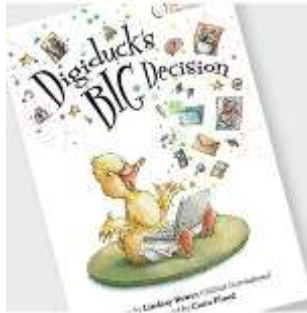# The Avenue Infant School
Online Safety Newsletter 7 Spring Term 2018

As part of the children's ICT sessions, they have been learning all about ways to keep themselves safe on the internet. They have heard about <u>Smartie the Penguin</u> who learns what he should do if he sees something he doesn't like on the internet. The powerpoint of this story will be emailed home to you. Please share it again with your child and talk to them about it's messages.
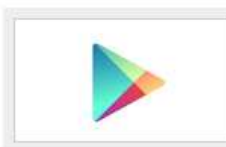
The story of <u>Digiduck's Big Decision</u> illustrates the theme of cyberbullying at an age-appropriate level. It shows the potential impact of sharing a photograph online. The book is available to order (for £5 towards postage and packing) at http://www.childnet.com/shop/resources/digiducks-big-decision-storybook or can be downloaded as a pdf file at http://www.childnet.com/resources/digiducks-big-decision.

You can also:

Download the Digiduck® app

Digiduck's Big Decision - Apple App Store Website	Digiduck's Big Decision - Google Play Website

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Safer Internet competition

Talk to your child about your family internet safety rules. Can they then make a poster to help other children understand how to stay safe online. Maybe they could use Smartie the Penguin or Digiduck in their poster. If they bring their poster into school by Wednesday 22nd February, three winners will be chosen and will receive their own copy of *Digiduck's Big Decision*. All entries will be used in school to promote these important messages to the children.

MORE VALUABLE ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE ABOUT MINECRAFT, YOUTUBE AND USE OF APPS AND TABLETS OVERLEAF….

Minecraft advice:

Minecraft is fantastic- it teaches problem solving and creativity. It is likely to be a topic of playground conversation. Below are some top tips to ensure your child can enjoy Minecraft safely:

1. Mode- Playing in Creative mode allows your child to explore the game freely, without fear of getting hurt. They can get used to the game before moving on to a more advanced mode, such as Adventure. You can adjust the difficulty within each mode- Peaceful is the easiest.
2. Only allow your child to play in single-player mode so they can't interact online with strangers in the game. (There are family friendly servers but these need close monitoring and are more suitable for older children who fully understand the necessity to not give out personal details online)
3. Set a time limit for usage so your child can still enjoy other play, get out and about and get their reading and homework done.

Youtube advice for 5-7 year olds:

Youtube Kids is full of fun shows but remember, content is filtered by computers, not humans, so keep an eye out. Subscribe to channels together with your child, it's a safer way of discovering things than through search.

Use of tablets and gaming apps:

Gaming apps can be a great way to encourage learning but be aware that some, such as Bearville, come with chat features too. Make sure your child is only playing with friends they know face to face and check privacy and permission settings.

Sources of further information and advice for parents/ carers:
- See our school website E-safety section
  http://www.theavenueinfantschool.co.uk/page/?title=E%2DSafety&pid=14
- Follow NCC Online Safety on Twitter (@NCCcybersafe)
- www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents
- https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

Remember to discuss these 4 online safety rules which we teach the children at school too: