You may be aware that today is Safer Internet Day. This afternoon all of our children took part in a 'Safer Internet Day' assembly during which they watched a short power point about safe behaviour on the internet. There are some really useful follow up resources which you can find at: www.saferinternetday.org.uk.

We spoke to the children about their own internet use and over half of them said that they used the internet at home or go online without permission from a trusted adult. This may be because they are not aware of what going 'online' actually means and how it is different from playing games on their devices. However, today might be a good day to have a chat with your child about your own family rules for the safe use of the internet.

They suggest playing the 'Is it okay….?' game to generate discussion (choosing the questions which you feel are appropriate for your child):

- Is it okay to take a photo of someone without asking?
- Is it okay to borrow your parents' phone without asking?
- Is it okay to play an online game after you've done all your homework?
- Is it okay to play online games with your school friends?
- Is it okay to play online games with someone you don't know?
- Is it okay to look at a website in school without checking with a teacher?

The main point we are asked to get across to the children is that they should always check with a parent, a teacher or a trusted adult before going online.

There is also a short film on the website which helps children to understand when they are being asked to 'buy' things as part of a game, to avoid leading to unnecessary bills!