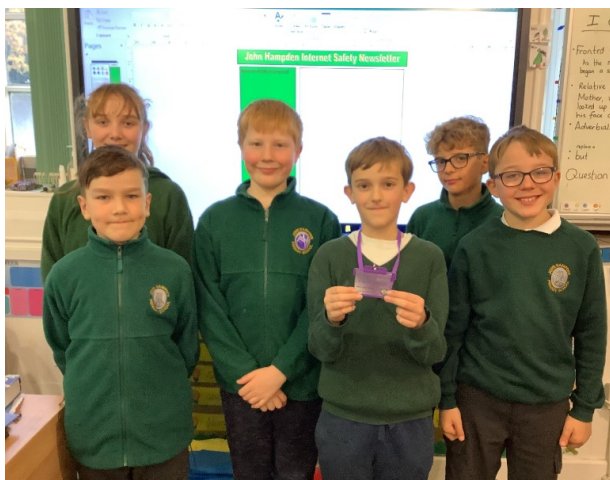




Digital Leaders

Meet the Year 6 Digital Leaders



This year we are pleased to announce a new role in Year 6. The Digital Leaders will be taking control of Computing within the school. They have many jobs that they have to fulfil including keeping people safe online.

Who are the Digital Leaders

We have 6 members in the team. These are Ava, Canna, George, Joseph, Alex and Matthew. These children all have a keen interest in Computing.

“ I felt so excited to get the role of Digit Leader as I can help the school community with technical problems and online safety. “
Canna.

Others tasks the Digital Leader will be doing:

- Sharing their skills and expertise with other pupils
- Assist teachers and other pupils to understand different programs.
- Set up equipment in the classroom for different teachers.
- Lead lunchtime computing/iPad clubs
- Support teachers in using technology in the classroom.

The children are very excited about this role and are looking forward to improving the learning of computing/technology at JHS.

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Fortnite:

Is your child playing Fortnite? It appears to remain popular, so we thought we'd provide an update for you. It is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including a free-to-play Battle Royale game (although money can be spent within the game) where up to 100 players compete against each other.

What do I need to be aware of?

Online Community:

Fortnite's community is mostly good but there are some people on Fortnite that can be very mean and inappropriate. I have been playing this game for nearly 5 years and have experienced some very nice people however there are some people that do swear and say horrible things. I recommend that if you hear anything really bad you should report it.

Violence

Fortnite can be seen as a violent game even though it doesn't have blood in it. Characters do go around shooting each other.

VBucks:

V-Bucks is a Fortnite currency that can cost between £6.49 and £79.99. It is expensive. I ultimately recommend not letting you child buy V-Bucks.

Getting Addicted

Fortnite is a highly addictive game. I encourage you to set a time limit so your child doesn't get addicted.

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Apps we would recommend

EYFS/KS1

Shaun the Sheep Farmageddon Glow Trail App

Get active in your garden or other outdoor space with this updated app from Forestry England which features Shaun the Sheep. You will have to complete challenges and solve puzzles. More information is available here: <https://www.forestryengland.uk/shaunthesheep>



Hopscotch

Hopscotch is designed for KS2 children. It takes a difficult subject and breaks it down into simple pieces and provides the tools for children to work on set problems and break out of their own creativity.



Others:

Pocket Poster Key Stage 2 English

Pocket Poster Key Stage 2 Maths

Social Media Apps

What age should my child be to use these apps?



What risks are there of my child using these apps?

Whilst there are benefits to being online, there are risks too regardless of your child's age. Risks include your child viewing inappropriate content, sharing personal information, cyberbullying and grooming.

Reporting functions

If your child is using any of the above apps then make sure you show them how to use the reporting facilities within each app and ensure your child knows that they must tell you or another trusted adult if they see anything upsetting online. Use the apps together and explore the different security and privacy settings.

Further information

Is your child too young to use the above apps but is still asking you if they can join social media? Then you could suggest an alternative option. Internet Matters list several apps that have been created for younger children, they are grouped for ages 6 – 10 and ages 11 – 13:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-networks-made-for-kids/>

Net Aware provide further information about the most popular apps, games and social media sites: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/>