



'Learning for Life'

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What a fantastic fortnight back, we hope you all had a lovely half term. It has been wonderful to see how children are settling so well with their new teachers. The feedback from staff has been extremely positive and there is a real buzz about the place. Throughout the fortnight, I have seen some fabulous teaching and learning across the whole school; children have been challenging themselves, persevering, helping, encouraging and supporting each other. It truly has been a wonderful couple of weeks. There has been so much going on, fair trade coffee morning, cake sale, World Book Day.

Blossom were working in cooperative learning groups to draw a picture board of what symbolises Easter to us. They also used different methods to research about their new topic, things that grow, some children looked online, some children looked in books and some children wrote questions to interview Mrs Margetson.

Willow have been working on writing setting descriptions. The children are learning all about Neil Armstrong as a contrasting explorer to Christopher Columbus. Some children shared their work me – they tried so hard to include lots of sophisticated adjectives using cursive writing. They worked collaboratively to come up with a lot of wow words they can use at another time in their writing.

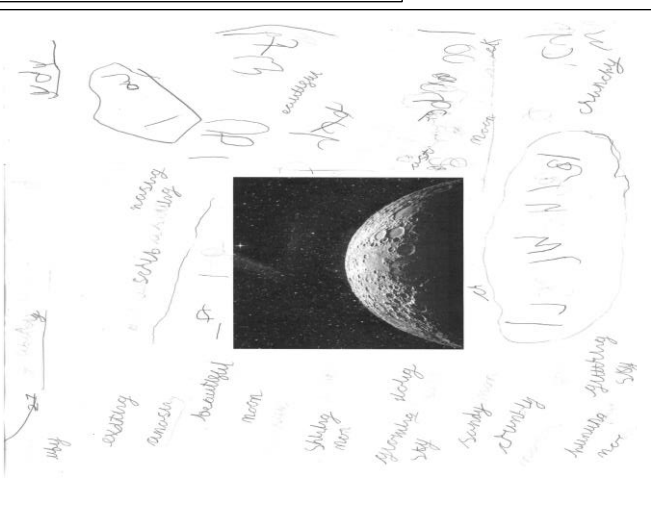
Birch have been looking at Rivers, how they are formed, what their journey is and the specific language that is needed to explain each different part of the river. The children were extremely proud to show me their work.

Oak have been working very hard on stamina in writing and the expectation of cursive handwriting to improve presentation. The children have been very proud of the diaries that they have written using Romeo and Juliet as their inspiration.

We would also like to say a huge congratulations to our netball team, who played exceptionally well yesterday at South Craven School. Their teamwork and dedication shone through. We are very proud of them.



Look at all the amazing learning we have been doing this week. We are very proud of ourselves! Best wishes to you all and have a lovely weekend.



FAIR TRADE Coffee morning



We had a fantastic Fair trade coffee morning last Friday. Thank you to all those who attended and baked to support Luke Mortimer and his family. We raised a total of £ 187.00. The fair trade team did a wonderful job of welcoming, serving and communicating effectively, all life skills that they will use again. A great experience for them. Thank you for your continued support with school events such as these, it really does make a school a community, a family.



Uniform - a reminder

We would like to reiterate the importance of wearing a uniform – it is about belonging, being part of a family, a community, being included yet at the same time increasing expectations. Our uniform at Sutton CE is black trousers/shorts, skirt or pinafore, blue jumper or cardigan with crest on (red for Year 6), white or pale blue t-shirts or shirts. Children should wear black school shoes or boots – **NO TRAINERS.**



Fire drill and how it went

Last week we had our first fire drill and practice of the year. The children all did extremely well, they were sensible, calm and followed instruction immediately. It is common and good practice to complete a fire drill once every term throughout the school year.

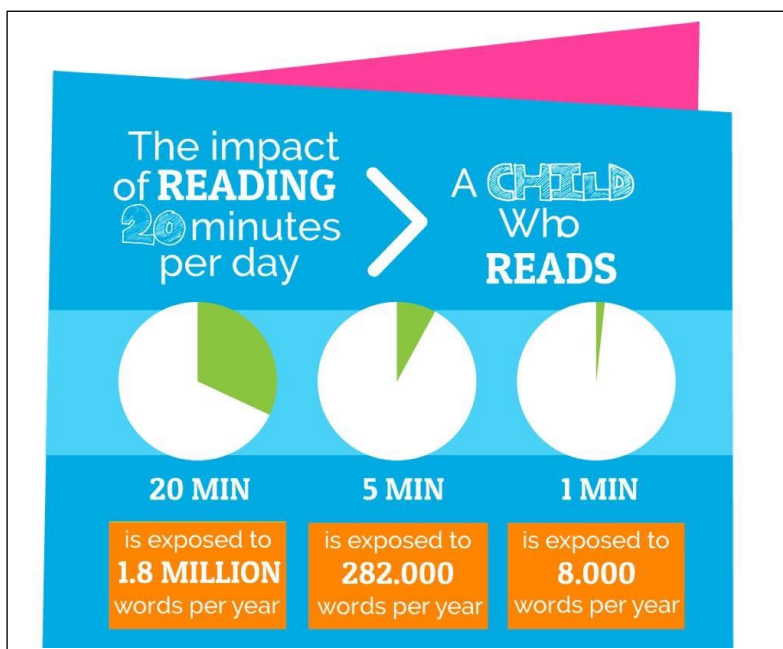
Booking into Bobbins

Please can you ensure that you book in advance for Bobbins before and after school club. There are an increasing number of children arriving to Bobbins, both in the morning and evening that are not on our list and have not booked and paid in the correct manner. As you can empathise, we need to ensure that we have sufficient staff to cover the number of children that we do not have more children than we are allowed to have for safe guarding purposes that we have sufficient breakfast/snack available for the children that attend and that we can plan effectively the provision on a daily basis. We appreciate that there will be times/emergencies that booking in advance is not always possible but want to reiterate that these occasions should be few and far between.

World Book Day, 5th March 2020

“Reading for pleasure is the single most important indicator of a child’s future success.” OECD 2002

The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day yesterday and they all looked fantastic in their pyjamas. Books and stories were shared across the school as older children read with younger children, staff read to children, children read to staff and all enjoyed a hot chocolate too. We marked the importance of reading and World Book Day in a whole school assembly whereby a selection of children came to share their favourite books and why. The range of fiction and non-fiction books was lovely to see and demonstrated to us all that reading has many facets and we all enjoy reading for very different reasons. We would like to thank all parents/carers who came to share a book with their child/children, there was such a good turnout – it was both humbling and heart-warming to see such support for something so important and dear to our hearts – reading. Please see the attached poster on the importance of reading.



Use of mobile phones and TIK TOK

The use of mobile phones is not permitted by children once they are in school and will be collected in for safe keeping on entering the school site. We appreciate that if your year 5 or 6 children walks home, you may want them to have it to communicate but it has been brought to our attention that the app known as TIK TOK is being used. Please support us in ensuring that our children are safe online and chat to your child/children about using apps such as this and the dangers they can pose if not used correctly. Please see the attached flier for support and advice.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.




TikTok is a video-sharing social media app available on iOS and Android which lets users create, share, and view user created videos much in a similar manner to Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. It's main draw, however, is that users can record and upload bite-sized looping videos of themselves lip-syncing and dancing to popular music or soundbites, often for comedic effect, which can then be further enhanced with filters, emojis and stickers. TikTok has been designed with the young user in mind and has a very addictive appeal. At the beginning of 2019 it skyrocketed in popularity to become the iOS store's most downloaded app with over 33 million downloads. Estimates suggest that it now has anything between 500 million and over 1 billion monthly active users worldwide.

12+

If under 18, supervision of a parent or legal guardian required.

AGE RESTRICTION



TIKTOK

18+



MATURE CONTENT

On the iOS store, TikTok is listed as 12+. On the Google Play Store it is rated as 'Parental guidance recommended'. When signing up for the app, it's possible to lie about your age without any form of verification. As children scroll through their feed, most of the videos they're likely to come across are lighthearted or funny takes on dance routines which are designed to make people laugh. However there has been a slew of videos which have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, self-harm and sexual content, including young teens dressing overtly sexually and behaving suggestively. Given the deluge of material uploaded to TikTok every day, it's impossible to moderate everything and it can be quite common to come across explicit content on the 'for you' feed when logging into the platform.

INAPPROPRIATE MUSIC

TikTok revolves around creating music videos through lip-syncing and dancing. Inevitably, some of the music featured by users will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the undeniably young user base, there is a risk that children may look to imitate the explicit language they hear or the suggestive actions they see when viewing others user's videos on the app.

TIKTOK FAME

TikTok is very image focused and there is a notable preoccupation with appearing cool and attractive. Many teenagers now attempt to go viral and become what's known in-app as 'TIKTOK famous'. TikTok (and its predecessor musical.ly) has spawned its own celebrities – social media stars Loren Gray and Jacob Sartorius have been catapulted to fame through their initial exposure on the app. Obviously, most budding influencers looking to become the next big thing will be disappointed, but this may have the knock-on effect of making them go to more and more drastic lengths to get noticed.

ONLINE PREDATORS


As a social network, TikTok makes it easy to connect with other users. This includes the ability to comment on and react to other user's videos, follow their profile and download their content. Be aware that by default, any user can comment on your child's video if their account is set to public. Most interactions are harmless enough but as an app, TikTok is prone to predators because of the abundance of younger users.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Social media is designed to be addictive and TikTok is no different. It can be fun and hugely entertaining. However, it is also because of this that it can be hard to put down. In addition to the short, punchy nature of the looping video format, the app's ability to keep you guessing what will come on screen next makes it easy to turn a five-minute visit into 45-minute visit.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Aside from the content, there's also the option to purchase in-app extras called 'TikTok coins'. Prices range from £0.99 for 100 coins to an eye-watering £93.99 for 10,000 coins. TikTok coins are used to purchase different emojis to reward content creators that a user finds funny or entertaining. In the iOS version of the app you can disable the option to buy TikTok coins but this sadly doesn't seem to be a feature in the Android version.



Safety Tips For Parents



TALK ABOUT ONLINE DANGERS

Assuming your child is above the age limit to use the app, make sure you also take the time to talk to them about what they are seeing on the app. Have a dialogue, get them to give you their opinion on what is appropriate and model the correct behaviour for them. Go over why they shouldn't give out private information or identifiable photos and be positive and understanding of them. In the long run, getting them to think critically about what they're seeing goes a long way to keeping them social media savvy.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Undoubtedly, the easiest way to safeguard your child on TikTok is to make sure their account is set to private. This means only those users your child approves can view, like, and follow their content. Setting the account to private may clash with your child's goal of social media superstardom, but it will keep their account secure from strangers. This setting can be enabled under the privacy and safety menu by pressing the ellipsis in the 'me' tab of the app. To be extra safe, there are additional controls available to toggle such as who can send comments and messages, among other options.

ENABLE RESTRICTED MODE

In the digital wellbeing section there's the ability to turn on restricted mode using a PIN. Restricted mode filters out content that is not age appropriate although it should be noted that this isn't always 100% fool proof. When enabling restricted mode, parents should still be vigilant to what their child is watching and take note that the algorithm moderating content is not infallible.

EXPLORE AND LEARN YOURSELF

Understanding and learning the app yourself is a great way to get to grips with TikTok. You could then even use the app with your child and watch some videos with them. If you are the parent of a teen, even if it does not make you popular, keep a close eye on what they're viewing and sharing. That said, it's a brilliant chance to turn it into a bonding opportunity with your child also. You could even unleash your inner performer and make videos with them while (more importantly) keeping them safe online.

LEARN HOW TO REPORT AND BLOCK INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT


With the proper privacy settings in place, TikTok can be a safe space for your child to express themselves. However, just in case something does manage to slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report content that isn't appropriate and get them to come to you about what they have seen. TikTok allows users to report offenders and comments within the app. You can also block individual users by going on their profile.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child moderate their time on the app by making use of the digital wellbeing section. Under the screen time management option, you can limit the daily allotted time allowed on the app in increments ranging from 40 to 120 minutes. You can also lock this preference behind a PIN number which has to be inputted in order to then exceed the daily time limit. This way your child can get their daily dose of memes without wasting away the day.


Meet our expert

Pete Badh is a writer with over 10+ years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for West Yorkshire Police, Pete has contributed work which has been pivotal in successfully winning high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.



NEW FOR 2020 FAMILY SAFETY MODE

TikTok Family Safety Mode allows parents to link their own TikTok account to their child's. It's a great way to oversee your child's digital wellbeing by giving you direct control over their safety settings and being able to remotely turn features on and off. This includes managing screen time, the ability to send and receive direct messages (and with whom) and the ability to restrict the appearance of content that might not be age appropriate.



SOURCES: www.tiktok.com

March	Friday 13th Friday 20th Monday 23rd Tuesday 24th Wednesday 25th Wednesday 25th Wednesday 25th Tuesday 31st	Sports Relief – come wearing sports kit : £1 donation. 9am - PPC Meeting Yr 5 Rewind to Easter, St Peter's Methodist Church, Crosshills Travelling Book Fair until 31st March 6pm – Yr 6 information evening at South Craven Crucial Crew Birch Class Trip to Allerton Discovery Centre 9.15am - Easter Service at St Thomas' Church
April	Thursday 2nd Thursday 2nd Thursday 2nd Friday 3rd Tuesday 21st Tuesday 21st Wednesday 22nd Wednesday 29th Wednesday 29th	9am – Oak Class Open Morning South Craven Tag Rugby Tournament Yr 5/6 6pm - Full Governing Body Meeting Last day of Spring Term 2 School re-opens for Summer Term 1 Parent's Consultation Evening Parent's Consultation Evening 9am – Birch Class Assembly South Craven Maths Challenge Yr 3/4
May	Friday 1st Friday 8th w/c Monday 11th Wednesday 13th Thursday 14th Friday 22nd	9am – Adventure Photography (Class Photo's) School Closed - VE Bank Holiday SATS Week Kwik Cricket Tournament Yr 3/4 6pm – Full Governing Body Meeting Last day of Spring Term 2
June	Monday 1st Thursday 4th Wednesday 10th Wednesday 17th Sunday 21st Tuesday 23rd Wednesday 24th Monday 29th Tuesday 30th	School re-opens for Summer Term 2 South Craven Forensic Science Murder Mystery Yr 5/6 South Craven Rounder's Tournament Yr 5/6 South Craven Languages Festival Yr 5/6 Sutton Fun Day South Craven Mini Olympics Yr 1/2 Yr 5 Transition Day at South Craven Yr 6 Transition Day at South Craven Yr 6 Transition Day at South Craven
July	Wednesday 1st – 3rd Thursday 2nd Wednesday 8th Thursday 9th Thursday 9th Tuesday 14th Thursday 16th Friday 17th Friday 17th	Oak Class Residential – Malham 6pm - 2021 intake Open Evening at South Craven Sports Day (1st Option) followed by School Fair PPC Sports Day (2nd Option) followed by School Fair PPC 6pm - FGB Meeting Pinnacle Walk 3.30pm - Staff vs Year 6 Rounder's Tournament 2.30pm – Leavers Service Last day of Summer Term 2