



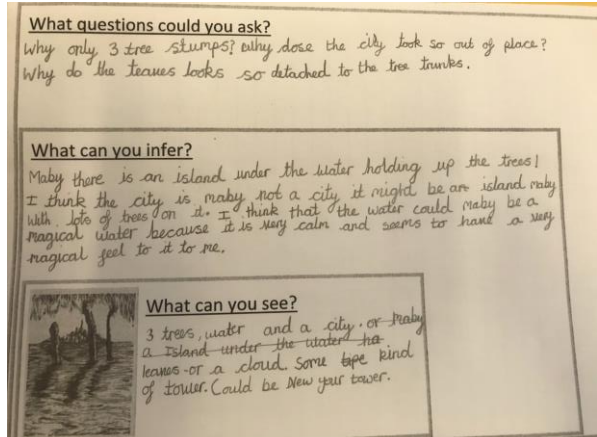
Welcome back everyone! I hope you have all had a good summer holiday. It is so lovely to have everyone back in school, back to the sound of little voices, back to the hustle and bustle of school life, back to lots of smiling faces but most of all, back to learning. We are exceptionally proud of all the children, not only have they shown great resilience and courage throughout the last few months but most of all they have embraced the unknown of coming back to school after six months away.

It is truly impressive to see how compassionate and understanding they have been to each other, how thoughtful and considerate they have been to the staff and how they have settled well into new and different routines to what would normally happen at the beginning of a school year. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience, co-operation and support in ensuring that our school community remains as safe as possible. Please continue to adhere to the social distance rules and the staggered start and finish times of your child/children.

This is the beginning of a brand new year, a different year - let's make it a good one!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Gibbons



We have begun looking at images from our English text Floodland and then read the first chapter. We have written in the role of one of the characters.



The children represented themselves on a jigsaw piece and then worked collaboratively to complete two puzzles.

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.



The children have worked on a class symbol – a football to represent working together as a team and being united.



The children have been creating pointillism self-portraits using paint and cotton buds.



Autumn Term Diary Dates

26 th September	Virtual MacMillan Coffee Morning
October	Black History Month
7 th October	Walk to School Day
16 th October	Harvest Festival – details TBC
21 st October	Virtual Open Morning and School Vision event
23 rd October	Break up for Half Term
2 nd November	School re-opens
3 rd November	Parents Evening – details TBC
5 th November	Parents Evening – details TBC
13 th November	Children in Need – details TBC
16 – 20 th Nov	Road Safety Week
26 th Nov	Oak Class Assembly – details TBC
3 rd December	Birch Class Assembly – details TBC
16 th December	Christmas Party Day
17 th December	Carol Service
18 th December	Last Day of Term

We appreciate that this is not a full yearly calendar however in the current circumstances and as things are changing constantly we are working from one term to the next. We will give you as much notice as possible for different events and happenings within school. We want to have the day to day running of school back to normal as much as is possible. Events will such as parents evening will look very different and we have yet to decide the best way forward for these, potentially through Microsoft teams or via phone. We endeavour to deliver such events in a way that works for both you, our parents and carers and our staff. We want to get the most out of these and as such having the greatest positive impact on your child/children.

Class information

Class teachers will be sending out their class letters and topic plans next week which will explain what your children will be learning this half term.

Please ensure your children come dressed in full P.E. kit including trainers. P.E. days are as follows.

Class	Days
Blossom	Monday Friday
Willow	Tuesday Friday
Birch	Tuesday Wednesday
Oak	Monday Thursday



Staggered start and finish times

Due to your co-operation and support we are going to reduce the time difference between the drop off and pick up times. Please note each child is entitled to the legal amount of hours in school. Entrance and exits remain the same for each bubble.

Class	Drop off	Pick up
Blossom	8.45 am	3.10 pm
Willow and Birch	8.55 am	3.20 pm
Oak	8.45 am	3.10 pm

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**.



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 walk 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. There have been recent reports of inappropriate videos circulating social media. 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.

AGE RESTRICTION

12+

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



TIKTOK



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

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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.



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October 4th, 18th

November 1st, 15th

December 6th, 20th

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