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Dear Parents and Carers,

Tuesday 11th February is Safer Internet Day –This will be celebrated globally and this year's theme is 'Together for a better internet'. The children will take part in a range of lessons and discussions so that they know what to do if they are unhappy or uncomfortable with anything they access online.

To enhance the importance of the day we would like all the children to wear a purple item to represent our computing scheme 'Purple Mash.'

Below are some useful links that could be used when talking to your children about staying safe online.

CyberSense is a new E-safety app designed to help parents talk about e-safety issues with their children to ensure that they make smart choices to stay safe online. Aimed at children aged between 8-10, it will help them think about what they would do if they were faced with different situations online; from cyberbullying to sharing content with someone they don't know. You can find out more about Cyber Sense at www.internetmatters.org.

The BBC launched the 'OWN IT' app last year, to support parents and carers and children. They suggest ways on how to manage their phones and their behaviour online. <https://www.bbc.com/ownit>

The Online Safety Agency (www.onlinesafety.org.uk) website has information and resources which are aimed at helping parents and carers gain a greater understanding of what content children may be accessing online. There is lots of useful information about what games or websites are age appropriate for children.

We hope that these links will be useful and that you will take Safer Internet Day as an opportunity to talk to your children about how they use the internet.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Richardson

