

Staying safe online: story time and talk time

Talk about to how be safe when using the internet with your nursery children using this storytime and talk time activity.

Learning aims

- To talk about how to be safe when using the internet
- To become familiar with the world around them
- To take part in a group discussion
- To identify the correct actions to take when using the internet.



Resources

- Safer internet storybook.
- Question prompts:
 - What do you like to do on your computer or tablet?
 - What would you do if you were worried about something that you saw on the screen?
 - What happened to (the character) in the story?
 - Has something like that happened to you? If so, what did you do?
- Golden rules reminders for story-time if you have them, for example, listening ears.

Activity Outline

1. Explore the link above to find a suitable storybook. If time is short you may want to use an e-book that can be shown on a screen or tablet
2. Introduce the topic to the children by asking them how many of them use the internet
3. Ask the children what sorts of things they play, watch or look at on the internet
4. Explain to the children that you are going to read a story and then you are all going to have a chat about some important things to remember when you use the internet
5. Read the story to the group, pausing to ask questions about what is happening in the story
6. Invite children to ask questions about the story and share their own experiences of being online
7. Use the question prompts to help if you need them
8. Remind children about how to stay safe online and if they see something that they are worried about they should speak to their parents or an adult at nursery.

Extending the activity

- Invite children to draw a picture about something they remember from the story
- Children could create a poster for the setting using pictures to remind their friends about staying safe online
- Leave the storybook out near the role-play area to encourage children to act out and explore their experiences.

Special considerations

Remember that if a child says something that concerns you, speak to your designated lead safeguarding officer for support about what to do next.