*Together we belong, together we achieve, together we shape tomorrow.*

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# Nursery Newsletter - Term 3

## February 2026

What a wonderfully busy return after all the Christmas celebrations, with the children sharing their experiences.

The children have thrown themselves into every experience with curiosity, confidence, and plenty of muddy smiles. Our woodland days have been a particular highlight, with our little explorers embracing the outdoors—squelching through mud, discovering hidden treasures, and learning to work together in the natural world.

Indoors, imaginations have been just as active. Our "Lost and Found" story adventures have sparked thoughtful conversations about friendship, kindness, and helping others, while our ice-themed activities have encouraged the children to investigate textures, temperatures, and the magic of melting.

We've also spent time getting to know one another —sharing stories about our families, our homes, and the places that matter to us. It's been lovely watching the children make connections and celebrate what makes each of them unique.

Rounding off this half-term, we have looked at the vibrant traditions of Chinese New Year with themed snacks, a dragon dance and sensory activities. It was a great opportunity for the children to explore through taste, colour, and creativity.











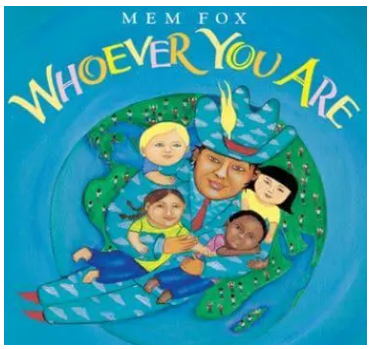


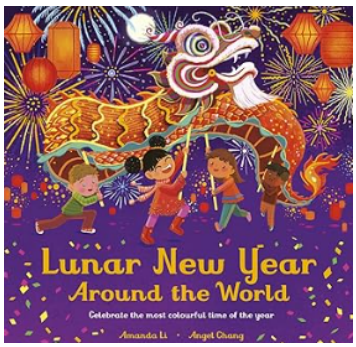




Our key texts this term have been:







The key vocabulary we have been using;




## Internet Safety and Screen Time

On Tuesday 10th February it was safer internet day. Attached below are some online safety tips for parents of young children.

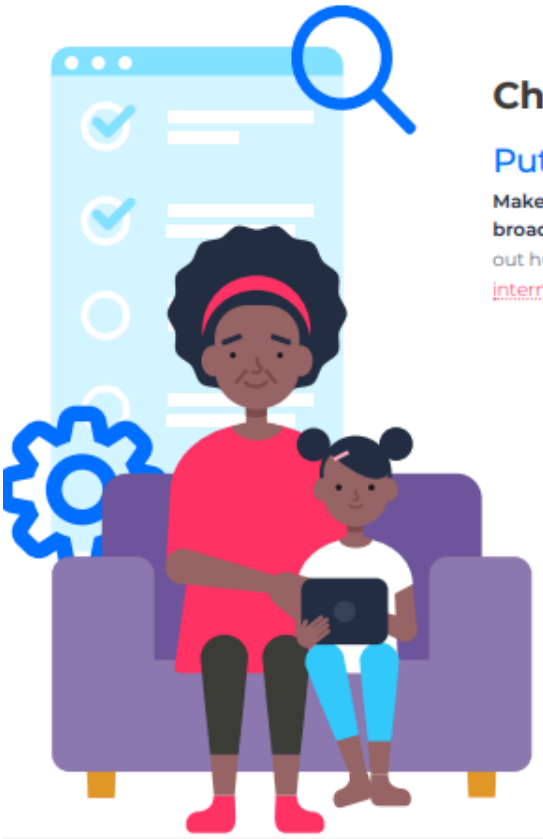
# Online safety tips for parents of pre-school children

## 0-5 Year Olds

internet matters.org

*22% of parents of 3-4-year-olds* ***don't think their child has a good balance between screen time and other activities***

* Source: Ofcom Children and parents: media use and attitudes report 2022



## Checklist:

### Put yourself in control

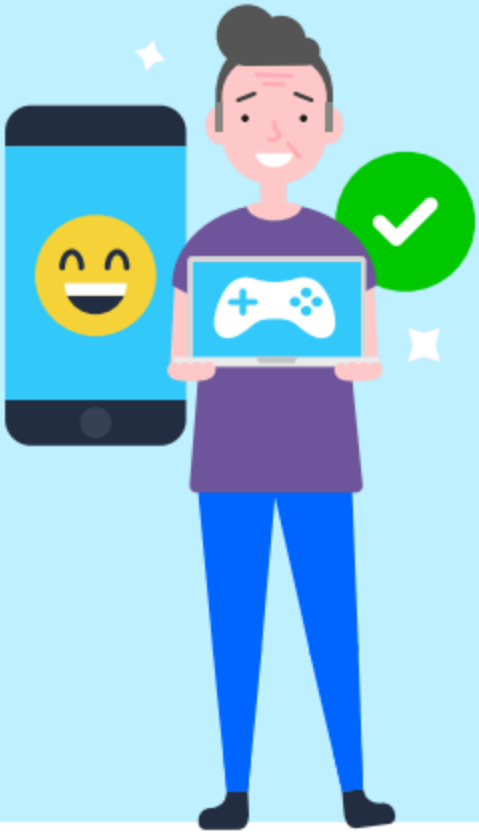
**Make use parental controls available on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices.** You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or by visiting internetmatters.org.

### Search safely

Use safe search engines such as swiggle.org.uk or kids-search.com. **Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines** as well as YouTube and it is possible to lock these so that they can't be inadvertently removed. You can find out more by visiting the Google Safety Centre. Once you've put all of these controls in place have a browse and search for a few things to see what your children might see, if they were to do the same. Remember that voice-activated search works really well now.

## Set boundaries

**It's never too early to start setting rules about when and for how long your child can use devices** and start to introduce the subject of internet safety at the same time. Encourage children to use devices in a shared spaces like a lounge or kitchen. Make sure to keep other devices out of reach and use passwords so they can't go online without asking you first. It's also a good idea to have tech-free mealtimes and not to allow children to have devices in their bedrooms at this age.



## Explore together

**Set your homepage to a child-friendly site such as CBeebies** and give them a user account which only allows access to sites and apps you've chosen.

## Help them learn through games

Games are a great way for young children to explore the internet and learn about the world around them. **Choose a variety of safe and educational online games and apps to play with your child** so that you'll feel more comfortable with them exploring. Make use of websites and platforms designed specifically for pre-schoolers like CBeebies, YouTube Kids, Nick Jr, and use age ratings and reviews in the app store to check app suitability.



## Know this stuff matters, but don't know where to turn?

Internet Matters is a free online resource for every parent in the UK. We'll show you the best ways to protect your children online – with information, advice and support on all the big online safety issues.

Scan below or visit **internetmatters.org** for more advice

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