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Dear Parents/Carers,

Staff recently received training regarding educational apps which are being used effectively in schools to enhance children's learning across the curriculum. During this training they were introduced to an app called Seesaw which we are now using in school to evidence children's learning in Computing and other areas of the curriculum.

Seesaw is essentially an online learning journal of children's work which empowers pupils to independently document what they are learning at school. It enables them to 'show what they know' using photos, videos, drawings, text, pdfs, and links. One key feature of Seesaw is that children are able to view, 'like' and comment on the work of the children in their class; enabling them to celebrate in each other's achievements and learn from one another.

In addition to promoting peer-to-peer evaluation and collaborative learning, Seesaw also encourages deeper learning, reasoning and reflection by capturing the learning process, not just the end result. Pupils are able to use Seesaw's built-in audio recording, drawing and caption tools to reflect on what they've learned and explain how they reached their answer.

An essential part of Seesaw's mission and our main priority as a school is keeping our pupils safe and this is achieved by putting teachers in control of how pupil information is shared. All new additions and comments that children post to Seesaw must firstly be viewed and approved by their class teacher. Nothing can be seen by the children without prior teacher authorisation and any inappropriate comments/posts are dealt with strictly in line with our eSafety and Safeguarding policies.

In order for the children to gain access to their class accounts they must use a 'Class Code' or 'QR Code' which will be printed and stuck in their Reading Records. The importance of keeping personal information private features heavily in the Computing and eSafety curriculum; we have therefore taught the children that these codes are to be treated as passwords and must not be shared with anyone.

Additionally, you as parents/carers will also be able to share your child's learning through the 'Seesaw Parent Access' app. You child's class teacher will provide you with your own unique 'Parent code' which you can use in order to access your child's online learning journal. Unlike the children, who are able to view and comment on their peers work, you will only have access to your child's learning journal.

Should you wish for your child not to have any involvement with Seesaw then please let the office know by Tuesday 14th March 2017.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding Seesaw then Miss Graham will be more than happy to discuss these with you. There will be a Seesaw training session for parents/carers being held in the coming weeks; further information to follow.

Kind regards

Miss H Graham
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