Thursday 9th November 2017

Dear Parent/carers,

Next week (13th November) is National Anti-bullying week and our “Keeping Safe” week. The week will include the following learning and discussions:

**Monday**

As part of this initiative we will be talking to the children about the meaning of the word bullying (several times on purpose “STOP”), what they need to do if it happens to them (tell someone, shout about it). We will mention cyber-bullying and tell them if they receive a nasty message to tell an adult and block the caller. In class the children will spend some time talking about what to do if they fall out with someone. We will discuss keeping safe with ICT when online and make links to Safety Seal with Article 24 “You have the right to clean water, healthy food and a safe place to play”.

**Tuesday**

The assembly and circle time focus in class will discuss the question, “What can you do if you feel scared or afraid? The children will think about who their trusted adults are.

**Wednesday**

***Year 1 and 2 children only***

Last year we were visited by the NSPCC’s *Speak out. Stay safe* programme to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to keep safe.

They gave our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and keeping their private parts private, without using scary words or adult language.

By the end of their visit, we were convinced our children felt empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

Sadly, this visit can only take place every 2 years but we will be using the following resource from their website to make sure our children have the knowledge to stay safe:

The pantosaurus video:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

Talking about which body parts are private to them

Listing people that they can trust and talk to in and out of school

If you feel that you would prefer to talk to your child about this at home then please let your class teacher know by Wednesday morning at the latest, that you do not want your child to take part.

**Thursday**

The focus will be on healthy relationships and what makes a good friend.

**Friday**

Safety Seal with Article 24 “You have the right to clean water, healthy food and a safe place to play”.

Bumblebee class will be taking part as their teacher deems appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Davy

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