



Digital Leader's Digest

Welcome to the Autumn edition of Digital Leader's Digest. This includes information, help and advice regarding Online Safety and our up-to-date latest computing information.

If you have any questions or need support with anything related to the use of technology in our school, please let us know.

Mr Moore (Computing Lead) and our Digital Leaders.

This Year's Digital Leaders

After many applications and votes between classes, I am proud to announce that Eccleston Mere's Digital Leaders for 2023/24 are:

Bobby B-W, Alex R, Robbie Mc, Alfie D, Adam R, Ada R, Agnes S, Lenny C, Thomas D, Ted D, Aiden S, Jake P, Emme N, Harry P, Betsy C, George A, Freya M, Mason H, Penelope K, Henry O, Holly Y, Harry D, Anabell A and Sam P

What we have learnt this half term

Year 1 have learnt all about algorithms and have used the bee—bots to code their own algorithms. Year 2 have been using Scratch to design rockets and to make them move directions. They have really enjoyed the creative process and are excited about future topics. Year 3 have used Scratch to create a storyboard by creating backdrops and sprites and then animation to create movements. Year 4 have been creating PowerPoints and Excel spreadsheets to inform the rest of the class about the weather in Brazil whilst researching. They are looking forward to presenting them in the final week of half term. Year 5 have been using Scratch to create mazes by applying a lot of prior knowledge from earlier year groups. Finally, Year 6 have created a text adventure programme containing multiple user options to lead to various story endings. They have also designed, programmed and debugged a map-based game building on a variety of variables within 'if, then else' algorithms.

SMART Rules

Our Digital Leaders felt it was vital that our SMART rules, that we always follow when online, are shared with our school community.



In our meeting, we discussed online games and how to behave online whilst enjoying the game that you're on. A few safety tips were shared: don't accept random messages or friend requests, don't share personal information online, always follow the SMART rules and, if there is a public chat, like on Among Us, to not share personal information and to play in a private lobby with people that you know.

If you do have any concerns about your child's online safety and need to report behaviour, please visit <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/how-to-make-a-report/>

Useful Educational Apps

As they enjoy learning online, our Digital Leaders have given a few suggestions of websites or apps that could be very useful to support your child's online learning.

Maths – TT Rock Stars, Hit The Button, RM Easi Maths, timestables.co.uk, Maths Frame

English – Reading Plus, EdShed, Spelling Frame

Other – Linguascope, Teaching Monster, Adopted Minds