

Term 4 Week 1

Big Question: What's between the pages?

Welcome back!

We hope you had a lovely, relaxing half term. Our big question is 'What's between the pages?' this term. We are excited for World Book Day (more information to follow) and we will also have a whole school focus on reading and the enjoyment of getting lost in a good book, whether this be fiction or nonfiction. Please see the topic webs that will be sent out, to find out more about what your child will be learning. It's going to be a great term ahead.

With best wishes,
The Gagle Brook Team



March 2024

4th Parents Consultation evening 3:30 – 5.00pm

6th Parents Consultation evening 3:30 – 7.00pm

7th World Book Day

13th Mother's Day Tea Event (more information to follow)

26th 'Our Learning Showcase' for parents 2pm (Nursery 8.45am)

28th End of Term



Our visit from Tesla was a great way to finish before half term. The children loved stepping inside these impressive cars and spent time learning about electric cars and the future of transport. On Tuesday, we had the Wickes Safety truck in school. All children had a super time visiting the truck and learnt lots about road safety. There were some great questions asked on both days.



Our school is a nut free zone therefore we ask you to only send items of food that are nut free. We have children and staff within school with severe nut allergies.

Peanut butter is not allowed in school. Please remember to check ingredients to ensure there are no nuts e.g. in chocolate spread and cereal bars.

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Achieve Awards

A
WE ARE **AMBITIOUS** AND WANT TO SUCCEED

C
WE WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM THROUGH **COLLABORATION**

H
WE ACT WITH **HONESTY**

I
WE ARE **INCLUSIVE**, APPRECIATE DIFFERENCES AND MAKE EVERYONE FEEL WELCOME IN SCHOOL

E
WE CARE FOR OUR **ENVIRONMENT**

V
WE SHOW **VALIANCE** AND COURAGE WHEN FACED WITH A CHALLENGE

E
WE AIM FOR **EXCELLENCE** IN ALL THAT WE DO

Week 5

N	Talia
R	Amaira
Y1	Nicky
Y2	Jon
Y3	Billy
Y4	Freyja
Y5	Dolly
Nest	Adela

Week 1

N	Ethan
R	Lily
Y1	Phoebe
Y2	Amanda
Y3	Leo
Y4	Oakley
Y5	Zion
Nest	Kendrick

Sports Award

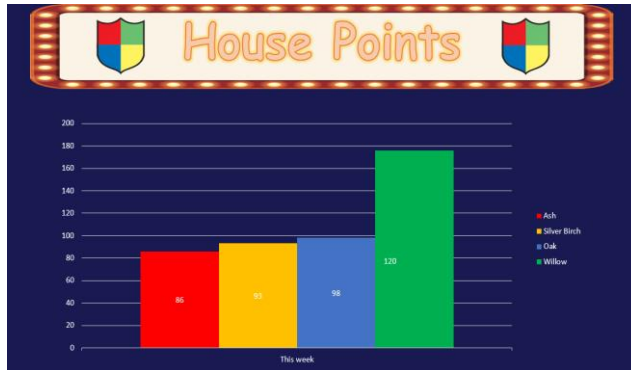
Hunter (the Nest)
Lily (Year 5)
Ali (Nursery)
Benji (Reception)

Attendance Award

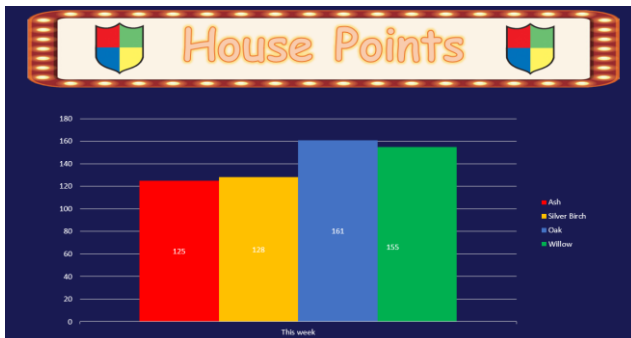
Week 1: Snow Leopards
with 97%



House Points



Term 3 Week 5 winner: Willow
Overall Term 5 winner: Willow



Term 4 Week 1 winner: Oak



Some tips about technology from NOS...

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MONKEY

Also known as Monkey Cool, this platform aims to fill the gap left by Omegle (which has now shut down) by placing users in random video chats with strangers. Participants use their mobile number and Snapchat username to connect to the service, where they can make matches, message other people and join group chats. The mobile version has been removed from the App Store due to safety concerns, but iPhone owners can still access the site via their web browser. The app remains available on Google Play, where its listing claims that Monkey has more than 30 million users worldwide.

AGE RESTRICTION
17+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
The app claims to use AI to detect sexual content or activity that violates its policies, along with having a 24/7 moderation team. However, reports in the media continue to indicate that explicit content remains commonplace on Monkey (including sexually graphic or violent material) and is therefore accessible to anybody who uses the app – including those aged under 18.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS
The obvious risk in accepting random video chat partners is that users cannot know what or who they will see on their next connect. Talking to strangers is, of course, potentially dangerous – especially for children who might be persuaded to meet up with these people offline. The app lets users find each other by location, increasing the chances of a child being matched with a stranger from their local area.

IN-APP SPENDING
While Monkey is free to download, it nevertheless offers in-app purchases promising to unlock access to premium features. For example, users who wish to make use of 'Knock Knock chat' (Monkey's text-based messaging option), rather than the app's Chatroulette-style random video calling feature, will need to pay to be able to do so.

INTRUSIONS ON PRIVACY
According to Monkey's privacy policy, personal information (such as name, profile picture and date of birth), user-generated content (any photos, texts, videos and screenshots shared) and each user's browser and IP address are collected. That is a considerable amount of data for Monkey to gather on its users – and all of this information is shared with third parties.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS THE DANGERS
Even if you're comfortable with your child using Monkey, it's still important to talk about the potential dangers. It's crucial, for instance, that young people recognise the risks that stem from video chatting with strangers; that they understand not to share identifying information (like their street or school name); and that they know what to do if they are exposed to inappropriate content.

REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Monkey states in the safety section of its site that 'people are given the power' and that, to a large extent, Monkey is self-governing. If a user is exposed to sexually explicit or inappropriate content on the platform, they can select the 'police' emoji in the top right corner of their screen to submit a report for Monkey's moderation team to review.

RESTRICT IN-APP PURCHASING
If your child is accessing Monkey via an Android device, you can prevent them from making in-app purchases through the device's settings. If you do allow your child to use the site, we'd recommend that you enable this feature: young people have been known to spend significant amounts of money in their desire to unlock more features in apps such as this.

SPOT THE SIGNS
If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Monkey – or that they may have been exposed to inappropriate or distressing content – it's important to watch for potential indications that they've been affected emotionally. They could be unusually irritable or unable to concentrate, for example, or failing to complete their homework or even to eat regular meals.

Meet Our Expert
Dr Claire Sulzberger is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MYLOL

MyLOL is a free social networking and dating site aimed at teens. Profiles can publicly display users' images and information, including sexual orientation and personal interests. The service bills itself as "the number one teen dating website in the world", claiming to have more than a million users globally. Despite its popularity, the MyLOL app is no longer available from Google Play or the App Store, although the site is still active. In some countries, police forces and schools have previously warned parents about "sinister predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site.

AGE RESTRICTION
13-19

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FILMSY AGE GATES
Although MyLOL states it is exclusively aimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system to prevent a younger child – or an older adult – from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
MyLOL maintains that it monitors all uploaded images for nudity or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being found on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in filthy or sexually explicit conversation.

POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING
MyLOL lets users 'vote' on other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the now-defunct site Hot or Not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pics receive an unfavourable response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue in the platform's chat groups and private messages.

IN-APP SPENDING
MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have paid money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform – such as sharing, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was \$9.95 (just under £2).

DATA COLLECTION
According to its privacy policy, MyLOL collects user data including email addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it is committed to protecting users' privacy, the small print states that information may be shared externally. MyLOL claims to follow procedures to keep data secure, but does not specify what these procedures are, or whether such information is encrypted.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS
MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL to connect with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posing under a false identity.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS ONLINE DATING
It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL – particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasise that most people don't realise they're being 'catfished' until it's too late – it really isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS
Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING
If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed to signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

SET UP LOCATION ALERTS
If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilising GPS or Wi-Fi location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or 'fence' and opt to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

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