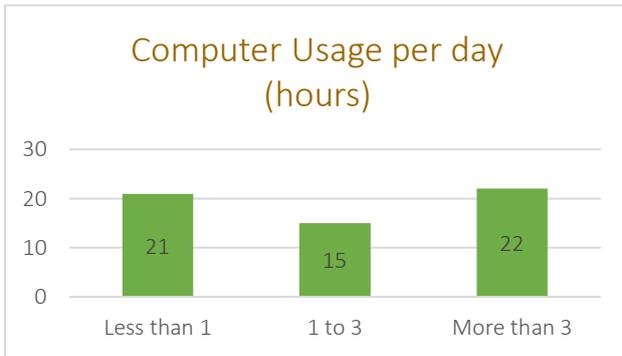**E-Safety Questions answered by Green and Yellow Class (Y2 – Y6) January 2018**

As Internet Safety Day approaches next week, we would like to give you some information about computer use in our school community. The landscape our children are growing up in has changed drastically. We want to support you as parents, and we ask for your support for us as school, so that together we can help our children be safe online, learn and have fun. This is not about a blame game "parents shouldn't let them do that…" or "school should teach them more about e-safety" but a recognition that many of us as adults are unaware of the hazards our children will face, growing up in an online world. We need to equip them to be safe, to be 'savvy' and to be mentally prepared for a world which might seem to judge them by 'likes'. The first step is to understand their current computer use….

Computer Usage per day (hours)

	Less than 1	1 to 3	More than 3
Users	21	15	22

58 children answered a variety of questions on their normal computer usage during a recent computing lesson. The children did not have to answer every question and they did not have to put their names on the sheets. You can find a copy of the questionnaire on our website http://christchurchcressage.co.uk/key-info/statinformation/
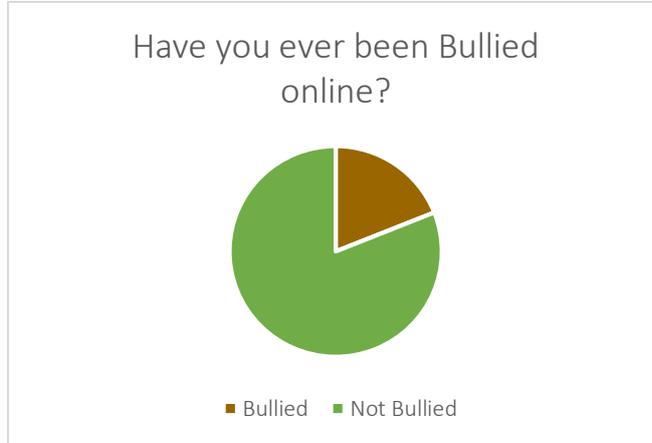
Many of the children enjoyed playing games online. Those that did were asked if they played with people they knew and/or if they played with people they didn't know. Half the children were playing with people they had only met online. This shows how important it is for us to help them understand about sharing personal information and that people online may not be who they say they are.

Playing Online Games with others

■ People Already know ■ People you've only met online

One of my top three games is…	Users
Roblox	17
Minecraft	20
Sims	3
Call of Duty	3
Grand Theft Auto	4
Fifa	5
Fortnite Battle Royale	10
Clash of Clans	3
Musicaly	5
Lego	3
Forza Horizon	3

Children were asked to rank their top three games, not all children replied but we have reported all the games that had three or more votes. We didn't know the names of all these games, and it can be hard (but essential) to make sure that children are playing games which are fun and an appropriate age and content for them. Some of these games are not aimed at primary school children and it is important to be aware that children are playing on them, as it will impact what they talk about and how they play on the playground.

Have you ever been Bullied online?

- Bullied - Not Bullied

Bullying online is a significant problem and one which we talk about as part of our PSHE and Computing lessons. It can be very hard for children who have fallen out with a friend at school to find that the argument follows them home via a WhatsApp group or Messenger, particularly when other children wade in online with their thoughts. This is a significant factor in the high rates of poor mental health we see in many teenagers. How can we equip our children to switch off from school, at home?

Social media is a fact of life and can be a force for good and a fun way of connecting with friends. What kind of training will our children need to make sure they are safe and positive users of social media?

Social Media Platform	Users
Facebook	2
Twitter	2
Youtube	43
Snapchat	20
Instagram	5
Messenger	11
FaceTime	2
WhatsApp	2
Skype	2

Using phones to take photos is great! But we do need to make sure children know what is appropriate and are not putting themselves in danger or sharing photos which might be used against them. How do we educate them about that?

Sending Photos

Post to Social Network
Send to Friends/Family

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Please have a think about these findings, come and talk to me and be prepared to be part of the answer. We plan a School Community meeting on E-Safety early in the Summer term. It will be a meeting to share ideas as parents and teachers to help our children be equipped to enjoy tech and social media in a safe way.

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