Smartie the Penguin

Smartie the Penguin is a strategy from Childnet which promotes keeping children safe online. Children of all ages enjoy using technology, we now see more young children going online to play games, talk to family, watch video's and even use voice enabled technology like Alexa and Siri.

With this in mind we need to make sure we have all the up-to-date information to protect our children from potential dangers on the internet. After researching Online Safety Strategies we have found stories about 'Smartie the Penguin'. Smartie has been given a new tablet which he is really enjoying, he then finds things which he is unsure about.

The first story covers the following themes:

- Pop ups and in app purchasing
- Inappropriate websites for older children
- Cyber bullying

The second story covers the following themes:

- Upsetting images
- Unreliable information
- Talking to strangers online.

Smartie gives the children the opportunity to think about whether they should tell a safe grown up or keep the information to themselves. We will use this Strategy within our planning to support our children's learning and understanding of potential dangers online.

To find the story of Smartie the Penguin go to www.childnet.com and put in Smartie the Penguin eyfs stories.