

Welcome to Year 4

Pelican Class

Ms Kadir

Ms Ascanio (pm)

Ms Hadari (am)

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This Term

Maths: Place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication

English: Narrative performance poetry, Zombierella by Joseph Coelho, historical stories and report writing.

Unit of Learning:

Science: Changing States of Matter followed by Sound in the second half of the autumn term.

History: How did Britain change between the end of the Iron Age and the end of the Roman occupation?

Geography: Why do so many British people go to the Mediterranean for their holiday?

RE: What does it mean to belong to a religion?

PE: Wednesday and Friday. Children to wear their PE to school on these days including trainers.

DT: Food and a Healthy Varied Diet. The children will design a healthy version of mac and cheese.

Trips, visits and special events:

Trip:

We will be going to the Verulamium Museum in St Albans on Thursday 16th October (TBC). We will be sending a letter home soon.

School of Noise to support the teaching of Sound during our science unit of learning. This will take place in school and be during the second half of the term.

In the spring term, The History People will be working with us to deliver an Egyptian workshop.

Special event:

For DT we will be making a healthy Mac 'n' Cheese. We will ensure all allergies are taken into account eg gluten.

Year 4 Residential

During the summer term, will be going on a one night residential to Tolmers activity centre in Hertfordshire. We will confirm dates and cost as soon as possible.

We recommend that your child has a sleepover with a friend prior to this.

PPA Time (Planning, preparation and assessment.)

Wednesday morning.

Forest School (Ms Green)

PE (Mr Browning)

PSHE (Mrs Marshall)

High Expectations

We set very clear expectations together around excellent behaviour and exemplary manners. We concentrate on our very best learning and work together as a strong team with a really positive attitude.

Pen License ? Homework??

It is so important that our children feel inspired and love coming to school!

We follow the Coldfall Golden Rules which are displayed in and around the school.

High Expectations

Uniform

Children must be in full uniform at all times, long hair needs to be tied back.

No jewellery is permitted in school (excluding simple stud earrings).

Please bring an old shirt for messy art work.

Children should not bring in valuable items.

All uniform and personal belongings must be named.

High Expectations

PE kits: suitable footwear, socks, white t-shirt, blue or black shorts and jogging bottoms for cold weather.

Children need to wear their PE kits to school on their PE days.

PE will be taught twice each week.

PE days: Wednesday(Mr Browning) and Friday (myself).

Green school: Wednesday (please bring wellies and waterproof clothing).

High Expectations

Punctuality and Attendance:

Please ensure the children are in the playground by 8.50am. The bell rings at 8.55am. It is so important for the children to arrive on time to start their day without feeling rushed or anxious.

LATE TOKENS - If your child arrives after the bell, please sign them in at the office where they will collect a late token.

Good attendance and punctuality are vital for your child to enjoy their day at school and to do their best learning.

Holidays & Attendance

Please do not arrange holidays during term time.

90% attendance equates to missing 4 weeks of school per year.

Missing school creates challenges for the children.

High Expectations

Snacks in school:

Playtime snacks must only be fruit or vegetables in their natural form.

We are a 'sugar smart' and a Green School. Breaktime snacks reinforce these messages.

NO NUTS!

Each child is encouraged to bring in a labelled bottle of water to drink in the classroom.

Birthdays

Eco Code

No plastic bags (apart for holding muddy wellies).

Walk to school zone.

Awareness of packaging and single use items.

High expectations

Homework- Daily reading, 10x Spellings using Spelling Shed, and TTRS.

Homework is set on Fridays and due back on Wednesday in the form of a spelling test.

We want to see children use and apply their knowledge of spelling rules in their work, not just on the Wednesday test day, so please revisit previous spellings as and when.

Please practise times tables every day with your children. They will be taking the Multiplication Check in June next year.

Parents

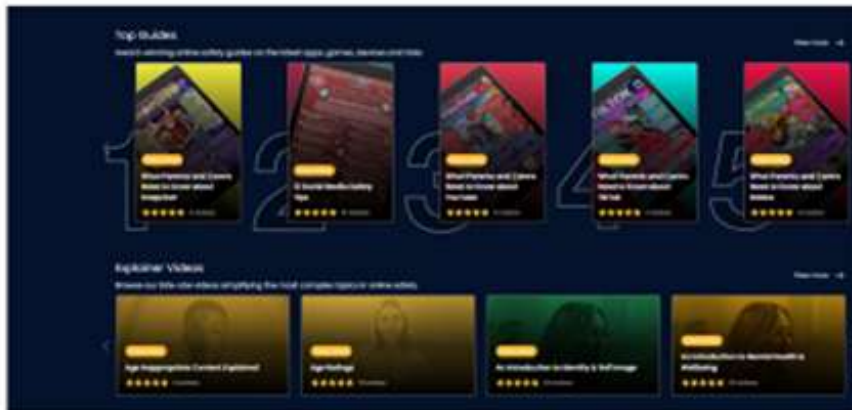
Communication: I will be available after school until 3.45 for quick questions. If you would like to make a longer appointment, please let me or the office know and we can arrange this.

Parental involvement is hugely appreciated. If you have specialist knowledge about one of our topics, or would like to help throughout the year, please let me know.

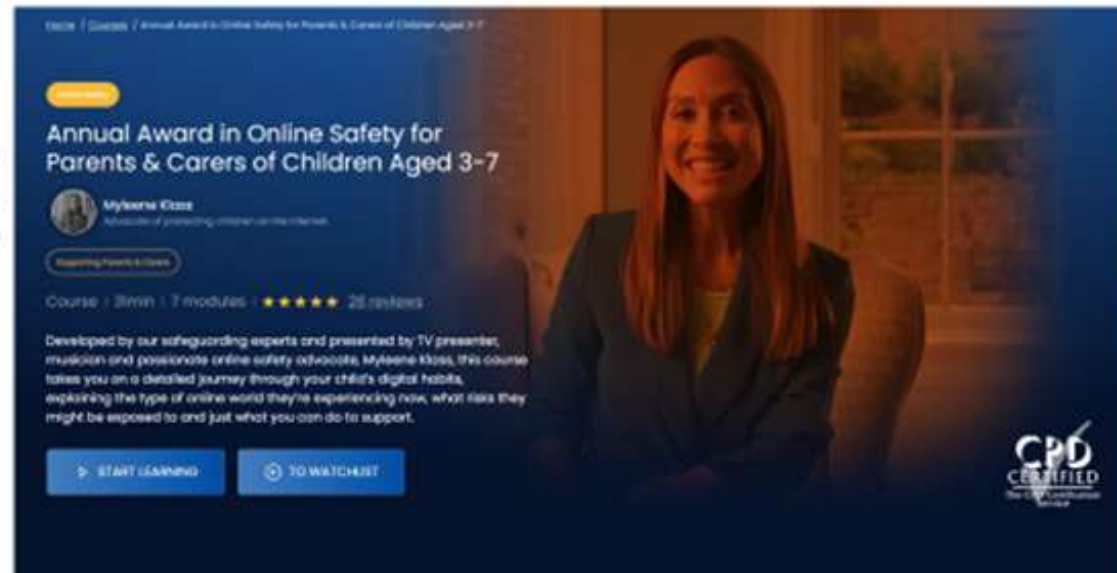
Each of our units of learning will end with some form of celebration of the learning. We look forward to inviting you to the first one.

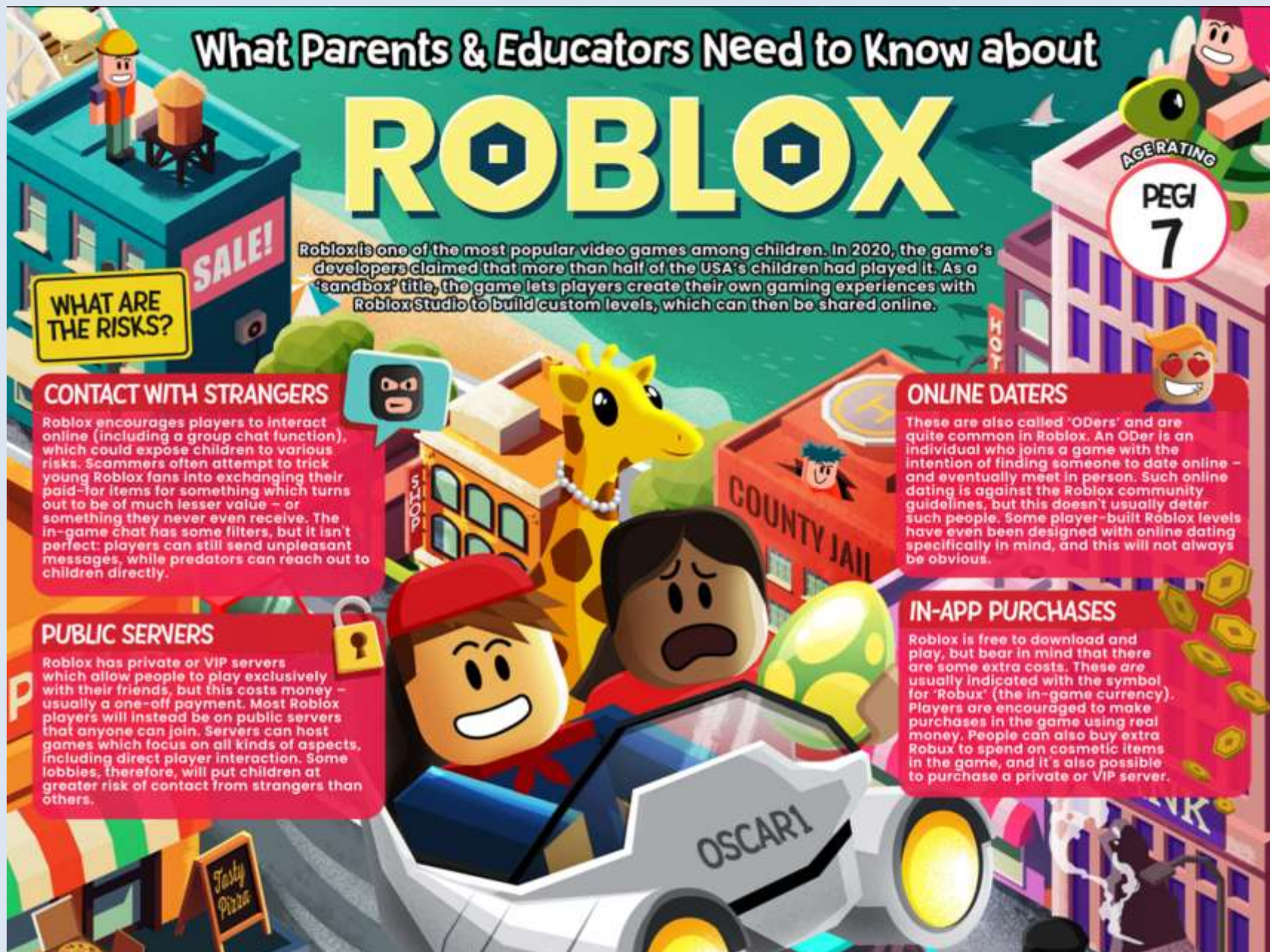
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<https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/coldfall-primary-school>



- *We pay for this as a school so that it is free for you to use.
- *There are full courses (I highly recommend the Annual Award for parents- it's very thought provoking.)
- *There are short walk throughs on games and apps that your children may want to play or use.





What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to interact online (including a group chat function), which could expose children to various risks. Scammers often attempt to trick young Roblox fans into exchanging their paid-for items for something which turns out to be of much lesser value – or something they never even receive. The in-game chat has some filters, but it isn't perfect: players can still send unpleasant messages, while predators can reach out to children directly.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money – usually a one-off payment. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some lobbies, therefore, will put children at greater risk of contact from strangers than others.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this doesn't usually deter such people. Some player-built Roblox levels have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind, and this will not always be obvious.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some extra costs. These are usually indicated with the symbol for 'Robux' (the in-game currency). Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game using real money. People can also buy extra Robux to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and it's also possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

Do you know what your child is doing online?
How do you keep your children safe?
What are your child's favourite games?
Have you played these games with them?

Thank you!

Thank you for your ongoing support. Please let me know if there is anything I can help you with. Alternatively the website is up to date and all key dates, information and the Parent Outline can be found there.