

# ICT

## (Information Communication Technology)

### Help At Home Guide

We strongly encourage the development of constructive computer skills at home as well as at school. The BBC website is a great place to start <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/> with links to lots of educational games to support learning across the curriculum.

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=31> gives a good bank of websites for parents, and identifies which age groups they are aimed at.

As more and more learning becomes available online, the opportunities are endless for developing ICT skills. Each subject will have its own recommended websites, but these ones are more specific to ICT skills. Try to make the experience as shared as possible - learning together and have fun!

#### Advice and Recommendations:

- With each recommended website comes the proviso that no website can be guaranteed 100% safe and secure. We would always recommend that children are supervised when accessing the internet. Having the computer in a place where it is easy for an adult to monitor can help with this! Some of the websites below have advice and guidance on safety online - including social networking. Do come and ask in school, if you would like further advice or support on any of these areas.
- Just as with adults at work, keep reasonable limits on screen time for children  
See <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/children-and-tv/MY00522>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/levels/level1.shtml> provides a fun way to learn to type.

<http://www.gridclub.com/v3/#/home> has loads of activities and explores internet safety.

<http://www.teachingideas.co.uk/welcome/> A good website for newcomers to the internet

<http://kids.yahoo.com/> A child-friendly search engine. (NB Always supervise when using search engines - unfortunately no site is 100% insulated from potentially inappropriate material.

<http://www.askkids.com/> Another search engine site aimed at children.

<http://www.picsearch.com/> Good for searching for pictures, safer than Google, but always supervise children when searching for images online.

<http://www.factmonster.com> An excellent place to start when researching for homework and projects.

<http://www.freefoto.com> A good resource for photos across a range of subjects. Again, please supervise your child when using the site.