



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS HAYES-SMITH

# ASPIRATIONS THEME WEEK

Next week we have a whole school focus on Aspirations. Research shows that children's career aspirations are unlikely to change between the ages of seven and 17. In partnership with parents and the local community we wish to cultivate curiosity, raise aspirations and ignite excitement in children about their own futures.

Here are five practical tips to help us to do just that:

1. Aim to broaden horizons, rather than narrowing options
2. Think about vocabulary
3. Link learning to different careers
4. Challenge stereotypes
5. Introduce real people

Throughout the week we have parents coming in to talk about their careers, links online with a range of careers, Year 5 are heading to Vale of York to see 'Scientists in Action' and finally on Friday we have a whole school 'Puzzle Challenge Day', through which we aim to raise the children's own expectations of what they can achieve.

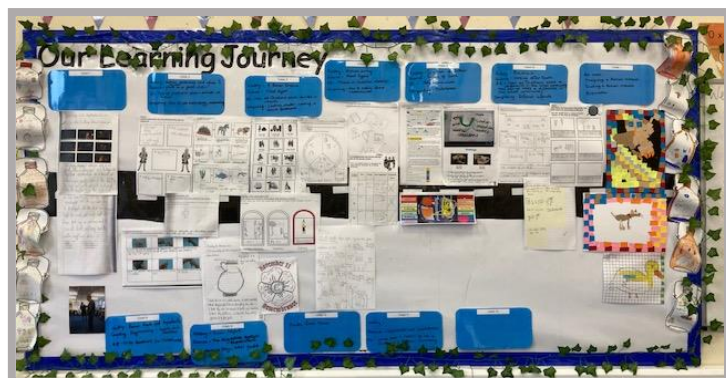
## LEARNING JOURNEY BOARDS

Each class has a display board devoted to the learning that has taken place over the term. We call these boards 'Our Learning Journey'. The purpose of the boards are to aid our learning by remembering what we have done as well as linking concepts between subjects. It is one of the ways that we as a school are addressing ~ **Strategic Priority One: Embed our curriculum ensuring that children know, remember and are able to do more.** Weekly the class discuss the learning either as a whole journey or a particular aspect.

*Bonnie:* when we do something, our work or pictures goes up on the board. It makes us remember what we have done. We have learnt about food chains and Roman timelines. We have created a bulla which is a type of locket. In Geography we learnt about the places the Romans took over. All our work is connected to the Romans.



Team Maple



Team Hazel

Team Fir



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Mrs Wade



We are increasingly hearing children talk about Squid Game. This is really apparent during break times especially when a game has gone wrong and children are upset. When we spend time to unpick what has happened we hear about how they were playing Squid Game. Please take time to read the following leaflet.

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 app of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, tips and tips for adults.

## What Parents Need to Know about SQUID GAME

**AGE RESTRICTION 15+**  
Suitable only for 15 years and over.

With themes of horror and violence, it's important for parents and carers to understand the potential risks posed for young audiences by the viral TV show, Squid Game. The nine-episode Netflix-exclusive TV show is rated 15+ and is about a world where contestants who are deeply in debt play children's games in order to win cash prizes. The losers, however, are violently killed. The show's popularity has meant it has spread across online platforms, and there is a great risk of young people being exposed to unsuitable scenes, meaning parents and carers have to be vigilant when allowing children to use devices.

**INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**  
Some might argue that Squid Game contains content that might not even be suitable for older teens, let alone young children. Characters are brutally tortured and killed through stabbings or getting hit by a masked game master. The show also features sexual content and threats of sexual violence, as well as a strong theme of gambling that runs throughout the whole show.

**APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE**  
Whilst the content is very much adult-themed, some features of the show seem to appeal to young children as face-value. The name 'Squid Game' may be interpreted as a programme aimed at children rather than adults. The content itself, such as the bright and childish aesthetics, may also appeal to young children, particularly as there's a focus on playground games to go with it.

**SIMILAR CONTENT SUGGESTIONS**  
When using social media and streaming sites, content is recommended based on what the user has consumed. As what they have watched or searched for. Therefore, there is a greater chance of your child being exposed to similar violent or horror-themed content on social media after watching a show like Squid Game.

**VIRAL SPIN-OFFS**  
As well as Netflix, Squid Game has grown in notoriety and prevalence on other platforms, like TikTok and YouTube, with clips of the show going viral. On YouTube Kids, a number of successful channels have taken advantage of the Squid Game trend, creating content such as 'How to Draw Squid Game Characters' videos. Its popularity has also led to the creation of app games that put the player in the role of a contestant who is killed if they lose a game.

**SCENE RE-ENACTMENTS**  
Squid Game's pervasive presence on social media has encouraged many content creators to re-enact scenes from the show, which has led to reports of children being exposed to also imitate those scenes displayed on social media at home and in school. Much of this content stems from the 'Red Light, Green Light' game from the first episode, where contestants attempt to make it past a giant animatronic girl before she shoots them. Where contestants attempt to make it past a giant animatronic girl before she shoots them.

### Advice for Parents & Carers

**USE PARENTAL CONTROLS**  
Netflix has easily accessible built-in parental controls that allow you to set up a profile for your child with a specific age rating. Block them from watching certain shows and even lock their account so it can't be accessed by anyone else. Netflix also allows you to access your child's viewing history to make sure they're not watching anything inappropriate for their age.

**CHECK AGE RATINGS**  
Age ratings on TV shows and films are a way to gauge what is suitable for audiences of different ages. If you are unsure about the content your child is watching, check the age rating for the TV show or film is deemed suitable for their age group. If not, try watching the show yourself or talking to other parents who have seen it before to get a better understanding of why it's been rated a certain way.

**MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY**  
Squid Game has become a social media craze and it's possible your child will see some content related to the show on various platforms. Therefore, it's important to be aware of which websites your child has accounts on their smartphone, tablet or laptop, and to also keep an eye out for which accounts they are following on social media platforms, such as Instagram and TikTok.

**HAVE OPEN CONVERSATIONS**  
Making sure your child is comfortable telling you about what they see online can go a long way to ensuring you are kept in the loop about their online use. Showing an interest in what your child is doing online gives you the opportunity to discuss what is and is not appropriate for their age group, and how they might recognise their own feelings towards content they see.

**WATCH THE SHOW**  
If you're trying to figure out whether you should let your child watch Squid Game, it might be a good idea to watch the show yourself first. Doing so will allow you to get a better understanding of the show's content and themes, as well as help you decide if this is something you'd feel comfortable with your child being exposed to.

**Meet Our Expert**  
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## ATTENDANCE

Please can I remind you that you need to inform us by **9am** on **each day** if your child is absent from school. You can do this in a number of ways.

- On the Parent Hub app.
- Email to admin.lak@ebor.academy
- Leaving a message on the absence line 01904 806444 press 1
- Speaking to a member of staff who is outside

It is an essential part of our safeguarding procedures that we know where your child is each day. If we do not hear from you we will endeavour to contact you through all of our emergency contacts. If we still have had no contact the senior leadership team will conduct a home visit. If we still are unable to contact you then we will need to involve other agencies to ensure the safeguarding of your child.

Please ensure that we know where your child is by informing us each morning.

## NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE CALLS FOR YOUNG ARTISTS' CHRISTMAS CREATIVITY

North Yorkshire Police has launched a competition for the county's young creatives to design a Christmas card with the chance to win a VIP police visit to their school. See Parent Hub or the [school website](#) for more information and the competition form.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY –

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Aspirations Theme week

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas dinner at Lakeside

School Closes

School opens

School closes

**HEAD TEACHER'S STAR OF THE WEEK**

This week's stars are  
**George and Lottie.**

**STARS OF THE WEEK**

This week's stars are  
Theo, Freddie, Riley, Ezinne, Renae,  
Vinnie, Elena, Deniz, Leona and Ella.  
(Well done everyone!)

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