Over Hall Community School

Year: 1

Computing - Online Safety and Exploring Purple Mash

What should I already know?

- Use of 2Dos, saving, opening and editing work, sharing work, copying and pasting, mouse, keyboard and device skills.
- About password safety
- Where to find the search bar in Purple Mash

What will I know by the end of the unit?

How do I use Purple Mash?

- Log in safely and understand why that is important.
- Create an avatar and to understand what this is and how it is used.
- To be able to create a picture and add their own name to it.
- Start to understand the idea of 'ownership' of creative work.
- Save work to the My Work area and understand that this is private space.

How do I use my work area?

- Learn how to find saved work in the Online Work area.
- Learn about what the teacher has access to in Purple Mash.
- Learn how to see messages left by the teacher on their work.
- Learn how to search Purple Mash to find resources.

How do I use the Purple Mash topics?

- Become familiar with the types of resources available in the Topics section.
- Become more familiar with the icons used in the resources in the Topics section.
- Start to add pictures and text to work.

How do I use Purple Mash tools?

- Explore the Tools area of Purple Mash and to learn about the common icons used in Purple Mash for Save, Print, Open, New.
- Explore the Games area on Purple Mash.
- Understand the importance of logging out when they have finished.













The area of Purple Mash where your work is stored





Key Vocabulary

Alert A system that lets you know if you have something to look at

Avatar A digital picture to represent someone.

Button An area where you click to make something happen.

Device A piece of electrical equipment made for a purpose.

File Name The name given to an online piece of work.

Icon An image on a web page that you can click on to navigate to somewhere.

Log in Using a username and password to access a system.

Log out Leaving a computer system.

Menu A button which gives the user different options.

Notification A message telling you about something.

My Work Area The place on Purple Mash where your work is stored. Only you and your teachers can access this.

Private Keeping information restricted from other people.

Password A series of letters, numbers and special characters that is entered after the username to access an online site

Purple Mash Tools A selection of programs which help you carry out different tasks.

Saving Store your work as you create something so it can be accessed later

Search A way of finding specific resources you want to look at.

Key Questions

What is a password and why should we keep them safe?

A password is a secret word or phrase that allows a user to access a website. Passwords are like toothbrushes in that they should not be shared with anyone else.

What is a digital avatar?

In Purple Mash, an avatar is a picture you create in the software to represent you. It is safer to use an avatar on the Internet than have a picture of yourself.

Purple Mash Resources

- Tools
- Paint Projects
- 2Count
- 2Explore
- 2Connect









