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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break. It has been fantastic to see you all back at school this week.

Yesterday, we welcomed the BBC cameras into school. They were keen to see some of the work we have been doing to develop oracy at Torridon. They plan to show the piece on BBC London News next week. Look out for an email confirming which day.

We hope that lots of you will be joining us for our Fun Run on Sunday. The children were very excited to get their T-shirts this afternoon. There is still time to register if you have not already done so. It looks like we are going to have some lovely weather so do come along if you can.

I know that many of you will be celebrating Eid ul-Adha this weekend. I wish you well and hope you enjoy your special time with loved ones.

Kind regards

Manda George

Headteacher



Rights Respecting School

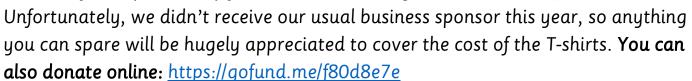
During our Rights Respecting Assemblies this week, we had lots of discussions about the importance of Article 42 — the right to know our rights! We talked about why it is so important for children to learn about their rights and to help others understand them too. We all agreed that knowing our rights helps us feel confident, safe and cared for.



Torridon Fun Run 2025 – Sunday 8th June

Torridon's Fun Run is back for 2025

Look out for a sponsorship form in children's bags.



If you can volunteer an hour on the day, please sign up here:

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Don't forget to register!

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Forest School Summer Camp

We are very excited to announce that Kelley, our qualified Forest School Leader, plans to run a 2-week summer camp in our woodland this summer!

Places will be limited to 30 and can be booked daily or weekly. Places are available for children, Reception-Year 6.

Camp will run from Monday 4th August-Friday 15th August 2025 at 10am-3pm.

Our daily rate will be £40 per child (£30 for children eligible for pupil premium funding). Childcare vouchers are accepted.

Children should bring a packed lunch.



Children will spend their day outside in our woodland embracing nature. Each day there will be free play, den building, tree climbing, team games, stories and songs, craft activities, tool work, campfire snacks.

Booking is NOW available on your child's PARENT PAY account.



OPAL PLAY DATE

You are invited to come for the afternoon on Wednesday 25th June 2025 to play with your children in the school grounds. During your visit, you'll have the chance to explore the exciting variety of play opportunities your children engage in every day, from building with loose parts to imaginative role play and creative problem-solving activities. You'll also get to try out some of the equipment yourself and see how OPAL transforms play into a powerful tool for learning and growth.



This is more than just play. It's about nurturing your child's independence, confidence, and ability to collaborate with others in a fun and supportive environment.

If possible, please bring a loose part donation to help with den making, for instance: a tyre (washed), clean wood (no nails), tarp, plastic pipe (no sharp edges), plastic crates (no sharp broken bits). We are also always looking for ride-on toys, scooters, old suitcases and small world items.

Schedule:

3:30pm— 4:15pm Free play session with children

4:15pm-4:30pm Tidy up and home time

We would love to see as many of you as possible join us for this exciting event.

Please dress for the weather and be ready to join in the fun!

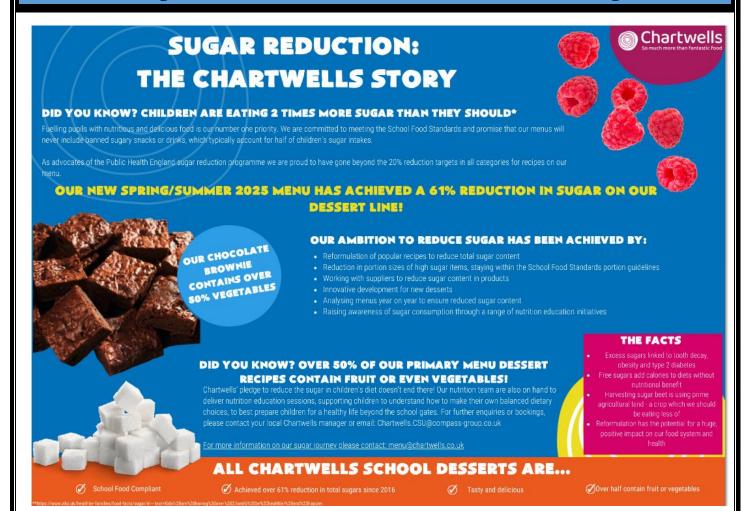








Sugar Reduction – The Chartwells Story



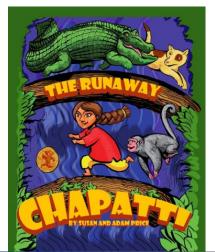
NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please remember, Torridon is a Nut-Free school. We do not allow nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes. Please make sure children do not have any of the following in their packed lunch:

- Packets of nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Nutella sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts
- Any home cooked meals for packed lunches which contain nuts

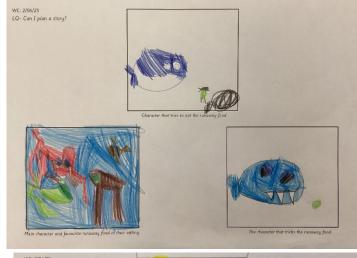


Reception – writing



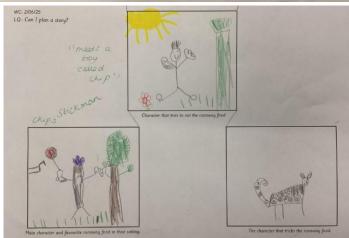
This week, Reception have started a new story @'The Runaway Chapatti.' We are creating our own stories, thinking of our own runaway food, story setting and characters that might try to eat our delicious treat! Have

a look at our plans;





French fries



LEGOLAND BOOKING – DEADLINE EXTENDED

There is still time to book for the PTA Legoland trip on 20th June. The PTA will continue to accept orders via our <u>SumUp shop</u> until **Monday, 9th June**.

Resource Base - Heroes

This week, we've been reading A Superhero Like You by Dr. Ranj Singh, a heart

warming picture book that celebrates the reallife heroes among us. Lily, the story's main character, dreams of becoming a superhero not the caped kind, but one who helps others and makes the world a better place. Through Lily's journey, we've learned about the incredible work done by key workers such as doctors, teachers, paramedics, scientists, and carers. Inspired by the story, we've been roleplaying various jobs, using adjectives to describe the qualities needed to perform them.

In addition, we have welcomed some baby caterpillars, to watch another amazing metamorphosis happen in front of our eyes.









Year 1 - PE

Year 1 are learning athletics skills in PE this term. We learned that agility is being able to move quickly yet efficiently, which takes a lot of athletic skill. We had fun moving around the obstacle course, balancing, travelling and controlling our movements in a variety of ways. Year 1 are super excited to get ready for Sports Week!









Year 2 Kite Making

This half term, Year 2 has started an exciting new topic: *Inside India*! On our return to school we were greeted with...kites! There were kites in the playground, on the railings, in the round house but the most kites of all were inside and outside of our classrooms. We then discovered that every year in India there is a special kite festival! As a result, Year 2 thought it would be a brilliant idea to host our own kite festival at Foster Park, therefore this week we made our own kites. We carefully thought about the designs and decided it would be a wonderful idea to



Year 3 - Drama

We have been reading 'The Journey' by Francesca Sana. It is a moving and thought-provoking story. We discussed what it would be like if we had to leave our homes, knowing that we might not ever come back, and how this would make us feel. We also thought about what belongings we might be able to take with us. We then got very creative and acted out scenes inspired by













Year 4 – Exploring a Setting

This week in Year 4, we began our exciting journey into our new class text, The Girl Who Stole an Elephant. To help us understand the setting of the story, we explored the beautiful country of Sri Lanka.

We shared what we already knew, and some children brought in fascinating items from home to show the class. We also looked at colourful pictures, read interesting fact files, and used the internet to discover even more about Sri Lanka's culture, wildlife, and landscapes.

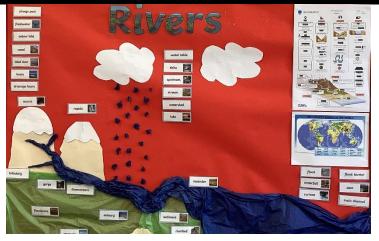
To bring our learning to life, we worked in teams to create vibrant posters, which are now proudly displayed on our learning wall. It was a fantastic way to kick off our new topic!

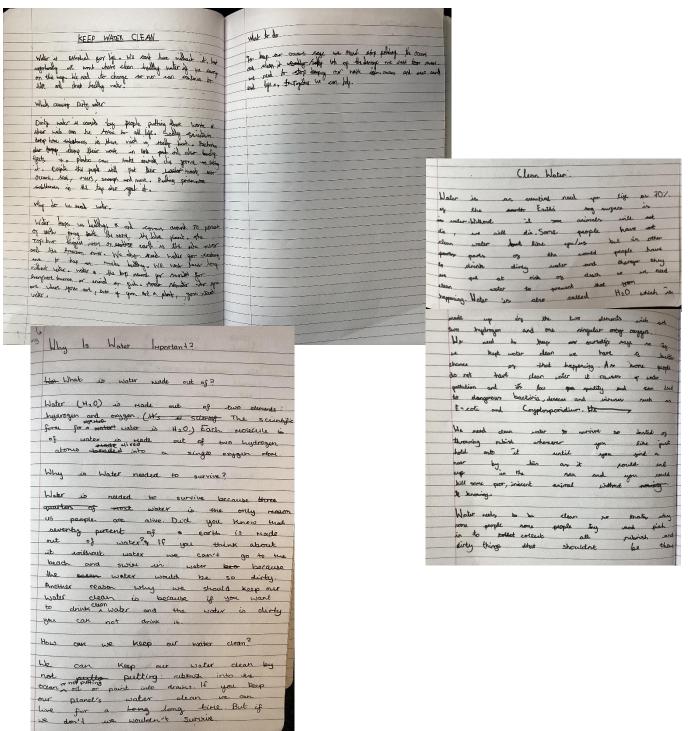




Year 5 - Water Conservation

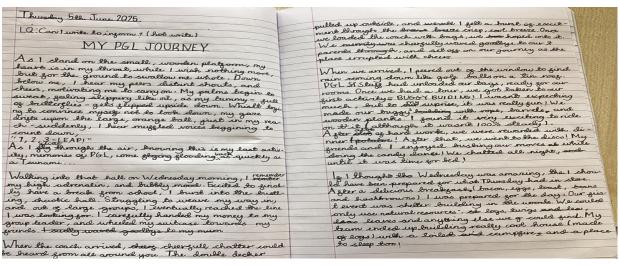
The topic in year 5 this half term is 'Rivers'. In writing, specifically, we are working towards writing an explanation text on the importance of water conservation. Below is our first attempt at our explanation text.

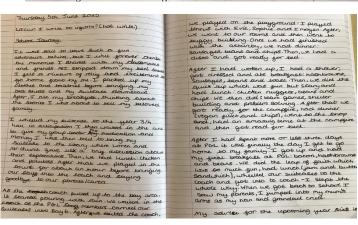


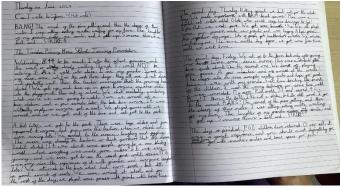


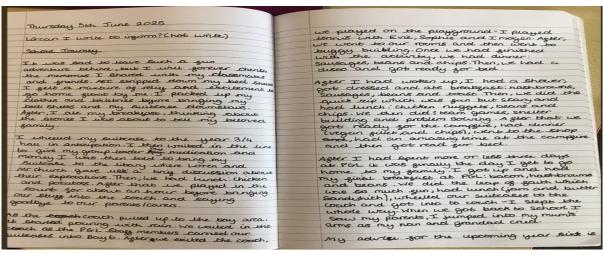
Year 6 - Writing

Year 6 children are still buzzing from the excitement of their school journey experiences. They have spent this week writing a recount about this once in a lifetime event. They used a range of devices to build cohesion and they also included all the key features needed for this piece of writing.









Forest School News

It has been an absolute joy to welcome the Year 5 children to Forest School this week. The children were buzzing with excitement and eager to explore our woodland. They enjoyed activities from tree climbing, found ladybirds, looked at animals, fished for newts in the pond and so much more. We are all excited and looking forward to next week.



The Resource Base are learning about Real life Superheroes this term. The children were brave firefighters this week climbing ladders to save the cat who was stuck up a tree!!



Share a Story: Parent and Carer reading Sessions in Nursery

As some of you may know, we have been involved in a whole school oracy project this year. We have been working together with a range of professionals to support the development of children's speaking, listening and communication skills.

We are excited to announce that, from **Friday 13th June**, nursery parents and carers will be invited in every Friday to share a story with their child or a small group of children. This will help to develop children's oracy skills through reading.



There are two possible sessions that you could attend every Friday:

Session 1: 8.55 am - 9.10 am

Session 2: 3.00 pm- 3.15 pm



Nursery and Reception Coffee Morning

Thursday 12th June 9.00am-10.00am — Language Development in the Early Years

This workshop will be run by our Speech and Language Therapists and will support parents to understand how to develop children's language skills during their early years (ages 3-5).

This workshop will benefit any child who may struggle to form sentences, use the correct words to express themselves and for those who may struggle to understand and follow instructions.

Through this workshop we will explore: what speech, language and communication is what typical language development looks like

Developmental Language Disorder - how this diagnosis would impact a child

strategies to support Language Development

language development opportunities in the home





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Sunday 8 th June	Family Fun Pun (Forstor Park)		
Week beginning Monday 9th June	Family Fun Run (Forster Park) Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check		
week beginning Floriday 7 June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check		
	Year 6 to Laserquest		
Thursday 12th lung	Year 6 bake sale		
Thursday 12 th June	Parent and carer coffee morning (EYFS)		
	KS2 athletics tournament		
	Year 4 cricket tournament		
Friday 13 th June			
	Year 2 kite festival – Forster Park		
	Year 6 bake sale		
Thursday 19 th June	Year 6 to Greenwich Park		
Friday 20th June	INSET Day		
	PTA Trip to Legoland		
Friday 27 th June	Year 6 bake sale		
Wednesday 25 th June	OPAL playdate 3.15 — 4.15pm		
Tuesday 1 st July	Year 6 secondary transition day		
Wednesday 3 rd July	PTA – Litter Pick		
	5pm Year 5 secondary transfer meeting		
Sunday 6 th July	PTA - Summer Fair		
Week beginning Monday 7 th July	Whole School Assessment Week		
Tuesday 8 th July	Summer Music Concert		
Tuesday & July	Year 6 Royal Opera House Create Day		
F.:: 1 4 4th 1	Nursery Teddy bear's picnic		
Friday 11 th July	Year 6 multigenerational project celebration		
Monday 14 th July	Nursery and Reception Sports Day		
Tuesday 15 th July	Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day		
Wednesday 16 th July	5.00pm Year 6 performance		
Thursday 17 th July	9.00am Year 6 performance		
Friday 18 th July	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day		
Monday 21st July	Year 6 leavers' party		
Tuesday 22 nd July	9.00am Year 6 leavers' assembly		
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last Day of Summer Term (2pm finish)		
Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September	INSET DAYS		
Wednesday 3 rd September	First day of the autumn term		
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	STARS OF THE WEEK					
Class	Name	Reason				
Nursery FT	Oliver	For his brilliant group work during his talk boost session. Well done, Oliver! 😉				
Nursery AM	Cassia	For her fantastic drawing and writing in her card this week. Well done, Cassia! 🔞				
Nursery PM	Ayat	For joining in during carpet time and for playing nicely with her friends. Well done, Ayat!				
Blue Class	Raielle-Renise	For working so hard on her independent writing and consistently being a role model to her peers. Well done, Raielle!				
Red Class	The whole class	For being absolutely fabulous this year! Thank you for being so kind and caring. I am very proud of all of you				
Yellow Class	Melvin	For always trying his best and for settling wonderfully into yellow class. Well done, Melvin				
1M	Adam	For his enthusiasm towards his learning. Adam is always ready to share his insightful ideas with the class. Well done, Adam!				
1N	Saint	For the fantastic progress he has made with his reading, writing AND maths! This is all down to his determination and positive attitude. His love for learning shines out, especially				
		in maths. Keep up the great work! 😉				
1W	Kyro	For his fantastic attitude to learning this term. He has been so enthusiastic about participating in class and trying his best at his learning. We love to see how much he is enjoying school!				
2E	Adem	For his growing enthusiasm towards his learning. Adem has been more focused and determined with his learning resulting in lovely pieces that both he and I can be proud of.				
		Well done, Adem, keep it up 🕲				
25	Margot	For always trying her best with her learning and being kind to her peers. Well done Margot, keep it up! ②				
2SW	Gregory	For his excellent manners and for always being so polite to his peers and the adults in the				
		classroom. Well done Gregory, keep it up! 🔞				
3A	Niveesh	For making sensible choices in the classroom, and for trying hard to improve his focus during lessons. Well done 😂				
3G	Hazel	For her fantastic contributions to group and class discussions. Well done Hazel! 🔞				
3S	Malakhi	For being great help during our school trip. Well done Malakhi! 🕄				
4K	Mordecai	For showing outstanding focus in lessons this week and contributing brilliant ideas during our class discussions. Mordecai also impressed us by creating a fantastic dual-coded word				
	0.1:	bank in Reading, using his own beautifully drawn pictures as symbols. Well done				
4L	Gabi	For ending the week differently and being motivated to being independent and dedicated				
4\$	Perla	to his learning and offering great contributions in lessons. Well done, Gabi! 😥 For showing great aspiration to improve in all areas at learning at school and at home.				
		Well down Perla! 🚱				
5C	Sajithya	For challenging herself in maths this week and always having a positive attitude to learning. Well done!				
5L	Evan	For improving his handwriting this week. Well done and keep it up.				
5V	Reggie	For demonstrating excellent learning behaviour. Well done 🕄				
6A	Harley	For being extremely helpful in and around the classroom, and towards his peers, especially when it comes to technology- supporting them to find and save their learning on clicker.				
6L	Naoki	For coming back to school with a fantastic attitude to learning, especially with your focus in writing lessons. Keep up the good work!				
6R	Daniel	For consistently demonstrating integrity and commitment to all learning. He has produced a superb recount demonstrating awareness of the reader. Well done.				
RB Blue	Riley	For being extremely helpful in Green Pathway and for excelling in his maths work. Well done Riley.				
RB Green	Josh	For always being very kind and caring towards his friends and for supporting one of his friends when he was feeling sad in the lunch hall. Well done Joshua and thank you for being so kind.				
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Year 6 Bake Sale 12th and 13th June

BAKE SALE!!!

DATES: Thursday 12th June - Friday 13th June

IF YOU CAN, PLEASE BRING ON THE DATES ABOVE:

- Cakes
- Cupcakes
- Cookies
- Biscuits
- Tarts/pastries



If you are interested in buying some bakes, make sure you bring some money!

PRICES RANGE FROM 20P - £1.50

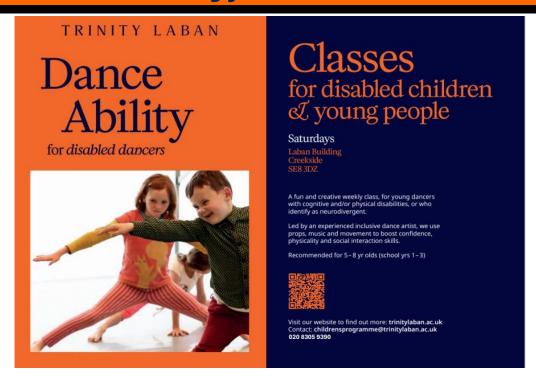


Weekly Attendance

Class	Atten	dance_	Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	93%		3A	96%	- 13,3,3 %	5C	88%	
1N	94%		3G	94%		5L	96%	10 San
1W	94%		3S	91%		5V	95%	
2S	89%		4K	94%		6A	94%	
2SW	95%	- 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.	4L	93%		6L	88%	
2E	93%		45	92%		6R	89%	

Well done 1W and 3A for winning the attendance cup the second week in a row! Well done to the winning classes nearly reaching to 100%!

Dance Ability for disabled dancers



Summer Camp Beaumont

The Torridon community can quote LOCALSCHOOL25 at checkout to redeem a 10% discount. The offer is valid until 31st August 2025.





LSE Family Day



16-21 JUNE LSE FESTIVAL 2025

VISIONS FOR

FAMILY DAY

Free activities for children of all ages

LSE Campus, Houghton St, WC2A 2AE

SATURDAY 21JUNE 10AM-1PM

Sustainable crafts Storytelling

Biscuit-decorating

Mono print poster making

Al adventures

Designing future worlds

Face painting

REFRESHMENTS FROM THE PLAZA CAFÉ AND FOOD STALLS



Open Mornings / Evenings





Enjoy Books Together



Join our new book activity sessions with your child. These fun and interactive sessions have been designed by Coram Beanstalk to support parents to:

- Discover the joy and fun of sharing books together
- Build new skills in reading aloud to your child
 Faccurage your child to explore and enjoy a
- Encourage your child to explore and enjoy a range of books

Sessions are for children aged 2 - 5 and are free to attend.

These activity sessions are designed for both parent and child to attend together. Families attend all three sessions.

Date & location:

Wednesday 11 June, Wednesday 18 June and Wednesday 25 June, 10am-11am Downham Family Hub

Shroffold Road, Bromley, BR1 5PD

Interested in attending?

Register using the QR code or visit: Books Together Lewisham Application Form



For more information contact: Leila Dantes-Michael 020 8314 3940 / 07392 862138 fis@lewisham.gov.uk



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This project aims to reach families with young children who are most likely to start school with lower levels of emergent literacy than their peers. It will focus on developing reading skills for both parents and children, so it becomes a habitual activity in the home environment, increasing children's literacy skills.

Parents/carers and their children aged between 2 to 5 years old attend a series of three sessions taking place once a week. These reading activity sessions are a fun environment for parents to learn new skills and techniques when reading with their children.

The Books Together will be delivered in Downham Family Hub and will be an easy access to parents from Torridon school.

Online Safety - Emojis

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? Emojis are more than playful expressions — they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

an emoji iko di (trumbs up emoji) might seem triot to adulta, but teens often interpret it as saccastic or pareive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Email meanings can change overright. A person standing email (*) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This even changing lexican can leave adult in the dock and young people witherable to misundentanding or misuse.



Some emojs are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours, for instance, "(haling leaves emoji) or (pill-emoji) might suggest drug use, white ... (withed flower emoji) could hint at amotional struggles. Such usage can obscure perious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emole conmote harmful actions seem light hearted or fashionable, strings like * * * * * file * * * weary face * pill emole) may appear humarous but can reference partyling, interecible or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

SLAYING Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojipedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

ASK, DON'T ASSUME



CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emoits, online stang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reasoures young people that they can talk about their digital world apenly and safely.

PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following stang terms and emojis are some common examples - please be aware this lan't an exhaustive list

















(Key, lying face) Related to

(railing leaves, herb, maple leaf). Can symbolise cannable.

(45) May reference drug use or prescription misure

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS













(Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of no-

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