Safer Internet Day 2021

Safer Internet Day is celebrated each year in February but, of course, being **safe online** is something that everybody needs to do all year round!

Write down two things that you do to stay safe online.

The Internet is amazing! We use digital technology for all sorts of things.

Tick the options below that show how you use technology:

video calls

playing games

sending emails

help with schoolwork

watching videos

sending texts

shopping

listening to music

hobbies and interests

Each year, Safer Internet Day has a different theme. This year, the theme is **An Internet We Trust**.

Whenever we go online, we need to think about whether we can trust the things we see, read and hear. **That means asking ourselves:**

Are the things I see online true?

Can we trust everything we see online?

Yes

No

Not sure

Lots of information and things we view online can be trusted. They are reliable and trustworthy. However, some information online is not reliable.

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Which of these pieces of information do you think sounds trustworthy?

A pop-up box saying you have won £1,000,000.

A website saying King Henry VIII had six wives.

A news article that says dinosaurs still roam the earth.

Sometimes, stories are shared online that sound like news but they are actually fake. They have been made to trick people.

A message saying you need to forward it to ten friends so you don't get ten years of bad luck.

Can you spot the fake news stories here?

Tornado Hits South America

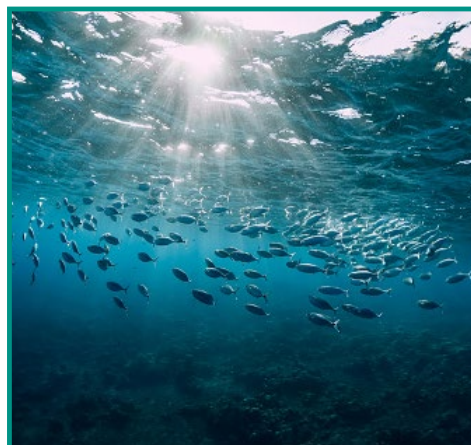Scientists Pull Moon Closer to Earth for Brighter Nights

World's Largest Mouse Found and It's as Big as a Horse!
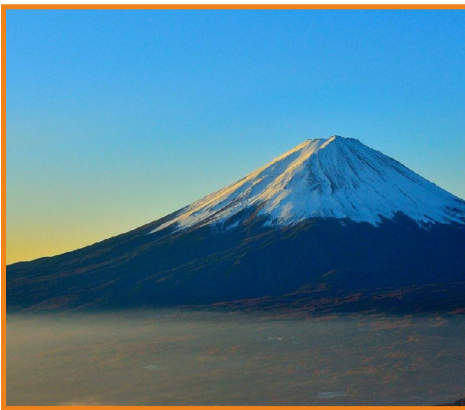

Face Masks Litter Beaches

New Species of Fish Discovered in Deep Ocean Dive

Now, you can have some fun! See if you can come up with your own headline for a fake news story.

It isn't just stories, messages and headlines that might be fake. We even have to decide whether photos and videos are real. Tick the photos that you think might be fake.

When we see something online that we think might not be reliable, we need to check it. Which of these options are good ways to check information?

Speak to a trusted adult.

Check the information on another website.

Check the information in a book.

We all need to make sure that what we say and do online is responsible. It's up to us to try to make sure that we only post, share or forward accurate and trustworthy information.

What should you do if you receive a message or email that contains false information?

Forward it to a friend.

Share it with all your classmates.

Delete it.

Report it to the police.

Show it to a trusted adult and ask for their advice.

Something else online that we need to watch out for is '**phishing**'. This is when people or companies ask us for personal information. What sort of personal information should we never share online?

our full name

our email address

our address

our passwords

our favourite song

a photo of our pet

the football team we support

the name of our school

Being safe online also includes knowing who we can and cannot trust.

Imagine that someone who you play games online with asks to meet you. You have chatted to them online for nearly a year but you don't know them offline. What should you do?

Say **no** because they might not be who they say they are.

Say **yes** because they have become your friend.

Remember, if we don't know someone offline, then we don't really know them.

If you are ever concerned about anything you have seen online, speak to a trusted adult. **Write down who your trusted adults are.**

You have done a great job today, thinking all about technology and trust. Together we can create a better and safer Internet for all!