Computing

Mix It - Advent 1

What is a digital footprint?

When we go online, everything we do leaves a digital footprint that other people can see. Every time we visit a website, download an app or play a game online on a digital device, a tiny bit of information about us is saved. This makes up our digital footprint and it can give away a lot about us.

computer   laptop

tablet   smartphone

Staying Safe online

Just like we have to think about how we can stay safe in real life, we should also think about how we can stay safe when we are online. This will help us to avoid or deal with anything that might make us uncomfortable. Use these helpful hints to   decide if a website is safe for you to use:

- There are fun games and activities.

- There is no space to talk to other people.
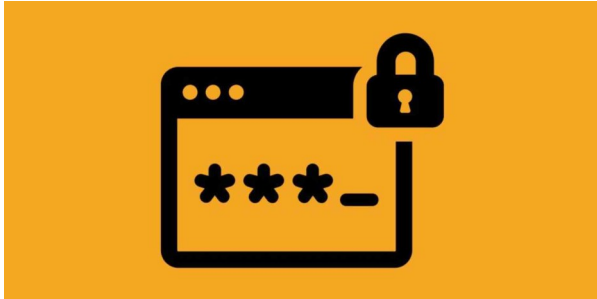
- There are appropriate pictures and illustrations.

When should you ask for help?

If you are not sure about a website or if you have seen something on a website that makes you uncomfortable, stop and ask a trusted adult for help.

Private Information

There are somethings we need to keep private just like in the real world. We would not share where we live, where we go to school or information such as phone numbers. It is the same when we go online!

Online Bullying

Some examples of unkind behaviour online are:

- saying means things about a person
- sending an unkind message
- making fun of someone's picture
- telling a friend to be mean to someone

Remember, if you think someone might be being unkind online, tell an adult that you trust.

Glossary

Digital Device—Any piece of equipment that contains a computer or microcontroller, such as a smartphone, smartwatch or laptop.

Digital Footprint— A digital footprint is a trail of information you leave behind when using apps and websites.

Internet - A large network of computers connected to each other all around the world. keyword The words we use when searching on a search engine, such as Google.

Online - Going online means connecting to the Internet. When you go online, you can connect to other places and other people.

Personal Information - This is information about yourself that can be used to identify you, such as your name or date of birth.

Private - Keeping something private means not sharing information with anyone that you do not know.