Year 5 Mind It: Lesson 1

Project Part One: Search for Information



Background:

The internet is a wonderful source of information on almost any topic one can conceive. It has never been easier to find out practical information for necessary tasks, or interesting facts about a subject we are interested in. The use of the internet, particularly social media, has become integral to our daily routines. Now, with this ease of access, many people are using digital platforms to share their personal information. This can be to make genuine connections with like-minded people, or it can be to gain followers and make money by selling products. If you know how, you can find out almost anything about anyone who goes online, and pupils should be mindful of this.

| Key Concepts | 1. There are huge amounts of personal information available online. |
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| | 2. By using specific search criteria, you can access this anonymously. 3. Social media has made it easier for people to become 'famous' by using their personal information to influence consumers. |
| Badge Descriptors | I can use a search engine for a specific purpose. I can use multiple sources online to gather information. |
| | I can summarise information I find on a particular subject. |

| Glossary | |
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| followers | Subscribers to a particular personality and their online content, usually photo and video sharing. |
| online | When you are working connected to the internet, usually via a website, or on devices such as computers, tablets and mobile phones. |
| Safe Search engine | This refers to the way in which children can safely search for something online. For example, children may need to search for information on a particular subject. Although many school devices will have a Safe Search option enabled, it is still important to remind pupils that if they see anything which makes them feel uncomfortable, they should report it immediately to a trusted adult in the room. |
| social media | Online groups, chat rooms and sites where people can chat, share and interact with people all over the world. |
| trusted adult | This is the term used for a responsible person whom the pupil trusts for good advice and solutions related to social media. This person will not chastise the pupil for going wrong but act as a source of good and reliable suggestions of how to behave and what to do in difficult situations. |