Staying Safe in the Digital World

Learning objective: To understand the importance of online safety, privacy, and how to respond to potential risks when using the internet.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below using full sentences.

Kit the fox loves using his computer to research space and solve complex puzzles. However, Kit knows that the internet is a vast place that requires caution. Whenever Kit creates a new profile, he ensures his privacy settings are set to the highest level, meaning only his close friends can see his activity. He never shares personal details like his home address, phone number, or the name of his school. Kit understands that once something is posted online, it leaves a digital footprint that can be difficult to remove. If Kit ever sees something online that makes him feel uncomfortable, sad, or confused, he does not keep it to himself. He knows that talking to a trusted adult, like a teacher or parent, is the bravest thing he can do. By being careful with what he shares and who he talks to, Kit ensures his time online is fun, creative, and safe. Remember, if you are ever unsure about an online interaction, always press pause and ask for help.

Word bank: Digital footprint · Cyberbullying · Privacy settings · Personal information · Trustworthy

1. List two examples of personal information that Kit says you should never share online. (2 marks) (2 marks)

2. What does Kit do if he encounters something online that makes him feel uncomfortable? (1 mark) (1 mark)

3. Why does Kit think it is important to be careful about what is posted online? (2 marks) (2 marks)

4. Why might Kit choose to set his privacy settings to the highest level? (2 marks) (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is necessary for children to always have an adult monitor their time online? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks) (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a poster featuring Kit the fox showing three golden rules for staying safe on the internet.

Extension challenge: Write a short guide titled 'My Top 3 Tips for Online Safety' to share with a younger student who is just starting to use the internet.