ONLINE SAFETY

Key terms for staying safe online

Phishing	Fake emails, texts or messages that try to trick you into giving away passwords, money or personal details.
Digital footprint	The trail of data you leave online, including posts, searches and photos that other people share of you.
2FA	Two-factor authentication: a second check, such as a code sent to your phone, that protects an account even if the password is stolen.
Malware	Software designed to cause harm, such as viruses that damage files or spyware that secretly watches what you do.
Fake news	Also called misinformation: false or misleading information that spreads online, often shared without the sender realising. Check the source first.
Online grooming	When someone builds a false friendship with a young person to manipulate or harm them. Tell a trusted adult.
Cyberbullying	Using technology to repeatedly upset or target someone. Keep evidence, block the sender, report it and tell someone.