Technology in our Lives 2: The technology that helps us

What will you be learning about

What technology is in our community?

How can technology benefit us, including finding information and communicating with others?
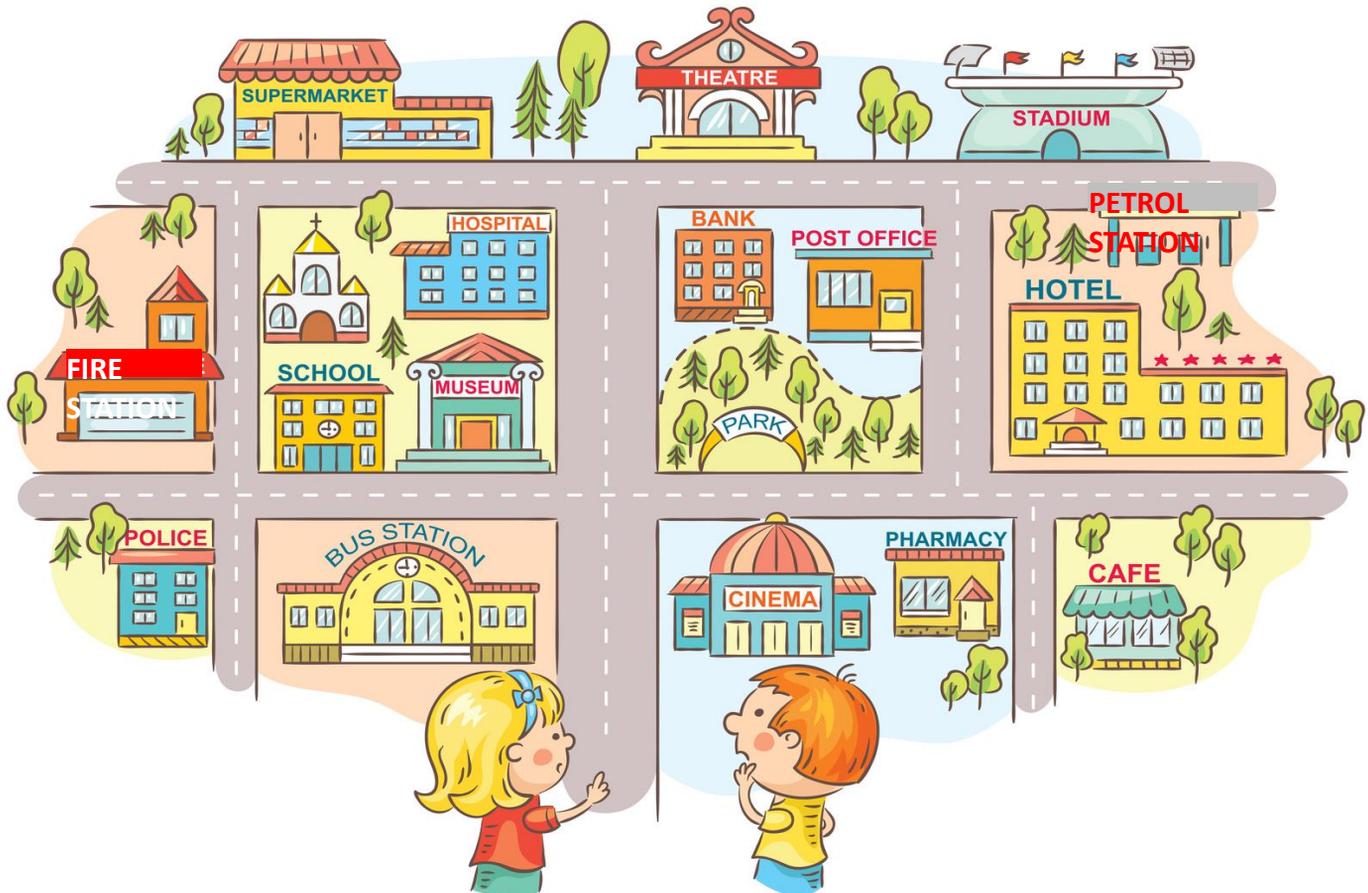
What are the habits we can build so that we are safe and responsible citizens that use technology to benefit ourselves and others?

As adults we think about technology from the use of flint to cut up food in Stoneage times, to paper for books, to electronic devices today. This activity is about today's technology. We want children to think about the ways computers and the internet can make our lives easier and can help us.
We also want to remind children about the habits we may need to be safe and healthy with our own use of technology.

Activity 1 Technology in our community

- Where will you find today's technology being used?

- List the technologies that could be used in each building.

- How does the technology help us or make our lives easier?

Activity 2: Uses of technology

- Describe each of these technologies and what they can do. Which buildings might you find them in?

- List the technologies in the order of their importance? Which are most important to have? Which are the least important?
- Which technologies are linked to the internet? How does that make them more useful? How could it make security more important?

Activity 3: Our use of technology

- What are today's technologies that are important to you in your life? List them in order of their importance.
- How do we make sure we use these responsibly? What are the habits we can build so that we can enjoy technology, be safe and be happy?
- Look at these posters. Do you agree with these habits? What would you add or what would you take away?
    - Lower Key Stage 2 Building habits when I use technology
    - Upper Key Stage 2 Building habits when I use technology
- How might we use technology in the future? Make three columns. One for your social life, the things you will do with your friends; one for the work you might do as an adult; one for how you will be responsible when you use the technology.

What things could I do to learn more?

Make an information poster to compare two jobs and how technology can be used. Use https://swiggle.org.uk/ to do your research.

Make a labelled diagram to show how the different technologies that could be used in one or more of the buildings in a town are linked to the internet. The labels can say how the internet helps to make the technology more useful.