

Theme:

Let's Create a Better Internet Together.

Background Information:

This theme was identified by the INSAFE network as highly relevant in today's ever changing technologically-capable society. This year, children and young people are being encouraged to think about how their behaviour and actions can contribute to making the internet a better place. They are encouraged to celebrate the positive aspects of the internet, and think about what more can be done by themselves, adults and the internet industry to continue to make things better.

Slide 1:

This assembly is for Safer Internet Day. Safer Internet Day in the UK is run by the UK Safer Internet Centre. This year's theme is, 'Let's Create a Better Internet Together.' Today we are going to be thinking about the theme and see how you can help to create a better internet. We'll be looking at what you do online, what you like to create, how you like to talk to your friends online, the games you like playing and the websites you use. This assembly will help us to think about how to create the best internet possible and most importantly how we can do this together!

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Before we think about creating an even better internet, let's start by thinking about what you love about the internet already. What websites and apps do you love? Why is the internet so great? (Give the audience 30 seconds to chat to the person next to them and then get feedback on their favourite websites.)

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The internet has lots of fantastic opportunities and can be really creative. People in this room are going to be the future app creators, game designers and website creators. You could be the next internet millionaire; all you need is a great idea and creativity!

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How many of you like to create things online? What kind of things do you like to create online? Which websites do you like to visit in order to create these things? If something you like to create online isn't on this slide, don't worry – you can mention it too. There are always new services available to create things. (Get feedback from the audience about all the wonderful things they have created online).

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We have mentioned 'a better internet' – but what do you think makes a better internet? Let's imagine a perfect online world...what would it look like? (Hands up and get feedback)

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You had some great ideas. I think a perfect online world would be somewhere where everyone is nice to one another, a place where we can learn, somewhere to make friends and most importantly a place where everyone can feel safe.

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Unfortunately, there is a reason the internet needs to be better. Even though we can do some amazing things on the internet, we do also need to be careful when we're online. Let's go through the following four ways to help make the internet a better place.

- Make the most of the fantastic opportunities the internet has to offer, get creative and think about what you could create to make the internet a better place.
- Who likes to chat to their friends online? If you are make sure you show respect online! Treat others how you would want to be treated both offline and online,
- Now let's think about personal information. Who can give me one example of personal information? This type of information needs to stay safe and you need to make sure you're not telling strangers online where you live, what school you go to etc.
- Finally, it's really important that we tell someone or report anything that upsets us online. Whether that's because you're worried about cyberbullying or you see something inappropriate online, make sure you tell someone about it.

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To finish, what will you do today to create a better internet? Perhaps you might want to write a blog about Safer Internet Day, let everyone else know about the theme and what you learnt in assembly today. Or perhaps you'll create a poster, or do something with your class, in your ICT lessons. Whatever you choose to do, anything positive that's created online can help make the internet a better place.