

Computing

Technology around us

Overview

Technology is something people have invented to help us in our everyday lives. It is made by humans, not found in nature. Things like laptops, iPads, traffic lights, and computers are all examples of technology. Computers are a type of digital technology that can help us work, learn, and play. Some of the main parts of a computer include the monitor (or screen), the mouse, and the keyboard. When we use computers, it's important to follow safety rules to keep ourselves and others safe.



The Keyboard



Typing on a computer means writing using the keyboard. To make a capital letter, you can press the shift key or turn on caps lock. If you want to erase something you've typed, you can use the delete or backspace buttons to remove it.

What is technology?

Technology is the name for things that people have made to help us. It is all around us and makes our lives easier. Information technology includes electronic items like computers, mobile phones, and televisions that create and store information.



On the other hand, non-digital technology refers to non-electronic items that do not create or store information, such as tools or machines that help us in different ways. Both types of technology play important roles in our everyday lives.

Information Technology in school

Information Technology is used in lots of fun and helpful ways in primary schools. We use computers, tablets, and interactive whiteboards to help us learn new things. IT can make learning more exciting with games, videos, and apps that help us practise maths, reading, and other subjects. Teachers use IT to show us pictures, play songs, and even take the register. We can also use IT to type stories, make presentations, and learn how to stay safe online.



Key Questions

What is technology?

Things that humans have made to make their lives easier.

What is information technology?

Using computers to help us.

What are the two keys you can press to make a capital letter?

Shift or Caps Lock

Which key deletes to the left?

Backspace

Which key deletes to the right?

Delete



Key Vocabulary

Technology, Computer, Screen, Space bar
Mouse, Keyboard, Safely, Click, Drag, Responsibly